

**ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL KALUCHAK**  
**HOLIDAYS HW**  
**SUBJECT – ENGLISH**  
**CLASS –XII**

**WORKSHEET**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO BE DONE IN YOUR CLASSWORK COPY.

**THE LAST LESSON**

1. Everybody during the last lesson was filled with regret. Comment. 5M
2. How different from usual was the atmosphere at school on the day of the last lesson ? (The Last Lesson) 5M
3. Educating children is the responsibility of society. Justify the statement in view of 'The Last Lesson'. 5M
4. "We've all a great deal to reproach ourselves with" said M.Hamel. Refer to the context and explain what he wanted to convey to his students. 2M
5. What a thunderclap these words were to me!(Franz). What were those words and what was their effect on Franz ? 2M

**LOST SPRING:STORIES OF STOLEN CHILDHOOD**

1. For the children it is wrapped in wonder, for the elders it is a means of survival. What kind of life do the rag-pickers of Seemapuri lead ? 5M
2. Life of the bangle makers of Firozabad shows the grinding state of poverty and traditions that condemn thousands of people to live a life of misery. Elaborate. 5M
3. Why then does the author call Mukesh's dream 'a mirage'? 2M
4. What explanation did the children offer the writer for not wearing footwear ? Did she agree to it ? (Lost Spring) 2M

**DEEP WATER**

1. Douglas has a near-death experience in his childhood which has a negative as well as a positive outcome. Justify the statement with evidences from the text. 5M
2. Childhood fears are deeply entrenched in our mind. Determination, hard work and right training are needed to get rid of them. Comment on the statement in the light of Douglas' efforts to overcome his fear of water. 5M
3. Why did Douglas fail to come to the surface of the pool as he hoped to ? 2M

4. Douglas's mother (ironically) thought that YMCA pool was safe for learning to swim. What are your views ? 2M

### **MY MOTHER AT SIXTY SIX AND KEEPING QUIET**

1. What do the parting words of Kamala Das and her smile signify? or What do the parting words of the poet and her smile signify? 5M
2. The poet in 'Keeping Quiet' visualises two kinds of world which come as extreme opposites. Elucidate. 5M
3. Under the apparent stillness there is life. Justify with reference to the poem 'Keeping Quiet'. 5M

### **NOTICE WRITING**

5X5= 25

1. On the occasion of National Science and Technology Day, the school has decided to organise a Science Fair. Vikram, the secretary of the Science Society, wants to call a meeting of the office bearers of the society to discuss the arrangements for the fair. Write a notice is not more than 50 words.
2. You are Parth Mishra, the Head Boy of St John's High School, Dalhousie. You have been asked to write a notice regarding a sports kit bag found on the school playground. Write the notice in not more than 50 words. Invent necessary details.
3. The event management company, Altitudes Expeditions, has organised an Adventure Trip to Goecha La trek, Sikkim in the summer vacations for interested students of Classes VIII and IX. As president of the Excursions Committee, write a notice in not more than 50 words informing students about the trip and inviting them to join.
4. You are the secretary of Springleaf Housing Society Welfare Association. Write a notice to be circulated to all the residents, informing them that there will be no water supply to your society on 24 and 25 August due to maintenance work in the underground storage tank. Write the notice within 50 words.
5. You are Chief Warden of a Boys' Hostel. You have noticed that the boys often report late for the roll-call at night and have a tendency to damage the hostel property. Write a notice informing the hostel inmates that they should refrain from doing so or else they will be penalised. Do not use more than 50 words.