

National Institute of Open Schooling
Senior Secondary Course: English
Lesson 10: Where is the Mind is without Fear
Worksheet – 10

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

Where the mind is without fear
and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the world has not been broken
up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the
depths of truth;
Where tireless striving
stretches its arms towards perfection;

- a. Who is the speaker? _____
- b. To whom is he speaking? _____
- c. What is he speaking? _____
- d. What does 'where' refer to? _____

2. Write 5 points which reflects the vision of Rabindranath Tagore about India.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

3. Write two great things you know about Rabindranath Tagore.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

4. What does the poet mean by 'narrow domestic walls'?

5. What kind of freedom does the poet wish to have for his country?

6. What are 'dead habits' and why are they compared to desert sand?

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7. Complete the table given below. One is done for your understanding:

| Image | Present | Expected |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| Mind | In fear | Without fear |
| head | | |
| knowledge | | |
| world | | |
| words | | |
| Tireless striving | | |

8. Find out the three metaphors in the poem.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

9. Write five lines about ‘the India of Your Dream’.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

10. Read the following columns and match the expressions with their meaning

| Expression | Meaning |
|---|---|
| mind is without fear | <i>Obsolete customs and traditions which are unscientific and not beneficial</i> |
| head is held high | <i>Education for all</i> |
| knowledge is free | <i>Logical thinking</i> |
| world has not been broken up into fragments | <i>A person who is fearless</i> |
| narrow domestic walls | <i>The country is not broken into parts</i> |
| words come out from the depths of truth | <i>Freedom from slavery and discrimination</i> |
| tireless striving arms towards perfection | <i>A person full of self-respect and proud of his state</i> |
| clear stream of reason | <i>Division of society and country by religion, caste creed, language, region, etc.</i> |
| dreary desert sand of dead habit | <i>Sincerity of feelings</i> |
| heaven of freedom | <i>Incessant action to attain flawless success</i> |