

SHIVGADHI ENGLISH SCHOOL

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Class: 8

F.M. 50

Subject: English

1. Read the poem and answer the following question.

[5]

Free birds you are students
Flap your wings to fly,
Do continue your expedition
To touch the sky.

Come on dear students
You can reach the destination,
Hindrances may come on the way
Overcome them with determination.

Give a try achieve you goal
Nothing is easy and nothing is impossible,
Try to recognize the courage within
You have the strength incredible.

Time and tide waits for more
Follow it with great care and caution,
You can make your nation a piece of heaven
Being a true patriot keep loving your nation.

A. Find the words from the poem that match with the following meanings.

- things that make it more difficult for somebody to do something
- the ability to do something dangerous
- a person who loves and strongly supports or fights for his or her country
- (of a bird) move (its wings) up and down when flying or preparing to fly
- an excursion or a journey made for some specific purpose.

2. Read the passage and answer the following question.

Respected Head Sir,

We are very grateful that you have been successful in establishing a computer lab at our school. We are overjoyed seeing a computer lab at our school. The lab provides us with the most up-to-date learning devices. It helps us gain technological knowledge too.

This admirable effort, however, is not quite sufficient in accomplishing its goal. In fact, the lab is lacking some necessary equipment. To begin with, there are insufficient numbers of computers. Second only a few computers have required software installed. This limits our learning. Third, our lab does not have an internet connection. So, we cannot access the vast world of knowledge and information.

We would be thankful if you provided us with all the necessities for a modern computer lab at our school. We would welcome your reply to our request. Thank you.

Yours faithfully, - Students of Grade 8.

A. Answer the following questions:

- Who wrote the letter?
- Who is the letter addressed to?
- Why are the students of Grade 8 grateful to the head teacher?
- Why are the students very happy about the computer lab?
- List the three issues the students talk about.

3. Read the given story and write whether the given statements are true or false. [5]

A 92-year old lady was totally blind with age. Fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock with perfect make-up, she moved to an old age home. Her husband recently passed away. Although they had been happily married, they did not even have a single child who could support them in their old age. They consulted many specialists from home and abroad to get rid of their problem, but all in vain.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby, she smiled sweetly when she was ready. She was provided with a visual description of her tiny room. One of the attendants did it for her.

"I love it", she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"But....but Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room," said the attendant. "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide; I have already decided to love it. It is a decision I make every morning I wake up. I can spend the day in bed, recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that do not work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as I am alive I will focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life." The attendant was touched by the elderly woman's sense of cheer and boundless enthusiasm.

A. State 'True' or 'False' to the following statements.

- a. Mrs. Jones was active although she was very old.
- b. Mrs. Jones' couple had to live in an elderly home.
- c. After listening to the description of her room, Mrs. Jones was filled with childish joy.
- d. According to Mrs. Jones, happiness is a personal matter.
- e. Mrs. Jones' life was completely boring for her.

4. Read the passage and answer the following questions.

[10]

Sports are popular for a number of reasons. Keeping healthy, for example, is often cited as a reason for participating in sports. Others will tell you that they do sports for recreational purposes. Sports are even more popular with people who do not necessarily participate in them, but love being spectators. Since time immemorial, people have been awed and inspired by extraordinary human beings who are able to perform tremendous athletic feats. Here is a brief discussion of the most popular sports in the world.

Football, better known as soccer in the US and Canada, is the most popular sport in the world, with an estimated four billion fans. The origins of football as we know it are in England in the 19th century, though history points to people playing similar games as far back as two thousand years, beginning in China. One reason for football's popularity is that unlike other sports that require expensive equipment, all you need to play football is a ball and your foot. Hence, anyone, rich or poor, can enjoy the sport. It is played all over the world, but is particularly popular in Europe, Central and South America, and Africa.

Cricket boasts a fan base of 2.5 billion. The game is most popular in the UK and some other countries, notably India, Pakistan and Australia. Like baseball, it involves two teams, a bat, a large field, and scoring runs. There are significant differences, however, including a long rectangular pitch at the center of a cricket field, where the ball is thrown to a batsman, as opposed to a mound at the center of a baseball diamond facing a batter at home plate.

A. Find single word from the passage for the following meaning. **[5]**

- a) place where cricket is played.
- b) the player of the batting side, the striker.
- c) fame
- d) that costs much money.
- e) middle

B. Answer in short. **[5]**

- a) Mention the advantages of sports.
- b) How do people enjoy sports without playing?
- c) What is the other name of soccer?
- d) Why is football so popular?
- e) Which game do you play most? Why?

5. Punctuate the following paragraph. **[5]**

He said that he would soon return to his work and went to the river with the stranger the stranger took him to the river bank there he pointed at a big stone and said lift the stone and dig the ground beneath it

6. Make a readable story with the help of given clues.

[5]

A boy.....lazy.....goes door to door.....and asks food to eat.....people scold.....asks to work and earn livelihood.....starts working in someone's house.....get food and becomes happy.....moral.

7. Write an essay on "Advantages and Disadvantages of Internet".

[10]

8. Rewrite the following sentences as indicated in the box.

[2.5]

- a. Iveg-Mo.Mo. last year. (Use correct form of the verb 'eat')
- b. He went to the temple ,.....? (Insert question tag)
- c. My daddy said to me," You passed in the first division." (Change into Indirect speech)
- d. Columbus discovered America. (Change into Passive Voice)
- e. He never becomes first. (Change into Affirmative)

9. Tick the best alternative and rewrite in your answer sheet. **[2.5]**

- a. Don't laugh at.....poor. (a, an, the)
- b. Don't laughthe beggars. (from, of, at, to)
- c. I got punishment.....you. (because, because of, so that)
- d. Slow and steady.....the race. (win, wins, will win)
- e. She made me.....(clean, will clean, would clean)

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