

**ENGLISH LITERATURE
CLASS - VII**

**Answer key for the worksheet :
Topic - TOM WHITEWASHES A FENCE**

1. Question and answers :
 - a) Tom was punished by Aunt Polly because he came late at night, playing and fighting with his friends and with a terrible condition of his clothes. So, Aunt Polly decided to punish Tom by giving the work on Saturday which is a holiday in the western countries and the punishment to Tom was to whitewash the fence of Aunt Polly.
 - b) Whitewashing seemed painful to Tom because it was a bright and beautiful Saturday morning. Tom knew that all his friends would be free that day and would go out to play and he wanted to join them too.
 - c) Tom convinced Ben to whitewash the fence by showing him that he loved his work and it was very interesting and entertaining. Tom also made the work more desirable and hard to get so that Ben would want it even more.
 - d) While Ben was whitewashing the fence Tom was relaxing eating and planning how to fool more children.
 - e) Tom had to whitewash the fence, he escaped doing it by trading the work with other children for their things. He played with the things he got and ate the food he got. He tricked the other children to make them pay for the privilege to whitewash the fence.
 - f) The whitewashed fence is a reflection of Tom's character. The fence thus, symbolizes his avoidance of responsibility as well as his sharp wit.
 - g) By the end of the day, Tom had collected twelve marbles, a piece of blue-glass to look through, a key that wouldn't unlock anything, a piece of chalk, a tin soldier, six fire-crackers, a little cat with only one eye, a dog-collar but no dog, the handle of a knife and a number of other things of that kind.

2. Who said these words and to whom :
 - a) Ben Rogers said these words to Tom.
 - b) Tom said these words to Ben Rogers.
 - c) Aunt Polly said these words to Tom.
 - d) Ben Rogers said these words to Tom.
 - e) Aunt Polly said these words to Tom.

3. Make sentences :
 - a) All the patients surveyed said that they were very happy with the availability of appointments.
 - b) Jack has resumed full responsibilities at work and continues to play a key role in the partnership.
 - c) Miss Rosy's performance is quite magnificent and worthy of the ticket price alone.
 - d) All participants signed the informed consent before completing the questionnaires.
 - e) I walked slowly down the stairs dreading the day in store for me.

4. Exercise 1A :

- i) his happiness vanished
- ii) to give a keen and observant look that of an artist
- iii) to understand someone or something in a different way
- iv) to build up stories
- v) to be extremely rich

Exercise 1B :

- 1. gladness
- 2. tired
- 3. allowed
- 4. stopped
- 5. work
- 6. empty
- 7. laugh

Exercise 1C :

- 1. AUNT
- 2. PAID
- 3. APPLE
- 4. NOTICE
- 5. WORK
- 6. FENCE

Exercise 2 A :

- 1. (b)
- 2. (c)
- 3. (c)
- 4. (c)
- 5. (b)

Exercise 2 B :

- i) Ben said these words to Tom.
- ii) Tom said these words to Ben.
- iii) Ben said these words to Tom.
- iv) Ben said these words to Tom.
- v) Aunt Polly said these words to Tom.

Exercise 4 : Reference to the Context :

- i) In the above line Tom is the speaker.
- ii) Tom's work was to whitewash thirty yards of broad fence, nine feet high as a punishment.

- iii) Tom performed his work by fooling his friends and making them believe that getting a chance to whitewash a fence was a rare thing and also it was not an easy task to do. Hence, they got interested to try and complete the task for Tom.
- iv) Tom was forced to work on a Saturday morning as he had angered Aunt Polly by not listening to her and eating up the jam and fleeing away.
- v) Aunt Polly's first reaction was anger and disbelief. She felt that Tom was lying.