

**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
WORKSHEET ON READING SKILLS – FIRE BUCKETS**

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Read Pgs. 39 – 40 of the lesson ‘Fire Buckets’ carefully and answer the questions given below.

I. Complete the following sentences appropriately.

a) For the inhabitants of Dibaru, the tribes that lived _____

b) The hospital in Dibaru doubled _____

c) The Seth had become so famous that _____

II. Choose the correct answer to complete the given statements.

a) The news of Edward Heinlein’s visit to Dibaru was conveyed to the compounder by _____

- i) Edward Heinlein himself ii) the Seth iii) a young army captain iv) the hospital

b) Only _____ considered the tribals to be humans.

- i) the inhabitants of Dibaru ii) anthropologists iii) the Political Officer iv) the hospital staff

c) The _____ was the axis of Dibaru.

- i) the hospital ii) the tribal area on the outskirts of Dibaru iii) the Seth’s shop

iv) the Political Officer’s bungalow

III. Answer the following questions briefly

a) Why did any news not take long to spread in Dibaru?

b) How was the Political Officer's bungalow different from the other houses in Dibaru?

c) Why was the hospital more important than even the Political Officer's bungalow?

IV. Mention whether the following statements are true or false.

- a) A tarred road connected the Dak bungalow and the Political Officer's bungalow. _____
- b) Edward Heinlein was a famous sociologist. _____
- c) Most of the houses in Dibaru were big. _____
- d) Only the two tribals who worked at the hospital were considered civilized by the people of Dibaru. _____

V. Find ONE word in the extract which means the same as each of the following:

- a) had something at one or both the sides _____
- b) made something seem more important or better than it actually is _____
- c) spread out in all directions from a central point _____
- d) acting, pretending to be something that one is not _____
- e) the central or most important point of a place _____
- f) words that have no meaning, are impossible to understand, nonsensical _____