

UNIT - 2. Hobby Turns into a Successful Career

Subject: English

Class: VIII

Section -I

A. Say true or false.

1. Mani's hobby is playing cricket. **False**
2. Hobbies are unique to people. **True**
3. People have hobbies only to pass time. **False**

B. Choose the correct answer.

1. Mani imagined a world with _____.
a) music and musicians b) building and sculptures **c) magic and magicians**
2. When Mani started writing things, he was unable to _____.
a) describe them accurately b) describe them fluently c) describe them imaginatively
3. Mani feels writing is like _____.
a) painting the voice b) engraving the voice c) designing the voice

Section -II

A. Write true or false.

1. Ajay Garg is an artist. **True**
2. Asha Devi taught Ajay the miniature painting. **True**
3. Ajay displayed 150 paintings. **True**
4. Ajay was awarded by the Indian president Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. **True**

B. Answer the following questions.

1. What was Ajay gifted with?

Ajay was gifted skill of painting.

2. How was he honoured?

Ajay was awarded a national award of accomplishment from the Indian President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

3. What is Ajay's current goal?

Ajay's current goals is to revitalise the dying art of traditional miniature Indian paintings.

4. Does Ajay's hobby become a successful career? How?

Yes , His work popular his work throughout India, the United States and the United Kingdom. He also become the executive member of the 'Deaf & Dumb Association' in Rajasthan.

Section –III

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. Mani's grandfather noticed it and helped him by reading Bed time stories.
2. Ajay mastered the techniques of Prepare colours and brushes.
3. Ilavazhagi won her first match against Her father.

B. Choose correct synonyms for the italic word.

1. Writing is a **unique** hobby
a) common b) beneficial **c) uncommon** d) separate
2. Ajay started to paint **happily**.
a) depressed **b) joyfully** c) unhappily d) sadly
3. Miniature paintings **depict** Indian culture.
a) warp **b) portray** c) twist d) falsify

C. Choose correct antonyms for the italic word.

1. Ajay **suffered** an injury.
a) sorrow **b) endure** c) hurt d) mourn
2. Ajay **mastered** the techniques of painting.
a) skilled b) proficient **c) unskilled** d) experienced
3. Ilavazhagi **won** world championship in 2008.
a) win b) succeed **c) lost** d) well-skilled

D. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences.

1. What happened to Ajay at the age of three?

He suffered a injury at the age of three. He was treated but the treatment left him permanently deaf.

2. What did Asha Devi teach Ajay?

She taught Ajay the old and dying technique of 'Traditional Indian Miniature Painting'.

3. Why writing is beneficial according to Mani?

According to Mani, Writing opens his mind to think beyond the little things with a broader mind. It makes him more passionate about his life, and learn new things.

E. Answer the following questions in 100 words.

1. How did Ajay's father find his son's talent?

Ajay Kumar Garg, is a very talented young artist. He lives in Jaipur, India. His childhood was going on well, until he suffered an injury at the age of three. Ajay was treated, but that treatment left him permanently deaf. His parents tried several hospitals to cure his impairment, but it didn't cure him. His father, once bought him a paint set to play. Ajay started to paint happily. He painted on the walls, floors etc. He looked happy, while using the paint set that was gifted to him. Soon, Ajay's father realised that Ajay was talented in painting. When Ajay was five years old, a court artist of Dholpur (Rajasthan), Shri Sua Lal saw his painting and was very impressed with his work. He then took Ajay and started training him.

2. Write a note on Ilavazhagi.

The hard working and the passionate people, always chase their dream and live it. Ilavazhagi is one among the many to achieve her dream amidst all odds. Mr. A. Irudayaraj, her father, was a district level champion in carrom. His dream shattered, since his family did not encourage and support him. He was determined to achieve his dream through his daughter. He used to put his daughter on the carrom board, while she listened to the sounds of striker and coins. When she was two years old, he would carry her with him to the tournaments; he played with his friends at local clubs. Her father began coaching her when she was around five. One day her father called her for a match, and she won that match, which gave her confidence. The confidence led her to win. Her victories included the Asia Cup and (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) Cup and the world championship

VOCABULARY

A) Match the following compound words and write them:

First word	Second word	New word
Match	mark	Match box
air	cut	Airport
blood	port	Blood bank
Pop	machine	Popcorn
sky	bank	Sky blue
hair	blue	Haircut
book	corn	Bookmark
sewing	box	Sewing machine

B. Choose the best answer to make a compound word

- Which can be placed after 'soft'?
a) play **b) ware** c) run d) cycle
- Which can be placed before 'light'?
a) try **b) sun** c) horse d) cat
- Which can be placed after 'safe'?
a) chair **b) guard** c) shop d) van
- Which can be placed after 'blue'?
a) cane **b) print** c) see d) land
- Which can be placed after 'water'?
a) food b) stick **c) fall** d) out

GRAMMAR

a. Fill in the blanks:

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Tall	taller	Tallest
Smart	Smarter	Smartest
Large	Larger	Largest
Big	Bigger	Biggest
late	Later / latter	Latest (last)

B. Let's compare two things.

1. Which is faster? A train or a plane? **Plane is faster than a train.**
2. Which is cheaper? Gold or Silver? **Silver is cheaper than gold.**
3. Which is larger? City or village? **A city is larger than a village.**
4. Which is bigger? A sea or an ocean? **An ocean is bigger than a sea.**
5. Which is taller? A giraffe or a camel? **A giraffe is taller than a camel.**

C. Let's compare three things.

1. Town – city – village (quiet)

A city is quiet.

Town is quieter than the city.

The village is the quietest.

2. Istanbul – Moscow - London (populated)

Istanbul is populated.

Moscow is more populated than Istanbul.

London is the most populated.

3. Windy weather – warm weather – rainy weather (good)

Windy weather is good.

Warm weather is better than windy weather.

Rainy weather is the best.

4. Ocean - river - lake (deep)

River is deep.

Lake is deeper than the river.

Ocean is the deepest.

5. The USA – Russia – Spain (large)

Hitl Spain is a large country.

The USA is larger than Spain.

Russia is the largest country.

6. The Mahanadi – The Cauvery – The Ganga (long)

The cauvery is a long river.

The Mahanadi is longer than the Cauvery.

The Ganga is the longest river in our country.

7. Chennai – Hyderabad – Bangaluru (modern)

Chennai is a modern city.

Hyderabad is more modern than Chennai.

Bengaluru is the most modern city.

8. Giraffe – Horse – goat (tall)

Goat is tall animal

Horse is taller than Goat

Giraffe is the tallest animal

9. Elephant - Cat - Dog (strong)

Cat is the strong animal

Dog is stronger than cat

Elephant is the strongest animal

10. Maharastra – Tamil Nadu – Rajasthan (hot)

Tamil Nadu is the hot city

Maharastra is hotter then Tamil Nadu

Rajasthan is the hottest city

POEM - My Hobby: Reading

1. Comprehension Questions.

1. What is the hobby of the poet? **Reading.**

2. What does 'ajar' mean? **Slightly open.**

3. Can the poet fly without wings? **No**

4. What can children do to society if they read? **They could construct a dynamic society.**

5. What is the theme of the poem? **Reading Hobby.**

2. On the basis of your understanding of the poem, tick the most suitable option to complete the statements.

Reading

- a) wastes my time.
- b) helps me think deeply about every thing.
- c) keeps me busy.
- d) helps me in thought breeding.**

My hobby

- a) arguing in the court.
- b) working in hospitals.
- c) taking me far and near.**
- d) selling goods in a wholesale market.

Reading

- a) helps me to weep and cry.
- b) lets me fly without wings.**
- c) works in fields to produce food.
- d) helps me asleep quickly.

Reading

- a) blesses the children who read.
- b) helps the children to construct society.**
- c) blesses the teachers who teach.
- d) blesses the farmers who produce food.

3. Complete the table given below in order to understand the poem better.

Answer the following:

1. List the rhyming words in the first three line **Deep-Asleep**
2. Which word in the poem rhymes with 'light'? **Into the seed, too bright**

4. Answer the following

a) Identify the rhyme scheme of the given short poem

My dog likes bones,
He eats them up,
He's very sweet,
He's just a pup. - **abcb**

b) Complete this poem on your own with a abab rhyme scheme.

Peas porridge hot,
Peas porridge cold,
Peas porridge lot,
Peas porridge Hold.

Supplementary - Jim Corbett, A Hunter Turned Naturalist

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. Jim Corbett died on 25th July 1875.
2. Corbett shot wild animals in his Cine film camera.
3. The champawat tiger was the first man eater shot by Corbett.
4. Corbett shot the tigress dead, near the Chataar bridge.

B. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing, India's first national park in the Kumaon Hills, the Hailey National Park, in Uttarakhand, India. It was initially named after, Lord Malcolm Hailey. Jim Corbett died on 19 April 1955. The park was renamed in 1957 as, The Jim Corbett National Park. It was named after him to honour his role in establishing this protected area in 1930s.

1. Who played a key role in establishing the national park?

Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing, India's first national park in the Kumaon Hills.

2. Why was the park named Hailey National Park?

It was initially named after, Lord Malcolm Hailey

3. When was it renamed as Jim Corbett National Park?

The park was renamed in 1957

C. Answer the following in one or two words.

4. What was the birth name of Jim Corbett? **Edward James corbett**
5. What was the name of Corbett's dog? **Robin.**
6. How many kills did the Champawat Tiger recorded? **436 death**
7. Who was the last kill of the Champawat Tiger?
16 years old girl in a village near Champawat
8. When did Jim Corbett die? **19th April 1955.**

D. Answer the following in 100 words.

9. According to Corbett, why a tiger turns into a man eater?

According to his theory, a tiger starts eating humans, when they grow old or get hurt. As, they can not run fast, they start killing humans. People can not run as fast as animals, so they become easy prey. After eating human flesh once, a tiger will not eat any other flesh. These tigers are called man-eaters. His first, man eating tiger hunt was, The Champawat Tiger. It was a Bengal tigress responsible for nearly 436 deaths in Nepal and the Kumaon area of India. Her attacks have been listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the highest number of fatalities from a tiger. She was shot in 1907 by Jim Corbett. The tigress began her attacks in a Rupal village in western Nepal, Himalayas. Hunters were sent to kill the tiger, but she managed to escape from them. The Nepalese Army, after failing to capture or kill the tiger, drove her across the border into India. There she continued her killings in the Kumaon District.

10. How was the Champawat Tiger killed?

He camped in the Kumaon District, and started tracking the tigress. He moved around the villages and restricted the activities of the man-eater. After several unsuccessful attempts, Corbett managed to kill, the tiger when it killed a 16-year-old girl, in the village, near Champawat, and left a trail of blood, which Corbett followed. After a whole day of pursuit, Corbett had to abandon the hunt, decided to use villagers and to organise a bait the next day near the Champa River. With the help of the thasildar of Champawat, the bait was organised with about 300 villagers. The next day, Corbett shot the tigress dead, near the Chataar Bridge, in Champawat.

11. What were the findings of the postmortem?

A postmortem on the tigress showed the upper and lower canine teeth on the right side of her mouth were broken, the upper one in half, the lower one right down to the bone. This injury was a result of an old gunshot from a game hunter who failed to track and kill it. According to Corbett, probably this injury prevented her from hunting her natural prey, and hence, she started to hunt humans.

Step to Success

A. Analogy – verbal reasoning questions.

There is certain relation between two given words, find the relation to find the missing word.

1. Reading : Knowledge , Work : ?

- a) **Experience** b) Engagement c) Experiment d) Employment

2. Cricket : Bat , Hockey : ?

- a) Field b) **Stick** c) Player d) Ball

3. Dog : Rabies , Mosquito : ?

- a) Plague b) Death c) **Malaria** d) Sting

4. Man : Biography , Nation : ?

- a) Leader b) People c) Geography d) **History**

5. Bread : Bakery , Brick : ?

- a) Mint b) **Kiln** c) Furnace d) Mine

6. Doctor : Diagnosis, Judge : ?

- a) Court b) Punishment c) Lawyer d) **Judgement**