

Mahesh Public School

CLASS -X

SUBJECT- ENGLISH

Worksheet-3

Topic- Comprehension

Read the passage and choose correct answer for the questions from the given ones.

My uncle, who was addicted to letter writing, was the role model in our extended family. He lived in a village and often judged people on basis of how quickly his letters were replied to. Uncle spent an hour every morning writing detailed letters. He kept a small aluminum box next to him. It contained the postal stationary, pens and an old paling dog eared address book. This book had numerous crosses and arrows to signify changes in addresses. While my uncle wrote letters, aunt would be squatting on the straw mat with knives, vegetables and some old newspapers, preparing for the next meal. After writing the main news, he would read it aloud to aunt and relied on her remarkable memory to add important details like birth stars, offerings at the local temple or marriage proposals for someone in the family. He was adept at using the card and the inland letters to their fullest potential. After writing the main story which covered the news from all family nooks, he would add information of lesser significance in very small characters and utilize every millimeter of available space. In fact the letter had to be turned in different directions for all the news to be read. Gone are those days! After my uncle's death his sons, who live in Mumbai, could not maintain his routine. They come home to sleep in the wee hours of the morning. 'Who writes letters nowadays?' was the defense proffered by my jet setting cousin is a software professional. He writes only short –emails once a month, something that starts like 'Hi, how are you? I'm OK and ends there!

- (a) The narrator's uncle's address book contained crosses and arrows because _____.
- (i) He used to draw crosses and arrows while writing something.
 - (ii) He used to cross out the old addresses and show the new changed addresses with arrows.
 - (iii) His address book had numerous addresses.
- (b) His letters had to be turned in different directions for all the news to be read because _____.
- (i) He used to write in a haphazard way.
 - (ii) He used to utilize every millimeter of available space to write all the information.
 - (iii) He was a great miser.
- (c) Uncle used small letters for _____.
- (i) Important information.
 - (ii) Main story.
 - (iii) Trivial information.
- (d) After his death his son could not maintain his routine because _____.
- (i) They were awfully busy.
 - (ii) They were self centred.
 - (iii) They were not interested in maintaining it.
- (e) They came home to sleep in the 'wee' hours of the morning. 'Wee' means _____.
- (i) Late
 - (ii) Early
 - (iii) Very early

