



Second Term
Worksheet Number-3

Comprehension- Greek Epics

Sub: English Language

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1. Read the comprehension passage from the book. Then answer the questions:-

An epic is a very long poem that tells a story. The Ramayana and Mahabharata are the oldest and most famous Indian epics.

The Iliad and the Odyssey are two famous Greek epics. They were composed by a blind storyteller named Homer. The Iliad tells us how a beautiful Greek queen, called Helen, was kidnapped from her husband. The man who kidnapped her was a prince from a city in Asia Minor called Troy. The Greeks fought with the rulers of Troy to rescue their queen. The Trojan War as it was called, lasted for ten years.

In the past, it was thought that Homer had invented the story of the Trojan War. Now, the remains of the ancient city of Troy have been found and we are certain that the war really did take place. But we do not know if all the exciting things we are told about in the Iliad really happened.

The second story, the odyssey, is about a Greek prince called Odysseus(whom we also know as Ulysses) and the adventures he had on his way home after the Trojan War. Though the distance was not great, it took Odysseus ten years to reach home, so many were his adventures. This is why people often call a long and adventurous journey an ' odyssey'.

- a. What is an epic?
- b. What are Iliad and the Odyssey?
- c. Name the two most famous epics of India.
- d. How do we know that the Trojan War truly happened.
- e. What is Odyssey also known as?

Fill in the blanks using single words from the passage instead of the phrases given in brackets.

- f. The Greeks wished to _____ their queen. (to save from danger)
- g. The Greeks _____ with the rulers of Troy. (went to war)
- h. Write any two adjectives from the passage.
- i. Make sentences with the following words.

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- j. Punctuate the following sentences.

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the prince of troy kidnapped Helen

- k. Unscramble the following words.

Dilia- _____
Ssyluse- _____
Nortaj- _____

- l. Complete the following sentences.

The Trojan War, _____.
The man who kidnapped her was a _____.

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