**HO2: Reading & Comprehension Activity**

**Exercise: Total Duration: 20 minutes**

Read the passages below & choose the most appropriate option on your own. Refer the Solution Key to check your answers.

**Passage 1: Duration: 10 minutes**

**Nasreddin and the Pot:**

One day Nasreddin borrowed a pot from his neighbour Ali. The next day he brought it back with another little pot inside. "That's not mine," said Ali. "Yes, it is," said Nasreddin. "While your pot was staying with me, it had a baby." Sometime later Nasreddin asked Ali to lend him a pot again. Ali agreed, hoping that he would once again receive two pots in return. However, days passed and Nasreddin had still not returned the pot. Finally Ali lost patience and went to demand his property. "I am sorry," said Nasreddin. "I can't give you back your pot, since it has died." "Died!" screamed Ali, "how can a pot die?" "Well," said Nasreddin, "you believed me when I told you that your pot had had a baby."

1. Who was the owner of the pot?
2. Nasreddin
3. Ali
4. The baby
5. How many times did Nasreddin borrow the pot?
6. Once
7. Twice
8. Three times
9. How many pots did he give back the first time?
10. None
11. One
12. Two
13. Why was the neighbour happy to lend his pot a second time?
14. He was greedy.
15. He was a good neighbour.
16. He had lots of spare pots.
17. How many pots did Nasreddin return the second time?
18. None
19. One
20. Two
21. What probably happened to the pot?
22. It died.
23. The neighbour took it back
24. Nasreddin kept it

**Passage 2: Duration: 10 minutes**

**Two sisters and the cat**

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Smith are sisters. Mrs. Wilson lives in a house in Delhi and Mrs. Smith lives in Chandigarh. One day Mrs. Wilson visited her sister. When her sister answered the door, Mrs. Wilson saw tears in her eyes. "What's the matter?" she asked. Mrs. Smith said "My cat Sammy died last night and I have no place to [bury](javascript:alert('Bury%20means%20put%20in%20the%20ground.')) him".  
  
She began to cry again. Mrs. Wilson was very sad because she knew her sister loved the cat very much. Suddenly Mrs. Wilson said "I can bury your cat in my garden in Delhi and you can come and visit him sometimes." Mrs. Smith stopped crying and the two sisters had tea together and a nice visit.

It was now five o'clock and Mrs. Wilson said it was time for her to go home. She put on her hat, coat and gloves and Mrs. Smith put the dead Sammy into a shopping bag. Mrs. Wilson took the shopping bag and walked to the bus stop. She waited a long time for the bus so she bought a newspaper. When the bus arrived, she got on the bus, sat down and put the shopping bag on the floor beside her feet. She then began to read the newspaper. When the bus arrived at her bus stop, she got off the bus and walked for about two minutes. Suddenly she remembered she had left the shopping bag on the bus.

1. Where does Mrs. Smith live?
2. In Delhi
3. In Chandigarh
4. Why is Mrs. Smith upset?
5. Because her sister came to see her cat
6. Because her cat died
7. Because Mrs. Wilson was sad
8. Who did Sammy the cat live with?
9. Mrs. Wilson
10. Mrs. Smith
11. Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Smith
12. When did Mrs. Wilson go home?
13. When the bus arrived.
14. At 5 p.m
15. After she walked for 2 minutes
16. How did Mrs. Wilson go home?
17. Walked for two minutes before she caught the bus.
18. Read a newspaper on the bus.
19. Took a bus.
20. What did Mrs. Wilson forget?
21. The newspaper
22. Her handbag
23. The shopping bag
24. Where did Sammy die?
25. In Mrs. Smith’s house in Delhi
26. In Mrs. Wilson’s garden
27. In Chandigarh

**Solutions Key:**

**Nasreddin and the Pot:**

1. Who was the owner of the pot? Ali
2. How many times did Nasreddin borrow the pot? Twice
3. How many pots did he give back the first time? Two
4. Why was the neighbour happy to lend his pot a second time? He was greedy.
5. How many pots did Nasreddin return the second time? None
6. What probably happened to the pot? Nasreddin kept it.

**Two sisters and the cat:**

1. Where does Mrs. Smith live? In Chandigarh
2. Why is Mrs. Smith upset? Because her cat died
3. Who did Sammy the cat live with? Mrs. Smith
4. When did Mrs. Wilson go home? At 5 p.m
5. How did Mrs. Wilson go home? Took a bus.
6. What did Mrs. Wilson forget? The shopping bag
7. Where did Sammy die? In Chandigarh