

**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
MIDDLE SECTION
REVISION WORKSHEET
CLASS 8 (GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILL)**

I Fill in the blanks using the correct forms of verbs:

1. The boys _____ (do) their lessons. (present continuous)
2. The train _____ (arrive) (present perfect)
3. We _____ (play) since 10 o'clock. (present perfect continuous)
4. The thief _____ (run) away before the police came. (past perfect)
5. I _____ (not heard) from her for a month. (present perfect)
6. I _____ (write) a letter to her yesterday. (simple past)

11. Fill in the blanks using the suitable gerund or infinitive from the brackets:

1. I'd advise you _____ more exercise (taking /to take)
2. She noticed him _____ (running/to run) away from the house.
3. You won't forget _____ milk on your way home, will you? (picking up/pick up)
4. Eva is having trouble _____ on the exam. (concentrating/to concentrate)
5. Mr Andres enjoys _____ people out to dinner. (inviting/to invite)

III. Change the following into indirect speech:

1. Anna said, "Is there anyone who can help me now?"

2. Clara asked Reeya, "Why did you get such low marks in this test?"

3. Teacher asked, "Why is the boy standing there with your bag?"

4. My mother says, "You are a lazy girl."

5. Maya said to Arnold, "Where have you left your books yesterday?"

6. Bala will say, "Rajneesh is always late to class."

IV Read the conversation between the interviewer and Metilda and complete the passage that

Follows:

Interviewer : Where do you live?

Metilda: I live near Town Square area.

Interviewer : That's fine . But why do you want to change the job?

Metilda : I feel that I am stagnating there and more over there is no scope for growth.

Interviewer : Can you work on Saturdays?

Metilda : I have no problem working on Saturdays.

Interviewer : Congratulations Metilda, The job is yours and you have to report to the work at the earliest.

The interviewer asked a) _____ Metilda replied

b) _____. The interviewer expressed his satisfaction and asked her c) _____. Metilda

was frank enough to say d) _____. The interviewer wished to know e) _____. Metilda said f) _____. The interviewer congratulated Metilda and g) _____.

V Rewrite the sentences in the Passive Voice:

1. My mother decorated this room.

2. They are watching a movie.

3. Had the protestors blocked all the roads?

4. Harry was painting a mural on the wall.

5. Why did your brother refuse such a fine job?

6. Why does she not write letters now?

VI . Fill in the blanks using suitable prepositions:

1. The table is kept _____ two chairs.
2. Teena and Meena went to the market _____ their friends.
3. I study _____ night.
4. I have replied _____ her letter.
5. Mita slept _____ hours in the afternoon.
6. Sohan is looking _____ a red T-shirt.
7. I was born _____ Mumbai _____ 26th of April.

VII .Join the following pair of sentences into simple sentence:

1. This is the school. I was taught here.

2. This is the house. My grandfather built it.

3. He is Mr. Anand. His son won the first prize in English.

4. John stood first in the examination. He is my brother.

5. An old farmer had a goose. The goose laid a golden egg everyday.

VIII. Join the following pairs of simple sentences into a Single Sentence:

1. Delhi stands on the Yamuna. Delhi is the capital of India.

2. The police arrived. The crowd dispersed.

3. She heard the news . She began to weep.

4. He was tired of work. He lay down to rest.

5. He went to Delhi. He wished to see the Prime Minister.

IX . The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line . Write the incorrect word and the correction in the blank provided:

- Darius was a emperor of Persia. He was a) _____
- Known for her courage and daring . He came there b) _____
- Marching at a head of his army. c) _____
- Any of the bravest soldiers were in the army. d) _____
- But it was many smaller than the army of Alexander. e) _____
- On an eve of the battle the whole valley was lit by f) _____
- The torches of a Persian soldiers. g) _____
- Much of the Macedonian officers were dismayed. h) _____

WRITING SKILL

EXERCISE -1

1. Walking home today, you saw, a man selling parrots in cages. You bought one with the intention of caging it at home and teaching it to speak, but you changed your mind and set it free. You were overjoyed to see it fly out of its confinement into the open blue sky. Record your feelings as you saw it flap its wings and fly away. (50 words)
2. Your best friend put you in trouble by telling your teacher something you have not done just to save himself/ herself. The teacher investigates the matter and identifies the culprit. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings.

EXERCISE- 2

3. Write bio-sketch of the former Indian Table Tennis champion Indu Puri in about 50 words.
 - Eminence- Former Indian International female Table Tennis Sports person of the 70s and 80s.
 - Birth- 11th September 1953, Kolkata, West Bengal
 - Achievements- won the National women's singles title, a record eight times, first Indian to beat world champion, Pak Yung Sun of Korea in 1978 in the Asian Table Tennis Championship in Kuala Lumpur. Remained India's top woman tennis player from 1975 to 1985 and was a national – level sports coach .Appointed chairperson of the committee to select Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and Dhyan Chand awardees.
 - Award- Received Arjuna Award for the year 1979 -1980.

4. Write a brief bio-sketch of Abhinav Bindra with the help of the given hints.
 - Born on 25 September, 1983- became a shooter at the age of 15- the youngest participant at the 1998
 - Commonwealth Games – came to limelight by winning a bronze medal in the 2001 Munich World Cup – won India's first individual Olympic gold medal in 2008-received *Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award* in 2001-*Padma Bhushan* in 2009

EXERCISE-3

5. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily about man becoming a slave to modern gadgets. Mention ways to show how it can be solved in not more than 200 words.
6. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the unhygienic food being sold at coffee shops near the school areas and the effects of the same. Mention ways this problem can be solved. You are Chetan/ Gouri

EXERCISE -4

7. Your school Annual function is just a fortnight away. You are going to receive the prestigious 'Student of the Year' award. Write an E –mail to your friend in India inviting him / her to attend the function and be a part of your happiness. (120 words)
8. You are completing your 8th std in middle section & going to senior section. Write an email to your cousin sharing your feelings and experience in the middle section.

EXERCISE-5

9. Write a short story with the help of the clue given. Supply a suitable title. (120 words)

It was midnight and pitch dark. Maya was all alone at home and the sudden tinkle of the telephone startled her .She picked up the phone and.....

10. Write a short story with the help of the clue given. Supply a suitable title. (120 words)
- Shawn walked home excitedly to share the good news. He suddenly stopped at the gate.....