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**Class:VIII std. Subject: English**

**Term-I Lesson-1 A Lantern as Big as a House**

1. **Meanings:**
2. gorgeous – very beautiful and attractive
3. briskly – quickly and busily
4. adorn – decorate
5. radiant- showing great happiness
6. gleefully - happily
7. mellow – soft and pleasant
8. joyous – very happy
9. fervor – very strong feelings about something
10. huge – extremely large, enormous
11. admire – look on with delight
12. **Opposites:**
13. visible X invisible
14. outside X inside
15. slowly X quickly
16. brightness X dullness
17. appeared X disappeared
18. daybreak X sundown
19. noisy X silent
20. entrance X exit
21. advantage X disadvantage

10. forget X remember

**III. Answer the following**:

1. **When is the festival of Vesak celebrated?**

The festival of Vesak is celebrated in May in India and Southeast Asia .

1. **How did Patiya get the idea for his lantern?**

Patiya got his idea for his lantern from the ones he had seen in the city the previous year. When his grandmother and he had gone to see the festival illuminations there. Some of the lanterns had seemed as big as houses and Patiya had been unable to forget them.

1. **What was the first difficulty that Patiya faced?**

The first difficulty that Patiya faced was the thought that he would not be able to afford enough paper to cover the huge lantern.

1. **How did Patiya’s grandmother solve the problem?**

Patiya’s grandmother solved the problem by telling him that they would dig up this crop of sweet potatoes, sell them at the market and then use that money to buy paper for the lantern.

1. **When did Patiya and Granny start working?**

Patiya and Granny started working on the lantern one day before Vesak.

1. **Answer in a Paragraph:**
2. **How did the people in the village celebrate Vesak?**

The people of the village celebrated Vesak by going to the temple early in the morning and participating in a ceremony where they prayed wholeheartedly. People put up Vesak decorations everywhere. In the evening, they hung up the bright paper lanterns they made with a lot of care over the last month. The lantern moved in all directions and soon fell into a regular pattern and shone brightly.