



Atomic Energy Education Society
Worksheet (2025-26)

Class: VII Subject: ENGLISH Month: AUGUST -Marks: 40

Portion covered: VERGHESE KURIEN- I TOO HAD A DREAM

Name of the student: _____

SECTION A- Reading (10 Marks)

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: (10 X 1=10 Marks)

Overpowering prey is a challenge for creatures that do not have limbs. Some species like Russell's viper inject poison. Some others opt for an alternative non-chemical method – rat snakes, for instance, catch and push their prey against the ground, while pythons use their muscle power to crush their prey to death. But snakes can't be neatly divided into poisonous and non-poisonous categories.

Even species listed as non-poisonous aren't completely free of poison. The common Sand Boa, for instance, produces secretions particularly poisonous to birds. So the species doesn't take any chance – it crushes its prey and injects poison as an extra step.

Do vipers need powerful poison enough to kill hundreds of rats with just one drop? After all, they eat only one or two at a time. While hunting, animals try their worst to kill most efficiently, their prey use any trick to avoid becoming a meal, such as developing immunity to poison. For instance, Californian ground squirrels are resistant to Northern Pacific rattlesnake poison. Competition with prey is not the only thing driving snakes to evolve more and more deadly poison. Snakes also struggle to avoid becoming prey themselves.

Some snake killers have partial immunity to poison. Famously, mongooses are highly resistant to cobra poison, and with their speed and agility, kill snakes fearlessly. It would be the death of cobras as a species if they didn't evolve a more deadly poison to stop mongooses. Poison has another important role. It's an extreme meat softener, specific enzymes break up the insides of the prey. Normally, a reptile depends on the sun's warm rays to aid digestion. But I wonder if we cannot use venom in our favour. In remote parts of India, local hospitality often involves leather tough meat. I chew and chew until my jaws ache.

If I spit it out or refuse, our hosts would be offended, I swallow like a python stuffing a deer down its throat and hope I don't choke. If only I had poison.

1. On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions-

I. Overpowering _____ is a challenge for creatures that do not have limbs.

- a) prey b) humans c) a python d) killer

II. How do pythons overpower their prey?

- a) Catch and push the prey to the ground b) Inject poison
c) Use Non-Chemical Method d) Use muscle power

III. Which reptile cannot be put into poisonous or non-poisonous categories?

- a) Russell Viper b) Rat Snake c) Python d) Snake

IV. What extra step does Sand Boa take to be sure of their prey's death?

- a) Inject Poison Push it to the ground c) Play with its prey
d) Overpower it

V. What trick is used by the prey to avoid becoming a meal?

- a) Bite the reptiles b) Kill the reptiles before attacking them
c) Develop Immunity to poison d) Push back the reptiles

VI. Why would Indian hosts be offended?

- a) If one cooks meat b) If one spits out meat
c) If one sells meat d) If one buys meat

VII. What makes mongoose a snake predator?

- a) Their speed and agility b) High Resistance to cobra poison
c) All of these d) Kills snakes fearlessly

VIII. Which reptile is dangerous to birds, according to the passage?

- a) Sand Boa b) Cobra c) Russell Viper d) Mongoose

IX. Poison _____ meat.

- a) breaks down b) hardens c) softens d) enhances taste of

X. Californian squirrels are _____ rattlesnake poison.

- a) helpless against b) indifferent to c) afraid of d) resistant to

SECTION B - Writing Skills (12 Marks)

2. You are Diya/ Adarash. Write a letter to your friend describing your

boarding school.

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3.. Yesterday it was your first day in your new school. You made new friends. Teachers were good to you and you liked the infrastructure of the school. Write about your experiences and feelings about the new school in your diary . 5

SECTION C -Grammar (08Marks)

4.Fill in the following blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets. (1x4=4)

- a. Mohan had already_____ his breakfast. (take)
- b. If she _____ for the examination she would not have failed. (prepare)
- c. The bell _____ before I reached the school. (go)
- d. The patient _____ before the doctor arrived. (die)

5. Fill in the following blanks with the correct option from the brackets.(1x4=4)

a. When the writer refers to a fast –paced world, he is speaking of a world where _____. (communication happens quickly but lacks depth/people have more time to write and reflect)

b. Identify whether the statement given below is true or false.

The writer feels that letter writing is class apart from other kinds of writing

c. Choose the correct meaning of the word “Poise”.

- a) Rudely b) Scold c) calm and confident manner d) boldly.

d. Choose the correct meaning of the word “Humility”.

- a) modesty b) rough c) cruel d) rude

SECTION D -Literature (10 Marks)

6.a.What event does Dr.Kurien refer to when he mentions receiving the Padma Vibhushan?

b. Why did Dr. Kurien write the letter to his grandson?

c.How can we say that the grandmother shared her husband's dedication to a greater cause?

d.How did Kurien's decisions to join the cooperative affect his life?

e. What message does Dr. kurien want to convey about selfless service and its long term impact on the society?