

PRACTICE SHEET

Subject: English	Topic: If I Were You		
Grade: IX	Div: _____	Roll No: _____	Date: _____

Q 1 Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.

- (a) *That's a lie. You're not dealing with a fool. I'm as smart as you and smarter, and I know you run a car. Better be careful, wise guy!*
- Who is the speaker? Which 'lie' is he talking about?
 - Why did the speaker think he was smarter than the listener?
 - Why did he warn the listener to be careful?
 - Give the antonym of 'lie'
- (b) *I'm glad you're pleased to see me. I don't think you'll be pleased for long. Put those paws up! Who is speaking these lines and to whom?*
- Where is the conversation taking place?
 - Why is the speaker so sure that 'his listener' won't be pleased for long?
 - Why is the speaker asking the listener 'to put those paws up'?
 - What does 'paws' mean here?
- (c) *I'm not taking it for fun. I've been hunted long enough. I'm wanted for murder already, and they can't hang me twice.*
- Who is the speaker? What is 'it' that he claims he is not taking for fun?
 - Why has the speaker been hunted long enough?
 - What light do these lines reflect on the speaker's state of mind?
 - Explain: 'they can't hang me twice.'
- (d) *This is your big surprise. I said you wouldn't kill me and I was right. Why do you think I am here today and gone tomorrow, never see tradespeople?*

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- i. Who speaks these lines and to whom?
- ii. What was the big surprise given by the speaker?
- iii. What impression did the speaker wish to give the listener by claiming to have an irregular schedule?
- iv. Give the synonym of 'tradespeople'.

Q 2 Answer each of the following questions in 30-40 words.

- (a) Why did the intruder break into Gerrard's house?
- (b) How did Gerrard behave on seeing a gun-wielding stranger in his cottage?
- (c) Where did Gerrard live? Why was it a suitable place for the intruder's plan?
- (d) I think I'll put it in my next play.' What does Gerrard intend to put in his next play?

Q 3 Answer each of the following questions in 100-150 words.

- (a) The intruder threatens Gerrard, "I'll make you crawl" Was he able to carry out his threat? What happened to him?
- (b) The best way to deal with a crisis is not to lose your calm. Discuss this statement with reference to the behaviour of Gerrard in the play.