



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
MIDDLE SECTION  
REVISION WORKSHEET



**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**TOPIC: READING AND WRITING SKILL**

**CLASS:VIII** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **ROLL NO** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE :** \_\_\_\_\_ **02/19**

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

A new study has found that human brain can get smaller with age, but it the price people pay for a longer life than their closest relative, the chimpanzee. Researchers at George Washington university found that only humans have brains which progressively shrink with increasing age and its uniquely human as the phenomenon doesn't occur in chimpanzees. Loss of neurons over time maybe the result of an evolutionary trade of- a handicap that has to be accepted in exchange for a long lifespan and a big brain, say the researchers. For their studies, researchers carried out magnetic resonance imaging (MRI brain scans) of 99 young and old chimpanzees aged 10-51 years old. The results were compared with MRI scans of 87 humans over an equivalent age range of 22-88 years. The scans showed a decrease in the volume of all major brain structures over the course of human life. In contrast, aging chimpanzees showed no significant age related changes to their brains. Researchers say "Humans may be uniquely vulnerable to age related neuro degeneration pointing to compromises that have been struck in the evolution of an enlarged brain and an extended lifespan,

Human are uniquely prone to brain diseases Alzheimer's in later as well as a general decline in memory and "thinking" skills. In addition to having a bigger brains than any other animal, humans are unusually long lived. Physically, humans age more slowly than chimpanzees by thirty, wild chimps have worn teeth, are underweight, frail, weak, and lacking in energy

**1. Complete the following statements.**

- i. The findings of the researchers at George Washington University establish the fact that \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. According to the researchers, shrinkage of human brains with increasing age may be caused due to \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. State TRUE or FALSE.**

- i. Chimpanzees age more quickly than humans. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. Usually animals out live humans. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. Wild chimps lack energy by 30 years. \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. Human brains enlarge as they age. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Answer the following questions.**

- i. What did the scans show ?

ii. What are humans prone to in later life ?

**4. Find words in the passage which mean -**

a. steadily \_\_\_\_\_ b. differently \_\_\_\_\_ c. gradual development of something  
\_\_\_\_\_ d. same as \_\_\_\_\_ e. opposite \_\_\_\_\_

**5 Find words in the passage which are opposite of –**

a. regressive \_\_\_\_\_ b. enlarge \_\_\_\_\_ c, declined \_\_\_\_\_  
d. negligible \_\_\_\_\_ e. commonly \_\_\_\_\_ f increase \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION B – WRITING SKILL**

1. Write a letter to the Editor of your local newspaper complaining about the irregular water supply in your area. Suggest ways by which this problem can be resolved.
2. You are the parent of Ananya studying in Class VIII. Write a letter to the Vice Principal of her school asking for one week leave. Give a suitable reason.
3. As a prefect of your class, write a letter to the Vice Principal of your school asking for permission to arrange for a study tour to New Delhi and also to witness the Republic Day parade.
4. Build a good story with the given opening lines and the moral of the story being ‘Early bird catches the worm’. Provide a suitable title.

“As the alarm rang for the second time Rishabh lazily snoozed it again. After an hour, he woke up with a start. He .....

1. Write the bio sketch of the great scientist C.V. Raman using the hints given below.

Birth: 7 November 1888, Trichinopoly

Parents: Father – school teacher, Mother – a learned woman

Education: M.A Physics

Job: Joined Department of Finance, Government Of India

Professor of Physics at the University College of Science

Contributions in science: Raman Effect, an important contributions in the field of electrical conductivity of metals

Awards: Nobel Prize in Physics (1930), Bharat Ratna (1954)

Died: 21 November 1970

2. You are Amitr/Amrita, Head boy/Head girl of students' council of your school (Zenith Public School). Write a notice for your school notice board calling for entries from desirous students for Britannia Quiz Contest—Preliminary round to be held at your school.

3. Complete the following report using the hints given below.

weekly bazaar - every Tuesday - Pragati grounds - different stalls - items/ articles sold- reasonable price - lot of shopping by women - children enjoy

A weekly a) \_\_\_\_\_ . b) Different \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and many items c) \_\_\_\_\_ . Women d) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and children e) \_\_\_\_\_ bazaar.