

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE (2020-2021)

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LITERATURE

WORK ASSIGNMENT- CPT 1

CLASS 5th

LESSON-1 THE WORLD IN A WALL

Difficult words-

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|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. bulging    | 11. oblivious   | 21. drenched    |
| 2. sagging    | 12. seized      | 22. hurled      |
| 3. intricate  | 13. scuttled    | 23. eventually  |
| 4. revealed   | 14. uttered     | 24. restored    |
| 5. beneath    | 15. chaos       | 25. cutlery     |
| 6. rotund     | 16. enraged     | 26. received    |
| 7. crouching  | 17. quivering   | 27. bulbous     |
| 8. enormous   | 18. desperately | 28. armour      |
| 9. enraptured | 19. promptly    | 29. arguing     |
| 10. dawdling  | 20. bewildered  | 30. opportunity |

Word/Meaning-

1. Bulbous- fat, bulging and round; shaped like a bulb
2. Dawdling- being slow
3. Oblivious- unaware
4. Phobia- an extreme fear of something
5. Quashed- rejected or stopped

6. Quivering- trembling, shaking
7. Rapidity- moving or reacting with great speed
8. Rotund- large and plump
9. Scuttled- ran with quick, hasty steps
10. Surreptitiously- secretively, sneaking

Make Sentences-

1. Bulging
2. Infinite
3. Reluctantly
4. Enraptured
5. Desperately

Fill in the blanks-

1. It was an ancient brick wall bulging and sagging with the damp of many winters.
2. The inhabitants of the wall were divided into day and night workers.
3. At night, the toads and geckos were the hunters.
4. All the baby scorpions had hidden themselves under various plates and bits of cutlery.
5. Larry developed a phobia about matchboxes.

Answer the following question-

Q1. Where does Gerald hunt for animals and why is it a good place to find them?

Ans 1. Gerald hunted for animals on the crumbling wall that surrounded the garden. It was a good place to find them because it was the home to many different creatures varying from geckos to crane-flies.

Q2. Make two lists of animals under the following headings-

(a) animals that Gerald finds in the day

(b) animals that Gerald finds at night

Ans 2. (a) Animals that Gerald found in the day were wasps, caterpillars, spiders, flies, the dragon flies and the swift, multicoloured wall lizards.

(b) Animals that Gerald found at night were the toads, geckos, crane-flies, moths of all shapes and sized and rotund beetles.

Q3. Explain who the following characters are in the text

(a) Larry (b) Roger

Ans 3. (a) Larry was Gerald Durrell's elder brother.

(b) Roger was the Durrell's family dog and Gerald's constant companion.

Q4. What does Gerald think the female scorpion is wearing? What gives her that appearance?

Ans 4. Gerald thought that the female scorpion was wearing a pale fawn fur coat. The strange garment was made up of a mass of tiny babies clinging to the mother's back that gave her that appearance.

Q5. Why does Gerald forget about the scorpions after he has put them in the matchbox?

Ans 5. Gerald forgot about the scorpions after he had put them in the matchbox while having his lunch and feeding Roger.

Q6. What happens to Gerald's mother during the chaos at the end of lunch?

Ans 6. Mother was bewildered by this sudden chaos. Thereafter Margo hurled a glass of water to stop the scorpion but in vain attempt drenched the mother instead. She lost her breath and was unable to protest.

Q7. Why does Gerald stay away from the family in the afternoon?

Ans 7. Gerald stayed away from the family in the afternoon for he felt it would be wise to allow the family to have a break before seeing them again.

Q8. What are the repercussions of the incident?

Ans 8. The repercussions of the incident were that Larry developed a phobia about matchboxes and mother decided to try to stop Gerald from exploring the animal world.

Q9. Pick out three of Gerald's descriptive phrases about scorpions. How does he feel about scorpions?

Ans 9. The three of Gerald's descriptive phrases about scorpions are: made out of polished chocolates, weird looking things with their flattened, oval bodies, tail like a string of beads. He felt that they were the shyest and also the most dangerous members of the wall community.

Reference to context-

(1) 'I completely forgot about my exciting new captures.'

(a) Who forgot and what distracted him?

(a) Gerald forgot about the new captures. His meal and feeding Roger distracted him.

(b) Why did he capture the creatures?

(b) He captured the creatures so that he can watch them grow.

(c) Where were the captured creatures left?

(c) The captured creatures were left carefully on the mantelpiece in the drawing room.

(d) What happens next?

(d) When Larry opened the matchbox to light his cigarette the scorpion came out of the box and ran to the back of his hand. He screamed and flung the scorpion onto the table scattering babies everywhere.

(2) Answer the given reference to context on your own-

'don't panic, hit them with a book.'

(a) Who said these words to whom?

(b) Who is 'them' referred?

(c) What was mother's reaction about the chaos?

(d) What did Margo do and what were the repercussions?

NOTE: Do the given assignment in a new single line note book.

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