

MODEL ACTIVITY TASK
CLASS – VIII
ENGLISH

ACTIVITY 1

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

King Arthur could gift peace and prosperity to England. The greedy barons were unhappy with King Arthur because he was gentle and just. He married the beautiful Lady Guinevere, daughter of the king of Cornwall. On the wedding day, Merlin took him to a richly gilded pavilion, painted crimson and dark blue. The floor was marbled. In the middle of the room was a huge, round, oak table, richly carved, capable of seating fifty people. This was the famous round table around which gathered King Arthur's devoted knights. These knights promised that they would help the helpless, be gentle to the weak and punish the wicked. To keep their vows, the knights undertook countless hazardous adventures. The stories of their goodness and kindness spread throughout the country.

A. Complete the following sentences with information from the passage: **1 × 3 = 3**

- (i) The reign of King Arthur gifted England _____
- (ii) Lady Guinevere was the daughter of _____
- (iii) The richly gilded pavilion was painted _____

B. Answer the following questions: **2 × 3 = 6**

- (i) Why were the barons unhappy?
- (ii) Give a brief description of the pavilion where Merlin took King Arthur.
- (iii) What did the knights promise King Arthur?

ACTIVITY 2

Change into Indirect speech: **1 × 4 = 4**

- (i) My father said to me, "May God bless you."
- (ii) The police officer said, "Don't go there."
- (iii) Ravi said, "The earth revolves round the sun."
- (iv) The Headmaster said to me, "Where do you live?"

ACTIVITY 3

Classify the Principal clause and the Subordinate clause of the following sentences and write them in the table given below: **1 × 5 = 5**

- (i) As it is raining I will not go out.
- (ii) It is certain that a barking dog does not bite.
- (iii) This is the place where Rabindranath was born.
- (iv) What he says is not true.
- (v) If you meet Jarin, give her this book.

	Principal Clause	Dependent Clause
(i)		
(ii)		
(iii)		
(iv)		
(v)		

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ACTIVITY 4

Write a paragraph in about 80 words on the life of the famous painter and writer Abanindranath Tagore. You may use the following points:

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Birth: 7 August, 1871 at Jorasanko, Calcutta

Parents: Gunendranath Tagore and Saudamini Devi

Siblings: Gagenendranath Tagore and Sunayani Devi

Education: Government College of Art and Craft, Sanskrit College, University of Calcutta

Famous for: Drawing, painting and writing

Notable work of art: Bharat Mata, The passing of Shah Jehan

Important books: Khirer Putul, Raj Kahini, Buro Angla etc.

Death: 5 December 1951

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