



## **THE ASIAN SCHOOL, DEHRADUN**

(Session 2021-22)

### **REVISION WORKSHEET-1**

**Class: VIII**

**Subject: ENGLISH**

#### **Note:**

1. Attempt the worksheet in your subject notebook.
2. The worksheet is based on the topics from English.
3. The worksheet is meant for practice and recapitulation and shall be discussed by the subject teacher once the classes resume

#### **PASSAGE 1**

The communities of ants are sometimes very large and no one has ever yet seen a quarrel between any two ants belonging to the same community. On the other hand, it must be admitted that they are in hostility not only with most other insects including ants of different species, but even with those of the same species if belonging to different communities. I have over and over again introduced ants from one nest to another of the same species; and they were constantly attacked, seized by a leg or an antenna and dragged out. It is evident therefore that the ants of each community all recognized one another and were perfectly friendly, while they at once attacked ants from a different nest, although of the same species. It has been suggested that the ants of each nest have some sign or password by which they recognize one another. To test this, I decided to intoxicate them. This was less easy than I had expected. None of my ants would voluntarily degrade themselves by getting drunk. However, I got over the difficulty by putting them into whisky for a few moments. I took fifty specimens—twenty five from one nest and twenty five from another, made them drunk, marked each with a spot paint, and put them on a table close to where other ants from one of the nests were feeding. The ants which were feeding, soon noticed those which I had made drunk. They seemed quite astonished to find their comrades in such a disgraceful condition and were as much at a loss to know what to do with them as we were. After a while, however, they carried them all away; they took the strangers to the edge of the canal and dropped them into water, while they bore their friends home into the nest, where by degrees they slept off the effects of the spirit.

#### **I) Answer the following questions:**

- Q1. With whom were the ants of one community hostile?
- Q2. Why did the narrator decide to intoxicate the ants?
- Q3. What did the narrator do to test whether the ants actually had a password by which they recognized one another?
- Q4. What made some of the ants to drop the other ants into water while carrying some home into their nests?

#### **II) Pick out the words from the passage which mean the same as:**

- i) Accepted
- ii) Clear

## **PASSAGE 2**

The 543 elected MPs will be elected from single-member constituencies using first-past-the-post voting. The President of India nominates an additional two members from the Anglo-Indian community if he believes the community is under-represented. Eligible voters must be Indian citizens, 18 or older, an ordinary resident of the polling area of the constituency and possess a valid voter identification card issued by the Election Commission of India. Some people convicted of electoral or other offences are barred from voting. Earlier there were speculations that the Modi Government might advance the 2019 general election to counter the anti-incumbency factor, however learning from its past blunder of preponing election made by the Vajpayee Government it decided to go into election as per the normal schedule which was announced by Election Commission of India (ECI) on 10 March 2019, after which Model Code of Conduct was applied with immediate effect.

### **(I) Answer the following questions -**

- Q1. Which word or phrase means “disapproval of current political officeholders” in the passage?
- Q2. Since when was the Model Code of Conduct applied with immediate effect?
- Q3. When does the President of India nominate an additional two members from the Anglo-Indian community?
- Q4. What are the mandatory requirements to vote in India?
- Q5. Use the word speculations in sentence of your own.

## **WRITING SECTION**

Q1. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper, complaining about the bad condition of water supply in your locality. You are Prabhu / Pratibha living at H117 Dayal Bagh Colony, New Delhi.

Q2. Write a paragraph in about 120 words on “The Importance of Discipline in a Student's Life”

Q3. Write a story in about 150 words beginning with the line:

***On his way to school, a boy found a book lying by the road side.....***