



## **HERITAGE GLOBAL ACADEMY**

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### ***JS1 2ND CLASS ASSESSMENT (ENGLISH LANGUAGE)***

#### ***SECTION A: Comprehension (25 Marks)***

***INSTRUCTIONS: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions beneath it.***

Once upon a time, there was a community of birds. When we say: ‘a community of birds’, we mean a land densely populated by birds such as eagles, hawks, ravens, canaries, doves, pigeons, pelicans, drakes, ducks, ducklings, kingfishers, vultures, owls, wrens, robins, rooks, sandpipers, seagulls, skylarks, snipes, sparrows, starlings, storks, swans, terns, thrushes, turkeys, wagtails, woodpeckers, nightingales, parrots, partridges, penguins, geese, cuckoos, flamingoes, curlews, dippers, falcons, albatrosses, corncrakes, puffins, cranes, gannets, guillemots, plovers, peewits and a host of others.

They all lived in perfect unison – no quarrels, no prejudice, no malice, no enmity. They were all true friends and relatives. One day, the bird community elders sent six birds, including vultures and parrots to go all over the city and announce to other birds that there was an engagement for all birds to attend.

In the course of this special announcement, they chanced on tortoise at a three-way junction. He heard of this announcement, and he moved close to them, begging for permission to extend the invitation to him. *“How dare you think of coming to co-habit with us birds? Are you a bird?* They said all what they could, to tell him off, but he insisted on begging and begging. And, you know what? When it was the D-day, all birds assembled in the house of their leader, Oyster-catcher. It was surprising that suddenly did they catch the glimpse of Tortoise among them. *‘Who is this vagrant here?’*, Oyster-catcher asked. *‘A vagabond, shameless Tortoise!’*

They shoved and shoed him off, but he begged for their playing it cool with him. All birds flared up but when his plea was ceaseless, Raven begged all other birds on his behalf. *'But how would he fly with us to heaven?'*, Cormorant asked. *'After all, he doesn't have wings, not even feathers to avail him of flight up above the world so high!'* Tortoise who had already been using a made-up face in a moderated welter of blinks to gain sympathy now said, *'I plead that you all contribute feathers to make my own wings'*. And they acceded to the suggestion.

Now, off they flew to heaven. On reaching there, they perceived various titillating aroma, coming from a plethora of richly cooked food and drinks. This made Tortoise suggest a plan. He said they had to comport themselves well, so that their hosts would not look down upon them as riff-raff, who were unruly and badly disordered. They hailed Tortoise for his advice on decorum. They were happy with him that he was a good organizer. When he discovered that they had not tackled him, he now suggested that they must have new names, as their earthly names were not valid in heaven. He said he would assign names to everybody and to himself too.

He gave himself 'All-of-You', and he gave various names such as Huu, Hoo, Haa, Hii, Hee, Gaa, Gee, Guu, Gii, Taa, Tee, Tii, Toho, Tuho, Tehe and so on, and so forth to other birds. He warned that they should forget their new names. No long after he did this, their hosts brought in ten trays of roasted chicken and fish and goat meat and five coolers of fried rice, four basins of bean-cakes and countless number of cartons containing wines, juice and soft drinks. Tortoise asked the host, *'For whom are all these?'* And, they said, *'Everything is for All-of-You!'* Tortoise asked if the birds remembered his own name, and they said *'Haa-a, that's your own name!'* He told all the birds to be patient, their hosts would serve them theirs in a short while.

However, they spent two days at the wedding ceremony in heaven. While Tortoise was dining and wining non-stop, the birds were hungry so much that they nearly fainted one by one. The host did not bring another round of meals. This angered them too badly and they later realized that the names which Tortoise gave them and himself were a deceit. This made them retrieve all the feathers which they contributed in the first place to make wings for him. And back to land they all flew instantly, leaving Tortoise behind. When the heavenly hosts saw that Tortoise was becoming a liability on them while the birds had all gone, they dragged him and pushed him down from up above the sky so high.

He fell, and scattered with all his body shattered to pieces and fragments. He fainted off but for the pity his wife had on him, he would have died with his teeth flashing the sky. She carried him home and helped to mend his back and front, plastering them with mud and cement. This informs the reason why Tortoise's chest and back are incongruous till date.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Give a reason in ONE sentence why Oyster-catcher addressed Tortoise as a vagrant.
2. What made Tortoise to believe that the birds would permit him in the end?
3. What do you think made the birds agree to the scheme of re-naming which Tortoise suggested?
4. According to this narrative, sum up the personality and attitude of Tortoise in one single name.
5. Write each of the following in your own expression:
  - a. *They all lived in perfect unison.*
  - b. *...they chanced on Tortoise.*
  - c. *They said all what they could to tell him off...*
  - d. *When it was the D-day....*
  - e. *Suddenly did they catch the glimpse of Tortoise.*

**SECTION B: Objective Questions (15 Marks)**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose from the alternatives lettered A – D the word or group of words that **BEST COMPLETES** each of the following sentences.

1. Modern technology \_\_\_\_\_ the gadgets and machinery produced by the scientists and engineers.
  - a. including
  - b. include
  - c. includes
  - d. was included
2. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that all the world now hinges on modern technology.
  - a. glaring
  - b. glare
  - c. glared
  - d. glares
3. We shall discuss why modern technology is more of blessings \_\_\_\_\_ curses.
  - a. before
  - b. when
  - c. that
  - d. than
4. Souls which the Omnipotent created could be destroyed \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. without seconds
  - b. within seconds
  - c. within a seconds
  - d. with a seconds
5. We see that the invention of motor vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ been a great blessing to mankind.
  - a. have
  - b. has
  - c. had
  - d. having
6. The use of modern technology right or \_\_\_\_\_ will determine whether or not it is a blessing.
  - a. wrong
  - b. wrongly
  - c. wrongs
  - d. wronged

7. After school hours, the trio refused to go home straight away, they were intent \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. of going a-fishing
  - b. to go a-fishing
  - c. of go a-fishing
  - d. to go fish
8. When they got to the river, the unexpected \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. evolved
  - b. dissolved
  - c. absorbed
  - d. involved
9. As soon as they caught the \_\_\_\_\_ of the leviathan, they feared too badly.
- a. shrieks
  - b. glimpse
  - c. pimples
  - d. shrimps
10. They suddenly began to \_\_\_\_\_ with their legs.
- a. digress
  - b. diaphragm
  - c. dialogue
  - d. diaper
11. The remaining boys got home with \_\_\_\_\_ all over their body.
- a. cruises
  - b. bruises
  - c. glimpses
  - d. bristles
12. It was obvious that blood and sweats were all \_\_\_\_\_ from their faces and necks.
- a. dribbling
  - b. tripping
  - c. flipping
  - d. dripping
13. The story teaches us not to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. wayward nor rascal
  - b. wayward nor rascals
  - c. wayward nor rascally
  - d. waywards nor rascally

14. The affluence of my father made me look more \_\_\_\_\_ than most of my contemporaries.
- penitential
  - superficial
  - influential
  - artificial
15. Some family could be much affluent while others are basically \_\_\_\_\_.
- indigent
  - ingredient
  - diligent
  - ebullient

**SECTION C: (Test of Orals)**  
(10 Marks)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose from the alternatives lettered A – D the word that has the phonetic symbol provided below.

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
1.	/ɑ:/ butterflies	singer	flagship	barter
2.	/əʊ/ feud	lieutenant	brew	boasting
3.	/eɪ/ height	weight	weird	sleight
4.	/aʊ/ fault	about	above	caught
5.	/eə/ weak	break	wear	stream
6.	/aɪ/ straight	failure	while	faithful
7.	/ɜ:/ burning	grumbled	crops	sunlight
8.	/ʌ/ bundles	vindicate	guilty	vestry
9.	/ɔ:/ corpse	boyhood	boiled	crunch
10.	/e / breed	grief	many	brothers