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**WINTER HOLIDAYS HOME WORK, 2019-20**  
**CLASS - VIII**

**ENGLISH**

1. Read the passage on the well known fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes and answer the following questions:-

Sherlock Holmes is a fictional private detective created by british author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Referring to himself as a ‘consulting detective’ in the stories, Holmes is known for his proficiency with observation, forensic science and logical reasoning that borders on the fantastic, which he employs when investigating cases for a wide variety of clients, including scotland yard.

First appearing in print in 1887’s ‘A Study in Scarlet’, the character’s popularity became widespread with the first series of short stories in ‘ the strand magazine’, beginning with ‘a scandal in bohemia’ in 1891; additional tales appeared from then until 1927, eventually totalling four novels and 56 short stories. All but one are set in the victorian or edwardian eras, between about 1880 and 1914, most are narrated by the character of Holmes’s friend and biographer dr. Watson, who usually accompanies Holmes during his investigation and often shares quarter with him at the address of 221B, Baker Street, London, where Many of the stories begin.

Though not the first fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes is arguably the best known, with the Guinness world record listing him as the ‘most portrayed movie character’ in history. Holmes’s popularity and the fame are such that many have believed him to be not a fictional character but a real individual; numerous literary and fan societies have been founded that pretend to operate on this principle. Widely considered a british cultural icon, the character and stories have had a profound and lasting effect on mystery writing and popular culture as a whole, with the original tales as well as thousands written by authors other than Conal Doyle being adapted in the stage and radio, plays, television, films, video games and other media for over one hundred years.

Now answer the questions:-

- a. What is Sherlock Holmes known for?
- b. When did the character of Shrock Holmes first appear in print?
- c. Whn did the character of Sherlock Holmes character start gaining popularity?
- d. Total number of stories and novels that the character appeared in was \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Most of the stories are narrated by \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. Give the noun form of ‘adapt’ and the adjective form of ‘mystery’.

2. Match the columns:-

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Alibi        | a thing or statement that helps to prove who committed the crime                        |
| Breakthrough | person who knows about a crime  |
| Clue         | drawing a conclusion  |
| Crime        | a false clue that throws the investigator off track                                     |
| Deduction    | a fact or object that gives information in solving the crime scene                      |
| Detective    | a reason that a person does something   |
| Evidence     | an excuse that an accused person uses to show that he/she was not at the scene of crime |
| Hunch        | something that is unknown   |
| Motive       | an investigator looking for and gathering clues   |
| Mystery      | a guess or feeling not based on facts   |
| Red herring  | an action that breaks the law   |
| Suspect      | person who has a motive to have committed a crime                                       |
| Witness      | a discovery that helps solve the crime  |

3. Here are a few words of foreign origin which have now gained acceptance in English. Find out their origins and what they mean. Consult a good online or print dictionary.

- a. Anonymous
- b. Loot
- c. Safari
- d. Entrepreneur
- e. Karaoke
- f. Avatar
- g. Metropolis
- h. Ketchup

4. Transform the sentences as directed:-

- a. Go to the shop and buy me a chocolate. ( change to simple sentence)
- b. She practiced hard so that she could make it to the school badminton team. (change to simple sentence)
- c. He grabbed his bag and rushed out. (change to compound sentence)
- d. They returned home, (change to compound sentence)

## **MATHEMATICS**

Note: Do all written work in weekly test register and activities in Lab activity book.

1. Do value based questions of ch-11 page no. 252.
2. Do puzzle of ch-12 page no. 262 in test register.
3. Do page no. 265 and 266 in book. (Ch-12).
4. Do page no. 267 and 268 in test register. Ch-12.
5. Do Lab Activities- 5A, 5B, 9, 11C and 13 in Lab activity book.

## **SOCIAL SCIENCE**

1. What do you mean by National School of Arts? Why did some artists want to develop it?
2. How did Jamshedpur became an ideal place for the establishment of iron and steel industry?
3. Give an account of Ahmedabad as an important textile center of India.
4. What is untouchability? What are its different forms?
5. What is manual scavenging? Describe the law on manual scavenging.

## **SCIENCE**

1. Make a project on single cell organism & explain how a single cell performs all the functions required for life.
2. What would happen if a plant cell did not have a cell wall?
3. Draw a well labelled diagram of internal structure of human eye?
4. Write at least four step to control noise pollution.
5. What are the characteristics which describes sound?

## **SANSKRIT**

## कविता - अष्टक

- प्रश्न 1 "मम प्रिय भारतम्" इति विषये पञ्च वाक्यानि चित्र सहितेन लिखत।  
प्रश्न 2 "कविता कदा स्फुरति" इति विषये कथा लिखत।  
प्रश्न 3 जीवनोपयोगि - सूक्तीनां संग्रहं कृत्वा लिखत।

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- प्रश्न 1. भाक्ति - पदावली के आधार पर 'सत्संगीति का महत्व' विषय पर एक अनुच्छेद लिखिए।  
प्रश्न 2. वर्तमान समय में हमारे जीवन में इंटरनेट का क्या महत्व है? अपने शब्दों में एक लेख तैयार कीजिए।  
प्रश्न 3. 'मेरे जीवन का लक्ष्य' विषय पर निबंध लिखिए।  
प्रश्न 4. वन्य जीवन का महत्व बताते हुए मित्र को पत्र लिखिए।  
प्रश्न 5. शब्द-मंडार उत्तर प्रदेश में पूर्ण कीजिए।