



**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION**



SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TOPIC: REVISION WORKSHEET

SECTION A – READING

Class VIII _____ Name: _____ Roll No: _____ Date: 09/18

Read the given passage and answer the questions:

1. You may have heard of the Olympic Games but have you heard of the Paralympics Games? This international tournament is just like the Olympics. Athletes from all over the world compete against each other in athletics, shooting, swimming, cycling and eighteen other games. The athletes at the Paralympics have a range of physical disabilities. Some of them do not have arms or legs, and some others cannot see. However, these athletes are determined to turn their disability into ability – something that can win them medals and do their nation proud.
2. The Paralympics Games were first conducted in 1948 in London. It was for British soldiers who had been injured during World War II. These first games were called the Wheelchair Games- they were a big success. The soldiers who had thought that they would never be able to take part in sports again got a chance to play and win.
3. Since then, the Paralympics Games have grown. Today, over 3900 athletes from 146 countries participate in them. Every four years, when the Olympics are held, the Paralympics are held too. India took part in the Paralympics Games for the first time in 1968. Murlikant Petkar gave India its first gold medal in the Games in 1972. Petkar had been a soldier in the Indian army. He had been seriously injured by gunfire during a war. But Petkar did not give up on his love for sports. He took up swimming and won the gold medal in the 50m race. Petkar's win inspired many others with disabilities and now India takes part regularly in the Paralympics Games.

I. Complete the sentences given below.

- a) The Paralympics Games is an international sports competition for _____
- b) Here the athletes compete against each other in _____

- c) These athletes turn their disability into an ability by _____
- d) The Paralympics Games were first conducted in _____

II. Answer the following questions.

- a) Who was Murlikant Petkar?
- b) Was the Wheel Chair Games a success? Why?
- c) How did Murlikant Petkar's win inspire others?

III. Give one word for.

1. To be involved, take part (para 3)_____
2. Having made a firm decision (para 1)_____

SECTION B – WRITING

I. Read the following telephonic conversation between Shreya and Radhika.

Shreya has to leave for office, so she leaves a message for her sister Rashmi.

Write the message in not more than **50 words**.

Radhika : Hello, Is it 2478490?

Shreya : Yes, may I know who's speaking?

Radhika : I'm Radhika. May I speak to Rashmi?

Shreya : I'm sorry. She is not at home. I'm her sister. Can I take the message?

Radhika : Yes, Please tell her that I have fixed an appointment with the Editor of the magazine, 'India Today.' We have to meet her at 10 a.m. I will come to pick her up at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow. Do remind her to carry the manuscripts she wants to be published.

Shreya : Sure. I will convey the message.

Radhika : Thank you, Bye.

II. You are Vaishali / Vaibhav, the Coordinator of the Chiaroscuro club. Your school is organising an Inter-class drawing competition for classes VII to VIII. Draft a notice inviting students to participate. Give all necessary details.

III. Read the following passage. Write a précis of the following passage. Provide a suitable title.

Coffee is traditionally grown in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu in India. It is predominantly an export-oriented commodity and 65% to 70% of coffee produced in the country is exported, while the rest is consumed within the country. In the international market, Indian Robusta is highly preferred for its good blending quality. Arabica coffee from India is also well received in the international market. Coffee is an export product with low import intensity and high employment content. This is evident from the fact that more than six lakh persons are directly employed and an equal number of individuals get indirect employment from this sector. Arabica is mild coffee but the beans being more aromatic; it has higher market value compared to Robusta beans. On the other hand, Robusta has more strength and is therefore used in making various blends. Arabica is grown in higher altitudes than Robusta. The cool and equable temperature, ranging between 15°C and 25°C, is suitable for Arabica, while for Robusta, hot and humid climate with temperature ranging from 20°C to 30°C is suitable. Arabica requires more care and nurture and is more suitable for large holdings whereas Robusta is suitable irrespective of the size of the farm. Arabica is susceptible to pests and diseases such as White Stem Borer, leaf rust and requires more shade than Robusta. The harvest of Arabica takes place between November and January while for Robusta, it is from December to February.

IV. Prepare a speech in about 120 words to be delivered at the morning assembly of your school on 'Values of Discipline in Students Life.'

[Discipline – a must – teaches / learn – self discipline – self control / develops
Tolerance – right attitude – helps in personality development – success in life]

V. Write a letter of complaint to your class teacher telling him / her about books being stolen in class just before the exams. Also give your solutions / suggestions on how such acts can be prevented.

VI. Complete the story in about 150 – 200 words.

I was at a toy's shop looking at some of the newly arrived toys. I spotted a small boy
Trying to reach out for a toy which was beyond his reach and in the process.....

- c) throughout our lives. Values affect our attitude behaviour
- d) It is of prime importance inculcate virtuous human values
- e) and ensure that our thoughts and actions based on
- f) our values rather our personal gains in order to make
- g) our life worth living the long run.

IV. Do as directed within the brackets.

1. He plans _____ here. (use **Non-Finite form** of the verb **come** and fill in the blank)
2. He had injured his hand. He went to the doctor for treatment.(combine using **Participle**)

3. The man saw a car. The car was moving at a great speed. (combine using **Participle**)

4. _____ is a good exercise. (use the **Gerund** form of the verb **jog** and fill in the blank)
5. The _____ baby seems to be hungry. (use the **Non-Finite form** of the verb '**wail**' and fill in the blank)
6. The boy is very tired. He cannot run fast. (combine using **to-infinitive** and rewrite the sentence.)

7. Help him _____ the bag.(use the **Infinitive** form of the verb **lift** and fill in the blank)
8. The girl saw the eagle. The girl shrieked in fright.(combine using **Participle**)

9. To see is to believe.(Replace the **Infinitives** with **Gerunds**)

10. We met an old woman .She was carrying a bundle of sticks on her head. (combine using **Participle** and rewrite the sentence)

11. The child heard the noise. She woke up. (combine using **Participle** and rewrite the sentence)
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V. Do as directed within the brackets.

- a) The fire alarm _____ since morning. (use the **Present Perfect Continuous** form of the verb **ring** and fill in the blank)
- b) They said, "You can't come in because you _____ your membership card." (use the **Present Perfect** form of the **forget** and fill in the blank)
- c) The train _____ already _____ (use the **Past Perfect** form of the verb **left** and fill in the blank) the station before I _____. (use the **Past tense** form of the verb **reach**)
- d) The plane _____ (use the **Present Perfect** form of the verb **land** and fill in the blank) safely despite inclement weather conditions.
- e) The telephone _____ (use the **Past Perfect Continuous** form of the verb **ring** and fill in the blank) while we were playing.
- f) The government _____ (choose the appropriate option and fill in the blank-**will build/built/had built**) a hospital in the village very soon.
- g) By the end of this week I _____ (choose the correct option –**will have worked/will work/ have worked** and fill in the blank) here for five years.
- h) I _____ (fill in with the **Present Continuous** form of the verb **read**) a book now.

VI. Complete the following sentences as directed.

- a. My dictionary _____. (**Intransitively**)
- b. Molly is _____. (**Transitively**)
- c. These birds were _____. (**Intransitively**)
- d. Mumbai is _____. (**Intransitively**)
- e. The old man told _____. (**Transitively**)

VII. Underline the verbs in the following sentences and mention whether they are transitive or intransitive.

a) These tea lights are made in China. _____

b) This style of singing is called yodelling. _____

c) That building is one of the tallest in the country. _____

d) I have downloaded many apps on my mobile phone. _____

e) The Valley Of Flowers in Uttarakhand is a World Heritage Site. _____

VIII. Rewrite the following sentences in indirect speech.

1. Varun said, "I enjoy reading science fiction."

2. Manasi said to her classmates, "I found the competition very tough."

3. Aunt Savitha says, "Lotuses grow in ponds."

4. Our professor says to us, "You have to adapt to changes in life."

5. The weatherman will say, "We are expecting a good monsoon this year."

6. Our gardener will say, "These flower beds should have been watered early in the morning."

7. The young man says, "When can I vote?"

8. Harish said to his friend, "Did you manage to save the document on your laptop?"

9. The kabaddi team said, "Alas! We lost the match."

10. The photographer said, "Wow! That is a beautiful photograph."

11. Our class teacher said to us, "You will not get more than two hours to complete the test."

12. The tourist said to the room service, "Please send my dinner up to my room now."

IX. Rewrite the following sentences in direct speech.

a. Nayana told her friend that the cleaners had kept her worksheet file on the teacher's table.

b. The P.E. teacher asked the students if they had kept the cricket kits back in the gym.

c. My neighbour suggested that we go to see a movie that weekend.

d. Hussain requested his friend to drop him at the airport.

X. Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms or proverbs from those given in the brackets.

1. Sushmita never gets agitated when there is a problem. She is always _____ . **(as nutty as a fruitcake/ as cool as a cucumber)**
2. When Muhammad was regretting spending all his money foolishly, he was advised not to _____ . **(cry over spilt milk/ throw the baby out with the bath water)**
3. After winning the quiz competition, our school team was _____ . **(in high spirits/ in the good books of)**
4. Shyam said that good jobs were not available in his small town, so he took up whatever he thought best as _____ . **(those who live in glass houses should not throw stones/ beggars can't be choosers)**
5. His essay was not selected for the competition because it was _____ . **(sitting on the fence/ not up to the mark)**
