

National Institute of Open Schooling
Secondary Course: English
Lesson 7: Shoeshine
Worksheet –7

1. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

I said walking away. But there was a puzzled and hurt expression on his face ...

- i) Who does 'I' in this line refer to?
- ii) Why did 'I' walk away from shoeshine?
- iii) Why was shoeshine puzzled and hurt?
- iv) Pick out a word from the extract that gives the same meaning as –confused:

2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

I explained that I had no friends in Delhi that I had left home without sitting through my exams. And most important, that even if I did apply for a clerk's job, I would be earning less than him.

- i)I had no friends in Delhi... What was the intention 'I' in saying that he had had no friends in Delhi?
- ii) What made I to leave his home without sitting through the examination?
- iii) What made I to take up a lowly job despite being an educated man.?
- iv) Pick out a from the extraction that gives the opposite meaning of 'Vital':

3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

This time Shovan Lal was really shocked. His mouth fell open and his eyes shot up in surprise. "You mean, you really mean...?" "I'm afraid I do," I replied. "You see, I could never have an electric fan over my head." He closed his eyes and his face became thoughtful while he put his hand inside the pockets of his half-pants several times.

- i) Why was Shovan Lal shocked?
- ii) What does '**Electric Fan**' symbolise here?
- iii) '**He closed his eyes and his face became thoughtful.....**'-Pick out one of the clauses in this sentence and name it.
- iv) **His mouth fell open-** explain the meaning of this expression.

4. Why did the authorities refuse to grant licence to Shoeshines Association?

5. Mention any other profession that you have come across in your locality other than beggars who have not been given licence and find out the reasons talking to one of them?

6. Graduates and Post graduates these days take up jobs like scavenging, sweeping, cleaning etc despite having higher education certificates: List out any four reasons for such deplorable situation.

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7. Write a small speech in about 50 words on the topic - ‘Unemployment crisis in India’.
8. “Yes I know,” I said, smiling, “but I can’t afford it.”
- i) Pick out Main clause and Subordinate clause from the above sentence:

Main Clause	Subordinate Clause

- ii) Frame a complex sentence of your own looking at the above examples.

9. After your graduation if you don’t get a job wherein you ‘**sit under a fan and work**’, what other options would you like to choose from, and how would you overcome from the humiliation that you may have to suffer? Write your answer in about 100 words.
10. Write a story or a paragraph using these two pictures in about 100 words.

