



**ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL AHMEDABAD CANTT- 2020-21**  
**WORKSHEET-I**

MONTH- APRIL

SUBJECT- ENGLISH

CLASS- IX

**Section A : Reading**

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Researchers around the world are studying the human brain to find out what makes it tick. If nothing else, their findings are great conversation starters and this alone could make you smarter.

It's smart to socialize. Experiments have revealed that talking with others exercises your mind." Short - term social interactions lasting just ten minutes boosted participants' intellectual performances as much as engaging in " intellectual activities", says Oscar Ybarra, a psychologist at the University of Michigan. Ybarra's research shows that talking can improve our memory and thinking skills which might mean that having a conversation is as helpful as doing a crossword puzzle.

Yawning is cool. Researchers Andrew C. Gallup and Gardon G. Gallup, Jr. say our brain burns up to 33% of the calories we consume and generates heat . Yawning cools brain cells, thus making them more efficient. The researchers also found that yawning increases blood flow and helps maintain optimum level of functioning and they suggest we are biologically hard- wired to yawn to stay alert and protect ourselves from danger. Use it or lose it. Scientists at the Queensland brain institute (QBI) in Australia have discovered that brain cells that are not stimulated destroy themselves. Neuroscientist Elizabeth Coulson suggests this self destruction mechanism is a factor in brain condition such as strokes and Alzheimer's disease. Professor Perry Barlett , director of the QBI, says understanding this process allows us to devise " new mechanisms for the treatment of diseases from depression to dementia."

**1.1 Answer the following questions:**

- (a) A great topic to start a conversation is.....
- (b) Experiments reveal that talking with others.....
- (c) Talking can also. ...
- (d) Having a conversation is.....
- (e) Yawning cools the brain there by.....
- (f) Yawning also helps..... and increases blood flow.
- (g) We are hard wired to yawn to.....
- (h) ' To open mouth wide' means.....

**Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Have you thought of the fact that music is the one thing that has the power to make just about everyone happy? That is the magic mantra that we all have within us – the ability to hum along and listen to some great music. It's God's gift to humanity and it is free! The poorest person can hear it played all around him on radios and

loudspeakers. The seven pure notes are as beautiful as the seven colors of soul into it. It fills you up with real happiness as rainbow and as deep as seven seas. Music can take us to ecstatic heights. Put your heart and soul into it and it fills you up with real happiness. All kind of music is divine – and it does not matter whether you listen to happy, sad or joyful music. Any kind of music has the ability to uplift your mood and the power to recondition your mind. We hear it first in a mother’s womb as she listens to music or hums a tune. Then, when we are born, we hear our mother’s and father’s lullabies for us. We don’t realize how quietly music becomes an integral part of our lives from nursery rhymes to the school parade there is music all around us. By the time we are in Junior School music has already submerged our soul. It becomes even more important when we enter our teens, no party, function is complete without it. The way we listen to music changes as we grow up. In midlife we begin listening to more meaningful music –soulful, even devotional. Over the years you find yourself attuned to music that touches the mind, heart and soul. We become more compassionate and start looking at the world differently. It gives us solace, peace and loads of comfort. Music weaves an amazing umbrella of spiritual, metaphysical and cultural threads that uplift our spirit and makes us face life.

**2.1 Answer the following questions briefly:**

- a) How is music able to make everyone happy?
- b) Why does the type of music we listen to not matter?
- c) Where all do we listen to music?
- d) How does our choice of music change as we grow up?

**2.2 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following:**

- a) ecstatic
  - i) sad
  - ii) extreme happiness
  - iii) joy
  - iv) moody
- b) uplift
  - i) to climb stairs
  - ii) to lift weight
  - iii) to take one to a different level
  - iv) to throw down
- c) submerge
  - i) to take deep into
  - ii) to be afloat
  - iii) to fall
  - iv) to drown
- d) solace
  - i) disturbance
  - ii) joy
  - iii) anger
  - iv) calmness

**Section B: Writing and Grammar**

**Q3.** Now a days the youth are taking upon themselves different roles and responsibilities. They also have varied interests. Recently you came across a group of youngsters hosting a rally for a clean environment. Write an **article** on, “The Changing Role of Youngsters”.

OR

Your parents have warned you not to spend too much time watching T.V. You feel deprived of entertainment. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings.

**Q4. Complete the story in about 150-200 words.**

As Ravi was walking down the street, he saw an injured sparrow and brought it home.....

**OR**

Arun is a class VIII student. For the last one month he has been feeling very restless and disturbed.....

**Q5. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options :**

In a noble approach, drug-eluting stents (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (are, is, have, has) now being used (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (are, were, is, to) cure chronic sinusitis which is not treatable with medicines. The technique (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (are, is, has, have) also advisable for diabetics and those suffering (d) \_\_\_\_\_ ( from, for, of, off) hypertension.

**Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example.**

	<b>Before</b>	<b>Missing</b>	<b>After</b>
Every year many people visit temple town of Kanchipuram Tamil Nadu.	eg. visit	the	temple
Pilgrims have going there in	(a) _____	_____	_____
large numbers many centuries	(b) _____	_____	_____
because they want see the splendid architecture	(c) _____	_____	_____
of the temples.	(d) _____	_____	_____