

PRACTICE SHEET

Subject: English	Topic: A House Is Not a Home		
Grade: IX	Div.: _____	Roll No: _____	Date: _____

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

- (a) *He held on to me while other fire fighters ran into the house. He knew that I wasn't acting very logically and that if he were to let go, I'd run. He was right.*
"It's all right, they'll get her, he said.
- Who held on to whom and why?
 - Who is referred to as 'her'? Why had she gone inside the house?
 - 'He was right'. Why?
 - Give the antonym of – 'logically'.
- (b) *She was never far from me. I had rescued her when she was a kitten, and somehow she knew that I was the one responsible for giving her 'the good life'.*
- Who is 'I' in these lines? Whom had he rescued?
 - What does the speaker mean by 'good life'?
 - How did 'she' know that the speaker was the one responsible for giving her 'a good life'?
 - Give the antonym of – 'rescued'
- (c) *Everyone in high school, including my teachers, was aware of my plight. I was embarrassed as if somehow I were responsible. What a way to start at a new school! This was not the kind of attention I was looking for.*
- Who is the speaker of these lines and what was his plight?
 - Why was he embarrassed?
 - Why didn't he want that kind of attention?
 - Find the synonym of – 'difficulty'.
- (d) *Regardless, I had to go. We piled into the car with just the clothes on our backs and a few of the fireman's blankets, and made our way to my grandparents' house to spend the night.*

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- i. Who does 'we' stand for?
- ii. Where did the speaker have to go and why?
- iii. Regardless, I had to go". Why does the speaker say this?
- iv. Give the meaning of 'piled'.

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

- (a) Why does the narrator say, "I was suffering loss, big time"?
- (b) Why did Zan's mother run back into the house the second time?

Or

"I knew what she was after." Why does Zan make this observation?

- (c) Why did Zan feel awkward and isolated during his first year of high school?
- (d) Why did the narrator go over to his burnt house even though they had rented an apartment nearby?

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

- (a) The cat and the author are very fond of each other. How has this been shown in the story?
- (b) Describe the author's experience at school after the fire tragedy.