** SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, BENGALURU**

**HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION (2023-24)**

**SUBJECT – English**

**Class: IV Marks: 80**

**Date: 09/10/2023 Reading Time: 15 mins Number of printed sides: 6 Writing Time: 2 hrs 15 mins**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

* Write your Roll number & section.
* Read all the questions carefully
* Answer all the questions & write neatly.

**Read the passage given below and answer the questions: (1x10=10)**

**The Stone**

**1)** A king asks one of his ministers to put a big stone in the middle of a road. Early next morning, the king goes there and hides behind a tree. He waits to see if people move the stone to one side of the road or simply walk away. It is a busy road and many people come by, but nobody moves the stone. They look unhappy that the stone blocks a large part of the road, but do nothing to move it away.

**2)** Then, a farmer comes along. He is carrying a big sack of vegetables. He is in a hurry to get to the market. Seeing the stone, the farmer stops. He wonders if he should move the stone or go on his way. He decides to move the stone to one side of the road. He puts down his sack and pushes the stone very hard, but it moves very little. The farmer does not give up. After pushing hard for a long time, the farmer is finally able to move the rock to one side.

**3)** As the farmer picks up his sack, he sees a small purse lying where the stone was. Looking inside, he sees twenty gold coins. The king comes out from behind the tree and tells the farmer, " Everybody complained but nobody moved it. I am happy to see that you decided to solve the problem.’’

**Choose the correct option and write the answers in your answer sheet:**

**1. The king asks one of his ministers to put a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of a road.**

a) pebble b) big stone c) marbles d) sand

**2.Next morning the king hides \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

a) behind the door b) behind the tree c) behind the bush d) behind the pot

**3. The people look \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the stone blocks a large part of the road.**

a) happy b) irritated c) unhappy d) disappointed

**4.The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is in a hurry to get to the market.**

a) farmer b) pilot c) doctor d) cobbler

**5. What is the farmer carrying**

a) a small sack of fruits b) a small sack of grains

c) a big sack of vegetables d) a big sack of cement

**6. The farmer decides to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to one side of the road.**

a) move the stone b) move the drum c) move the branch d) move the vehicle

**7. Find the antonym of the word `late’ from (paragraph 1) the above passage:**

a) quickly b) early c) shortly d) easily

**8. The farmer is finally able to move the rock to one side. – state if this statement is** \_\_\_\_.

a) True b) False

**9. What does the farmer see when he picks up his sack**

a) a small ant b) a small snake c) a small purse d) a small coin

**10.The farmer sees \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the purse lying where the stone was.**

a) thirty gold coins b) fifty gold coins c) twenty gold coins d) no gold coins

**II. Read the passage given below and answer the questions: (1x10=10)**

**Kite Festival**

1. I went to Ahmedabad with my friend Anita for the kite festival. It was such a wonderful festival!

2. The kite festival was celebrated on the 14th of January. Anita’s relatives and friends came over to her uncle's house to fly kites because they had a huge terrace. They brought with them the most delicious Gujarati dishes. It was a happy time for the family because they could be together the whole day. The kite flying began at dawn and continued throughout the day. Friends, neighbours, even total strangers competed with one another and we could hear people shouting with joy when someone cut the string of a rival!

3. I tried to fly a kite too. But mine did not last long. I even cut my finger as I was trying to tug at the string. Anita’s kite flew high in the sky. Kite flying is very hard because we have to manage the kite with the wind speed.

4. The kite-flying continued even at night when they flew illuminated box-kites. They looked like shining stars in the sky.

5. Kite festivals are more than just fun. They represent cultural unity and tradition bringing people together regardless of age or background. Nowadays night kite flying is common with LED lights.

**Questions –**

**1. In which month is the kite festival celebrated?**

1. March b) May
2. January d) December

**2. Anita’s family members gathered in for flying kites \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. In the stadium b) On the terrace
2. In the garden d) Near the door

**3. Anita’s relatives brought with them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Coloured kites b) Tasty sweets
2. Beautiful flowers d) Delicious food

**4. The kite flying began \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Early in the day b) Late in the day
2. Next day d) Not on that day

**5. Anita’s kite flew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the sky**

1. Low b) High
2. Fell down d) Did not fly

**6. The kites at night looked like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the sky**

1. Colourful birds b) Fire balls
2. Stars d) Dim lights

**7. Find the words in the passage that mean the same as**

1. Day Break \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Paragrapg 2) 2. Light Up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Paragrapg 4)

**8. Kite flying is very hard because we have to manage the kite with speed of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Light b) Wind
2. Water d) Sound

**9. Kite festival represents**

1. Cultural unity b) Tradition
2. Social interaction d) All the above

**10. Nowadays \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lights are used for flying kites at night.**

1. Neon b) Halogen
2. LED d) Fluorescent

**III.A) Look at the pictures and write a paragraph on how to make banana milk shake. (5)**

**B) Write a story with the given hints. (5)**

Name the children (they can be your friends, you and your sisters / brother)

Go into a nearby forest; lose way; frightened and hungry; getting dark; see a deer; guides back to a road; happy to see lights; reach home safe.

**IV. A. Fill in the blanks with the correct pronouns from the brackets. (3)**

1. Please give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that book. (I / me)
2. Did she see \_\_\_\_\_\_? (us / we)
3. I took the papers from \_\_\_\_\_\_ (they / them)

**B. Choose and write the correct verbs from the brackets: (1x3=3)**

1. Humpty Dumpty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (did / have / had) a great fall.
2. The children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(is / am / are) very excited today.
3. My school van \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (is / am / does) red in colour.

**C. Choose the correct form of verb tenses from the given bracket. (1x3=3)**

1. Slow and steady \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the race. (Win, wins)

2. The soldiers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bravely. (fight, fought)

3. The foolish man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all his wealth. (spend, spent)

**D. Add the conjunctions for the given sentences and rewrite the sentence. (1x3=3)**

1. Raju rang the bell, no one came to open the door.

2. Tim, Jack are best friends.

3. I have not met my friend two years.

**E. Choose the appropriate prepositions from the given help box. (1x3=3)**

between, above, by, under, on

1. Shyam’s birthday is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1st January.

2. Ria’s friend will arrive sometime \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

3. I will finish my project \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today evening.

**V. A. Read and answer the following extract. (1x4=4)**

“Now, just wait. Don't start a fight, “said the swan. “He is not bothering us at all.”

1. Who is the swan speaking to?
2. Who is “he” referred to in the above lines?
3. What did the swan say after this?
4. How did they keep a watch?

**B. Read and answer the following extract. (1x4=4)**

But no; a pebble

Near them lies,

At least a cherry stone

In size,

Which that mere sprout

Has heaved away,

To bask in sunshine,

See the day.

1. What does the plant do when it has pushed up to the surface of the cloud?
2. What do the words “heaved away” indicate in the poem?
3. What does it say about the seed?
4. What do we learn from this poem?

**VI. Answer the following. (2x5=10)**

1. Who caused Rajam “the deepest anxiety “? Why was this so?
2. What did the swan see first? Why was she surprised?
3. What did Tine do immediately after finishing school? Why?
4. Why does the poetess say her nose feels lonely in the poem “Smells”?
5. How is the little shoot described in the poem “Seeds”?

**VII. Answer the following. (3X4=12)**

1. What does the sun do in the dusty attic? Is it welcome there? How do you know?
2. Why did the doctor refuse to give Swami a certificate? What did he offer to do instead? How did Swami respond?
3. Why does the speaker express her longing for the spring season?
4. Do you think Tine Mina is a very special person? Which of her qualities do you admire? why?

**VII. Answer the following in detail.**

1. a) Why do you think the sun is called the “gardener of the world”? **( 3)**

b) Choose the correct word from the given box. **(½x4=2)**

**confused excited pleased surprised scared**

1. Parents were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the children’s performance on Annual Day.

2. Students were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go on a school.

3. Jatin did not remember the direction to his friend’s house. He was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

lost.

4. Havnitha was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to see her friends with flowers and gifts on her birthday

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