

POOJA MODEL SCHOOL

Practice Worksheet

Class 9

Subject – English

Chapters: *The Pot Maker* and *Gifts of Grace: Honouring Our Vocations*

SECTION A – READING

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (1×7=7)

Passage: In today's world, education plays an important role in shaping a child's future. It provides knowledge, develops confidence and helps young people make responsible decisions. However, many children still face difficulties in getting proper education. Poverty, lack of schools, distance and social inequalities are some of the major barriers. Education should not be seen merely as a means of getting a job; it also teaches us to think critically, respect others and contribute positively to society. When children receive equal opportunities to learn, they are better prepared to face challenges and build a brighter future.

A. Answer the following in one sentence each:

- i) What role does education play in a child's life?
- ii) Mention any two barriers to education.
- iii) Why is education important for society?

B. Fill in the blank:

- iv) Education helps young people make _____ decisions.

C. Vocabulary:

- v) Find a word from the passage that means “difficulties or obstacles.”

D. Find the antonym:

- vi) Find the antonym of “equal” from the passage.

E. True or False:

- vii) Education only helps a person in getting a job. (True/False)

SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS

Q2. Attempt any ONE of the following. (5 marks)

A. Letter Writing: You are Riya/Rohan, a student of Class 9 at Pooja Model School. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper expressing concern about the declining reading habits among teenagers and suggesting ways to develop a reading culture.

OR

B. Poster Writing: Design a poster in not more than 50 words on the topic “**Respect Every Profession.**” Include an attractive slogan and suitable suggestions to encourage respect for all kinds of work.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

Q3. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners. (1×3=3)

- i) There isn't _____ water left in the bottle. (much/many)
- ii) _____ student in the class participated in the activity. (Every/Many)
- iii) I have read _____ interesting books this month. (several/much)

Q4. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals. Choose the correct option. (0.5×8=4)

Students _____ (must/might) respect people engaged in every profession. We _____ (should/could) never judge a person by his or her occupation. A skilled worker _____ (can/may) contribute greatly to society. We _____ (should/must) value traditional occupations as well. Young people _____ (should/might) learn different skills to become self-reliant. Everyone _____ (can/must) develop dignity of labour. We _____ (must/might) remember that no honest work is inferior. If we work sincerely, we _____ (can/may) achieve our goals.

Q5. Identify the type of determiner used in each sentence. (1×3=3)

- i) **Those** workers are highly skilled.
- ii) **Several** people attended the village meeting.
- iii) **Which** profession interests you the most?

SECTION D – LITERATURE

Q6. Choose the correct option. (1×8=8)

i) What quality helped Sentila continue learning pottery despite difficulties?

A. Laziness B. Perseverance C. Carelessness D. Fear

ii) What does Sentila's journey mainly highlight?

A. The importance of wealth B. The value of passion and determination C. The need to leave one's village D. The importance of competition

iii) The poem *Gifts of Grace: Honouring Our Vocations* mainly celebrates:

A. only professional careers B. different forms of honest work C. life in cities D. material success

iv) What does the poet suggest about different workers?

A. Some workers are more important than others. B. Only educated people contribute to society. C. Every honest vocation has its own value. D. Manual work should be avoided.

v) Which quality is most closely associated with the pot maker's work?

A. Patience B. Carelessness C. Dishonesty D. Idleness

vi) Why is dignity of labour an important idea in the poem?

A. It encourages people to respect every kind of honest work. B. It encourages people to avoid traditional occupations. C. It proves that some professions are superior. D. It promotes competition among workers.

vii) What does Sentila's struggle teach readers?

A. Success comes without effort. B. Traditional skills have no value. C. Determination can help overcome difficulties. D. Recognition is more important than passion.

viii) Which of the following best describes the central message shared by the two texts?

A. Wealth determines a person's worth. B. Hard work and meaningful occupations deserve respect. C. Traditional professions should disappear. D. Only academic success matters.

Q7. Read the extract and answer the following questions. (1×4=4)

The villagers raced to the house, and sent for Mesoba. When Arenla's body was being carried out of the house the next morning, Sentila ran after it, shouting, "Mother, I did not wish it to happen this way; it simply came to me. Please forgive me." Those who heard her, did not understand what she meant, except for Onula. She intuitively sensed that something momentous had happened.

i) Why did the villagers gather at the house? A. To celebrate a festival B. To attend a village meeting C. To offer support after Arenla's death D. To question Sentila's actions

ii) The word "**momentous**" refers to something: A. ordinary B. significant C. confusing D. temporary

iii) What does Sentila mean when she says, "it simply came to me"?

iv) Why was Onula able to understand Sentila's words better than the others?

Q8. Answer ANY TWO of the following in 40–50 words each. (2×2=4)

i) How did Sentila's passion for pottery develop despite the difficulties she faced?

ii) What message does *The Pot Maker* convey about following one's passion?

iii) How does the poet show that different workers contribute to society in *Gifts of Grace: Honouring Our Vocations*?

iv) Why should society respect both intellectual and physical forms of labour?

Q9. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 80–100 words. (4 marks)

i) Sentila's story shows that true success requires courage, patience and perseverance. Discuss this statement with reference to *The Pot Maker*.

OR

ii) "Every honest occupation is a gift to society." Explain how the poem *Gifts of Grace: Honouring Our Vocations* develops this idea.

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