

## **CLASS VII SUB: ENGLISH II LESSON 12 THE LEGEND OF ARACHNE**

### **COPY WORK**

A. Answer the following questions.

Ans 1. Arachne was known all over Greece for spinning excellent fabric and for her gorgeous embroidery.

Ans 2. People thought Goddess Athena taught Arachne to spin.

Ans 3. When the people said that she had been taught by Athena, Arachne said that no one had taught her spinning. She had learnt it herself by working very hard and practicing day and night.

Ans 4. An old woman advised Arachne that she should ask for pardon from Athena and enjoy being the best spinner on earth.

Ans 5. Arachne challenged Athena in a contest of spinning cloth.

B. Answer the following questions with reference to context.

(a) These words were said by one of the visitors who came to see Arachne's spinning. She was asked about the person from whom she had learnt such fine spinning and weaving of cloth.

(b) As she sat spinning, Arachne commented that she had learnt spinning from no one. It was only her hard work and constant practice throughout the day which enabled her to learn such fine spinning.

(c) The people thought that Athena, Goddess of wisdom, had taught Arachne to spin.

Ans 2 .(a) These words were said by Arachne.

(b) The old woman had warned Arachne about her pride and her unwise behaviour of claiming superiority over the gods. She asked her to seek pardon from Athena and enjoy her fame as the best spinner.

(c) The old woman was Goddess Athena in disguise.

Ans 3. (a) These words were said by Athena to Arachne.

(b) The God Zeus, who sat in the clouds, was going to judge their work.

(c) Athena cursed Arachne. She touched Arachne and turned her into a spider.

### **BOOK WORK**

Grammar

Given below are some sentences. Identify whether they are in active or passive voice. Then change the active voice into passive and vice versa.

1. Howard was eating the burger like a glutton. (active)

The burger was being eaten like a glutton by Howard. (passive)

2. He was praised by his father. (passive)

His father praised him. (active)

3. Sohrab threw the ball. (active)

The ball was thrown by Sohrab. (passive)

4. Harish gave the speech eloquently. (active)

The speech was given by Harish eloquently. (passive)

5. Manners reveal character. (active)

Character is revealed by manners. (passive)

6. The horse was frightened by the noise. (passive)

The noise frightened the horse. (active)

Study skills

A. Choose the correct punctuation mark to be used in the following sentences.

1. He had a rather important meeting to attend; the meeting was in Connecticut
2. I wanted to buy a list of things to make the mango shake - milk, sugar, honey and mangoes.
3. As far as I know, she is doing a part-time job.
4. To our annoyance, she kept on repeating the numbers, '1, 2, 3, 4...'
5. Smita's answer was quick and firm- No.

B. Punctuate the sentences given below. Capitalize where necessary.

1. We took a day trip to the Qutab Minar.
2. The school play was an immense success; the students were highly praised.
3. Please note to bring the following- pens, erasers, pencils, ruler.
4. We shouldn't have lied about Lucy's notebook.
5. The commander-in-chief saved the lives of many soldiers.
6. "Let's go for a picnic", said Ivan.