

**Niscort Fr.Agnel School**  
**Self –Learning worksheet**  
**English-VIII**  
**Chapter- The Verger**

Q1. Answer these questions with reference to the context

He wore it with compliance, for it was the dignified symbol of his office.

1. Who has been referred to as he?
2. What office has been referred to
3. For how long had he been in this office?

Q2 Answer these questions with reference to the context

He locked the church door behind him.

1. Who has been referred to as he?
2. Where did he go after locking the door?
3. How was the person feeling? Give reason why.
4. What happened next that changed his mood entirely?

Q3. Answer the following questions:

Qa. What two reasons are given for Forman's dismissal? In your opinion are they justified?

Qb. What moral could you write at the end of the story?

Qc. There's too much education in the world." Explain what this comment means in the context of the short story. Which skills are not developed by a formal education?

Qd. The short story takes place in several different places. Choose the right ones in the correct order:

- a) A bank
- b) A shop
- c) The streets of London
- d) A village square
- e) Under fruit trees
- f) A church.

Qe. Eight characters are mentioned in the story. Name those, specifying which ones actually take part and in which of the above places they appear.

Qf. Which of the characters have the following points of view? Be careful, one is not held by any of them

- a) Reading and writing are not useful occupations for the young
- b) Being illiterate can be dangerous.
- c) Working in a church is far superior to working in a shop.
- d) Learning is almost impossible for the old.
- e) Illiteracy and business success are totally incompatible.
- f) Church is the ideal place to learn how to read.
- g) You can get by in modern life without reading skills

Q g. What two reasons are given for Foreman's dismissal? In your opinion, are they justified?

Qh. Only two of the following expressions could be used to describe Foreman in the short story. Which ones? Justify by quoting the text.

- Gentlemanly
- Incompetent
- Rude
- A heavy smoker
- Noble-looking
- Keen to learn.

Q i. Which one of the following plays a key role in the development of the plot? Explain how.

- a letter
- a newspaper
- a dog
- a cigarette
- a sweet
- a pen
- a prehistoric monster.

Qj. Which skills are not developed by a formal educational system? Do you think that an education can sometimes be a handicap?

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**Chapter- Under the Greenwood Tree**

Q1 Read the given extract and answer the following question:

Under the greenwood tree

Who loves to lie with me,

And tune his merry note

Unto the sweet bird's throat

Come hither, come thither, and come hither!

- a) Who is the poet calling in the poem "Under the Greenwood tree"
- b) These lines have been taken from the play.....
- c) Why do the singer this song?
- d) Do you agree with the idea of the singer?

**Q2. Answer the following questions:**

- a) Explain "The city life is different from the life in the forest?"
- b) Mention the advantages of the country life?
- c) "Here shall he see no enemy, But winter and rough weather." Why does the poet say so?
- d) What are the things which are necessary to live a happy and contented life?
- e) What is the central idea of the poem?
- f) Imagine you have been transported to a world where there is no electrical gadgets and complicated devices. Write an essay on what such a simple world would be like. Give a proper title to your essay.
- g) If you were given a chance to spend a day as you wished, how would you spend it?