

Class - XII, English

Worksheet No. - 10

(Based on the Chapter – “The Rattrap” from the book Flamingo)

Question 1.

No one can imagine how sad and monotonous life can appear to such a vagabond, who plods along the road, left to his own meditations. But one day this man had fallen into a line of thought, which really seemed to him entertaining. He had naturally been thinking of his rattraps when suddenly he was struck by the idea that the whole world about him—the whole world with its lands and seas, its cities and villages—was nothing but a big rattrap.

Answer the following.

- (a) ‘This man’ refers to the _____ .
- (b) He compares the world to a _____ .
- (c) The vagabond led a monotonous life but his thoughts entertained him. (True/False)
- (d) Find from the extract a similar word for ‘tedious’.

Question 2.

The world had, of course, never been kind to him, so it gave him unwonted joy to think ill of it in this way. It became a cherished pastime of his, during many dreary ploddings, to think of people he knew who had let themselves be caught in the dangerous snare, and of others who were circling around the bait.

Answer the following.

- (a) The vagabond found pleasure in his own way despite his dreary life. (True/False)
- (b) He saved himself from being trapped in the _____ . (Trap/ Rattrap)
- (c) Various allurements worked like bait. (True/False)
- (d) The vagabond felt that he was better off than _____ in many ways. (some/ others)

Question 3.

The old man was just as generous with his confidences as with his porridge and tobacco. The guest was informed at once that in his days of prosperity his host had been a crofter at Ramsjd Ironworks and had worked on the land. Now that he was no longer able to do day labour, it was his cow which supported him.

Answer the following.

- (a) The old man was a _____ man as he shared his secrets even with strangers. (kind/ simple)
- (b) We come to know that the old man had a _____ to support him. (cow/ ox)
- (c) The peddler did not visit the old man with honest intentions. (True/False)
- (d) The host was doing well in the past. (True/Faise)

Question 4.

The stranger must have seemed incredulous, for the old man got up and went to the window, took down a leather pouch which hung on a nail to the very window frame, and picked out three wrinkled ten-kronor bills. These he held up before the eyes of his guest, nodding knowingly, and then stuffed them back into the pouch.

Answer the following.

- (a) Though the stranger appeared incredulous yet he showed his _____ to him. (earnings/ family)
- (b) These thirty kronors were earned by selling _____. (milk/ cow)
- (c) The guest cheated the host and fell in the trap. (True/False)
- (d) Find out from the passage a word which means 'unbelieving'.

Question 5.

As he walked along with the money in his pocket, he felt quite pleased with his smartness. He realised, of course, that at first he dared not continue on the public highway, but must turn off the road, into the woods. During the first hours this caused him no difficulty. Later in the day it became worse, for it was a big and confusing forest which he had gotten into.

Answer the following.

- (a) The peddler had to take the forest route as he had _____. (stolen money/ cheated oldman)
- (b) Taking the public highway was not _____ for him. (convenient/ safe)
- (c) The phrase that suggests 'morning'.
- (d) The money in his pocket was his earning. (True/False)
