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WORKSHEET

GRADE: 8 FIRST TERM EXAMINATION

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

READING

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

There are five people at our table, including myself. I've already learnt a great deal about them in the short time we have been at sea, although we rarely meet except at meal times. First of all, there is Dr Stone, my favourite, I just confess. He is a man of about sixty-five, with grey hair and a humorous face. He gave up his practice a short while ago and is now travelling around the world before he retires to some quiet country village. During the day, he sits on the deck reading or else gazes out to sea through an old-fashioned telescope.

Then there is "grandmother". I call her that because I cannot recall her name. In spite of being a grandmother, she looks remarkably young, not more than forty-five. She is on her way to visit a daughter who immigrated to Australia some years ago. Naturally, she is very excited at the thought of seeing her again and her three grandchildren whom she has never seen.

Then there is a man I do not care for very much, an engineer by the name of Barb. He has been on leave in England and is now returning to his work in Singapore. He seems to be full of energy; he swims or plays tennis, the best part of the day. I have never in my life met a man with such a loud laugh. The other person who sits at our table is Mrs. Hunt. I have found out hardly anything about her. She is extremely quiet and rarely talks, except to consult the doctor about her children's various ailments. She is on her way to join her husband in India.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose the correct option from the ones given. Write the correct option in your answer sheet:

(a) Dr Stone is travelling round the world because _____

- (i) He likes meeting people (ii) he is having a holiday before he retires
(iii) He wants to visit the places he knew in the past (iv) he enjoys travelling abroad

(b) The writer calls the second person at the table "grandmother" because _____

- (i) She looks old (ii) she has three grandchildren
(iii) He has not been told her name (iv) he has forgotten her name

(c) The narrator is fond of _____

- (i) The 'grandmother' (ii) Dr Stone (iii) Mrs. Hunt (iv) Barb

(d) Barb is a person who is very _____

(i) Lively (ii) lazy (iii) arrogant (iv) cynical

(e) Mrs. Hunt is _____

(i) Laughable (ii) foolish (iii) extrovert (iv) reserved

(f) Dr Stone is seen _____

(i) Reading (ii) travelling (iii) reading or gazing out to sea (iv) sleeping

(g) The word 'remarkably' in the above context means _____

(i) Attractively (ii) quite (iii) noticeably (iv) extraordinarily

LITERATURE (MCQS)

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

A man was begging alms. He said that he had not eaten anything for the last three days. He did not even have five copecks to pay for a room to spend the night at. He swore by God that he spoke the truth. He had been a school teacher in a village for eight years but lost that job due to the conspiracy of his colleagues. For the last one year he was without work.

(i) Who is the writer of this story?

(A) Anton Chekov

(B) William Wordsworth

(C) Bills Cosby

(D) Kamaladas

(ii) How was the beggar earning money?

(A) By narrating false stories

(B) By rousing among the onlookers

(C) By telling stories

(D) Through all the above means

(iii) What is the central theme of the lesson?

(a) Be kind

(B) Be Compassionate

(C) Kindness can transform the hard hearted man

(D) All of the above

3. He on a pile of broken dishes by the house;

A tall man too, says the length of the bed

In an upstairs room; and a good, God-fearing man,

Says the Bible with a broken back
On the floor below the window, dusty with sun;
But not a man for farming, say the fields
Cluttered with boulders and the leaky barn.

(i)----- shows that man was a good fearing.

- (A) The Bible
- (B) Dusty window
- (C) Leaky Barn
- (D) Broken dishes

(ii) The poet who authored the poem “The Abandoned Farmhouse.”

- (A) Ted Kooser
- (B) Robert Frost
- (C) William Shakespeare
- (D) Emily Dickinson

(iii) In the poem “Abandoned Farmhouse”, the poet uses personification to --

- (A) Express the feelings of the objects.
- (B) Explain how the man feels about his wife.
- (C) Tell the story of the man and his family.
- (D) Show that there is still life inside of the house.

GRAMMAR

4. Transform the sentences into Reported Speech choosing the right answers from the given options.

(i) Nancy said, “I may leave tomorrow.”

- (A) Nancy said that she might leave the next day.
- (B) Nancy said that she might leave tomorrow.
- (C) Nancy asked if she should leave the next day.
- (D) Nancy informed me to leave tomorrow.

(ii) The teacher said, “You are suspended!”

- (A) The teacher exclaimed that I am suspended.
- (B) The teacher exclaimed to me to suspend.
- (C) The teacher informed me that I was suspended.
- (D) The teacher exclaimed that I was suspended.

(iii) Vidushi said, “We went for a summer trip.”

- (A) Vidushi said that they went for a summer trip.
- (B) Vidushi said that they were on a summer trip.
- (C) Vidushi said that they had gone for a summer trip.
- (D) Vidushi said they went for a summer trip.

(iv) “Don’t make noise in the library.” the librarian said.

- (A) The librarian said not to make noise in the library.
- (B) The librarian ordered me not to make noise in the library.
- (C) The librarian said to be quiet while in the library.
- (D) The librarian asks me to not make any noise.

(v) **Philip said, “I was playing football.”**

- (A) Philip said that he was playing football.
- (B) Philip said that he would be playing football.
- (C) Philip said that he had been playing football.
- (D) Philip said that he plays football.

5. Pick out the Prepositional Phrases from the following sentences.

(i) **Identify the prepositional phrase: Please return the book to the cabinet.**

- (A) Lease
- (B) Return the book
- (C) To the cabinet
- (D) Please return

(ii) **Identify the prepositional phrase: How many pieces of cake would you like?**

- (A) Piece of cake
- (B) How many
- (C) Would like
- (D) Pieces of cake

(iii) **By noon, all the runners were finished.**

- (A) By noon
- (B) All the runners
- (C) The runners
- (D) Were finished

LITERATURE (SUBJECTIVE)

5. Answer the following questions in 20-30 words.

- (A) What made the family to quit the house all in a hurry with an unkempt surroundings?
- (B) What does the poet try to convey in the poem ‘The Abandoned Farmhouse. ‘?’
- (C) How do we infer the family was not financially not well off?
- (D) What is the main conflict in the story ‘The Beggar ‘?’
- (E) How Olga, the cook has become instrumental in the transformation of The Beggar?
- (F) What is the central idea of the story ‘The Beggar ‘?’
- (G) How do we know Bruno’s family is rich?
- (H) Describe Bruno’s house in Berlin.
- (I) what does Bruno think of this father’s job?
- (J) Why does Bruno not want to leave?

6. Answer the following questions in about 60-80 words.

- (A) There are some words used in the poem ‘The Abandoned Farmhouse ‘to create an image in mind of the readers? What image do these words create in the mind of the readers?
- (B) Give a brief sketch of the Setting of the novel **The Boy in Striped Pajamas?**
- (C) Give a pen portrait of Bruno?
- (D) Write a note on the Historical Backdrop of the novel **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas.**
- (E) Give a compare and contrast of the two characters Sergei and Beggar?

