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WORKSHEET

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I. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The culture of nuclear families is in fashion. Parents are often heard complaining about the difficulties in bringing up children these days. Too much of freedom in demand, too much independence; over night parties; excessive extravagance, splurging pocket money; no time for studies and family all this is a common cry of such families. Aren't parents, themselves, responsible for this pitiful state ? The basic need of a growing youth is the family, love, attention and bonding along with moral values. One should not forget that 'charity begins at home'.

Independence and individuality both need to be respected, in order to maintain the sanctity of family. Children, today are to be handled with tact in order to bridge the ever widening generation gap. Only the reasonable demands need to be fulfilled, as there are too many expenses to be met and too many social obligations to be taken care of by the parents. Our forefathers lived happily in joint families. Children loved to live with their cousins, learnt to adjust within means. There was perfect harmony between the generations. There never existed the concept of old-age homes. There was deep respect for the family elders and love, care and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved amicably.

Questions:

1. Mention any two major common concerns of a nuclear family.
2. Who according to the passage are responsible for them ?
3. Explain the expression 'charity begins at home'.
4. Describe the atmosphere in joint families.
5. Which word in the passage means 'Holiness of life' ?

II.1. Due to selfish human activities and overuse of natural resources, global warming is taking place, which poses danger to humankind. Write an article to highlight the effects of global warming using the hints given below.

Or

2. Even after about seven decades of independence women have to walk miles together in certain parts of the country to fetch water as shown in the given visual. There is not only the scarcity of water but water in most places is also contaminated. Using the given visual together with your own ideas, write an article on the scarcity of clean drinking water in the country. Also, suggest how this problem can be solved.

III. Changing of Active Voice into Passive Voice

1. She plucks flowers from the plant.
2. Madhur offers her a flower.

3. The hunter shot the deer.
4. The cat ate the fish.
5. The peon rang the bell.

IV. Fill in the Blanks with the correct Tenses.

1. The Principal _____ to speak to Raj. (want)
2. The Earth _____ round the Sun. (revolve)
3. The baby _____ all day. (cry)
4. Rani and Rajan under the cot (crawl/ing)
5. He is over the fence (jump/ing)

V. Read the extract given below and answer the following:

*Macavity's a ginger cat, he's very tall and thin;
 You would know him if you saw him, for his eyes are sunken in.
 His brow is deeply lined with thought, his head is highly domed;
 His coat is dusty from neglect, his whiskers are uncombed.
 He sways his head from side to side, his movements like a snake;
 And when you think he's half asleep, he's always wide awake.*

1. What did the poet say about Macavity in the above stanza?
2. How could he be recognized?
3. Describe the appearance of the cat?
4. How was its' movement described by the poet?

VI. Read the supplementary extract given below and answer the following:

So he crept downstairs and opened the front door quite softly, and went out into the garden. But when the children saw him, they were so frightened that they all ran away, and the garden became winter again. Only the little boy did not run, for his eyes were so full of tears that he did not see the Giant coming. And the Giant stole up behind him and took him gently in his hand, and put him up into the tree. And the tree broke at once into blossom, and the birds came and sang on it, and the little boy stretched out his two arms and flung them around the Giant's neck, and kissed him. And the other children, when they saw that the Giant was not wicked any longer, came running back, and with them came the spring. it is your garden now, little children", said the Giant, and he took a great axe and knocked down the wall.

- (a) How did the Giant enter the garden?
- (b) What did the children do when they saw the Giant coming?
- (c) What did the Giant due to the little boy?
- (d) What happened to the tree when the little boy was put into it?
- (e) What did the Giant finally do?

