

**WINTER HOLIDAY HOMEWORK**  
**CLASS VII**  
**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**  
**SESSION: 2025-2026**

**“A little effort during holidays build a lot of confidence later.”**

Dear Children

Your English Holidays Homework will be assessed as Written Assignment on the basis of the following criteria:

- Content
- Expression, Accuracy

Parents are requested to encourage their ward to attempt the work prescribed by the English Teachers on the basis of MCB and Literature Book.

**I. MCB- Attempt the given Art Integrated Activity for any of the following chapters of MCB on an A4/A3 size sheet**

The chapter to choose from-

- a) The Case of Speckled Band
- b) Through Kharga Oasis
- c) Seventeen Oranges
- d) We are watching you

**A. Character “Instagram Profile”**

- Profile Page (Art) : Draw the character and give a unique username with bio. Mention its likes and dislikes.
- 6 posts: Make six posts of the main events and each post has small sketch with 2-3 line caption from the event in the chapter.
- On each post, you should have three comments or three replies from the character or other characters

**Please note: This is a paper-based creative activity only. No student is allowed to create or operate any real social media account/handle (Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) for this task. You will not make any online profile, post, comment, or upload anything on the internet.**

## II. Competency based questions (Attempt the following questions in your assignment notebooks)

### A. Short answer type questions:

#### Q1. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words

- a) The fly refuses the spider's invitation at first. What does the fly say she has "heard" about the spider's pantry, and why does that make her cautious?
- b) Which trick finally makes the fly return to the spider—food/comfort or flattery? Support your answer with one incident from the poem (e.g., the spider praising the fly).
- c) What clues inside the house make Hasty Hogan and Blackie Burns believe that "the family was away" (mention any two details from the living room)?
- d) Why do they hide the suitcase in the coal cellar, and what sudden change makes this plan risky the next morning?
- e) At the start, "somebody" says the task can't be done. How does the man respond in attitude. Does he argue, or does he act? Explain in 1–2 lines based on the poem's situation.
- f) What does the poem suggest is more powerful than warnings about "dangers" and "impossibility"? Write any two qualities shown by the man.
- g) Who visits Scrooge first, and what warning does this visitor's condition/message give about Scrooge's way of living?
- h) Name the three Spirits who visit Scrooge after that, and state what each one helps him understand (past mistake, present suffering, future consequence).

### B. Long answer type question:

#### Q1. Answer the following questions in about 60-70 words

1. Trace Scrooge's transformation across the visits: explain
  - (i) what he learns from the Past, Present and Yet to Come
  - (ii) how scenes like the Cratchit family/Tiny Tim and the future outcome force change
  - (iii) how Scrooge's behaviour becomes different the next day.
2. The poem shows a mindset shift: from "can't be done" to "done." Describe the poem's sequence (doubt → attempt → effort → result) and then apply it to a real academic/sports goal: write a 5-step plan showing how you would respond to discouragement the same way the man does.
3. Hasty Hogan tries to recover the suitcase by pretending to be "Sergeant Simpson" from Police Headquarters. Describe
  - (i) how he traps Mr. Rogers into cooperating,
  - (ii) how the suitcase is brought back to the living room
  - (iii) the irony/twist at the end that proves they chose the "wrong house."
4. The spider uses a step-by-step strategy to trap the fly. Explain any 4 persuasive tactics used by the spider (promise of "curious things", offering rest, praising beauty, etc.), and show how the fly's weakness (vanity/curiosity) leads to her fall. End with the poem's warning about "evil counsellors."

### III. Multiple Choice Questions

#### (A) Assertion Reasoning MCQ

**Directions: Choose the correct option:**

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- b) Both A and R are true, but R is NOT the correct explanation of A
- c) A is true, but R is false
- d) A is false, but R is true
  - i. Assertion: The fly finally goes into the spider's room.  
Reason: The spider flatters the fly about her beauty and clothes.
  - ii. Assertion: Hasty Hogan pretends to be a police officer to get the suitcase back.  
Reason: He believes fear of the police will make the homeowner cooperate quickly.
  - iii. Assertion: The poem suggests action is stronger than arguing with negativity.  
Reason: The man proves people wrong by actually attempting the task.
  - iv. Assertion: Scrooge changes into a kinder person.  
Reason: The visions show him the consequences of his choices on others and on his own future.

#### (B) Statement-based MCQs

**Directions: Choose the correct option.**

- a) Only statement 1 is correct
- b) Only statement 2 is correct
- c) Both statements are correct
- d) Both statements are incorrect
  - i. Statement 1: The spider invites the fly to see "curious things" in his house.  
Statement 2: The fly is warned not to trust the spider's sweet words.
  - ii. Statement 1: The burglars choose the wrong house because they assume the family is away.  
Statement 2: The plan becomes risky when the people of the house return/are present unexpectedly.
  - iii. Statement 1: The man succeeds because he keeps thinking about failure.  
Statement 2: The man succeeds because he tries steadily despite the warnings.
  - iv. Statement 1: Marley warns Scrooge and shows him what happens to a selfish life.  
Statement 2: The spirits only show Scrooge happy memories and nothing else.

**(C) Which quality of the fly is most clearly used by the spider to trap her?**

- i. Courage
- ii. Vanity (love of praise)
- iii. Honesty
- iv. Patience

**(D) Why do Hasty Hogan and Blackie Burns hide the suitcase first?**

- i. To keep it safe until they can carry it away quietly
- ii. To return it to the owner later
- iii. Because they want to call the police
- iv. Because it is empty and useless

**(E) Choose the correct order of ideas in the poem:**

- i. Success → Doubt → Effort → Attempt
- ii. Doubt/Warning → Attempt → Effort → Success
- iii. Attempt → Success → Doubt → Effort
- iv. Doubt/Warning → Success → Attempt → Effort

**(F) Match the Spirit with what it teaches Scrooge:**

- 1. Spirit of Christmas Past
- 2. Spirit of Christmas Present
- 3. Spirit of Christmas Yet to Come

- a. Shows consequences of the future
- b. Shows current suffering and joy around him
- c. Shows memories that shaped him

**Choose the correct option:**

- i. 1–c, 2–b, 3–a
- ii. 1–b, 2–c, 3–a
- iii. 1–a, 2–b, 3–c
- iv. 1–c, 2–a, 3–b

**IV. Note: Revise the entire syllabus taken up before the winter break and complete pending work/worksheets if any.**

We wish you all a safe, cozy and healthy winter vacations.