**CLASS VII READING PASSAGES**

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**WORKSHEET : 1**

A.1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

My Grandmother and I were good friends. My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were always together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer while she bathed and dressed me with the hope that I too would learn. I listened because I loved her voice but never bothered to learn it. Then she would fetch my wooden slate which she had already washed and plastered with yellow chalk, a tiny inkpot and pen, tie them all in bundle and hand it to me. After a breakfast of thick stale chapatti with a little butter or sugar spread on it, we went to school. My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and the Morning Prayer. While the children sat in rows on either side of the verandah singing the prayer or learning the alphabet, my grandmother sat inside reading the holy books. When we had both finished, we would walk back together.

(a) The narrator and the grandmother were -----------------------------------------

(b) Why was he left with grandmother?

(c) Why did he listen to her morning prayer?

(d) What did he have for breakfast?

e) Why did the grandmother always go to school with the narrator?

(f) What did the priest teach the children?

(g) What did the grandmother do meanwhile?

h) What would they do when they both finished their work?

**WORKSHEET : 2**

1. Read the passage and answer the following questions by choosing correct options:-

It is the duty of the Corporation or a Municipality to provide clean and safe water to the people. They should also see that water supply is maintained regularly. Checking that the drinking water is a satisfactory standard requires better quality control. Rainwater may be harvested (collected) in a tank. It may meet our requirements during dry seasons. Citizens on their part are expected to do their duty. It is the duty of every citizen to see that he or she does not pollute water. They should not waste water while washing clothes or brushing their teeth. They should avoid washing their cars or watering the garden and plants with drinking water. It is a precious thing and should not be wasted.

1. For clean and safe water, people mainly depend on the-
2. Police Station (c)Neighbours
3. Municipality (d) Forests

1. Which one of the following is an alternative way of meeting our water requirements?
2. Hand-pump
3. Complaining
4. Proper Drainage
5. Rainwater Harvesting
6. Does the duty of the municipality end at only providing clean and safe water?
7. No, they need to collect bills as well
8. Yes, their responsibility ends there
9. No, they need to maintain regular water supply
10. No, they need to make sure that they are safe as well
11. According to the passage, what is the main duty of citizens?

(a.) They should not pollute or waste water

(b.) They should make sure that their water tanks are full

(c.) They should was their clothes properly

(d.) They should clean their teeth and cars

# WORKSHEET : 3

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:-

The giraffe is the tallest of all living land animals. A male can go up to 18 feet and a female up to 15 feet. Such height enables them to escape the competition for ground level grass that exists among the leaf-eaters. It also gives him a long range of vision. He takes the warning of the approaching enemy early. Giraffes eat a variety of leaves. A giraffe’s long neck is made up like that of man and most other mammals. The bones are attached to one another with ball and socket joints. These make the neck flexible. It can run at 50km per hour. Rising from a lying position is a problem for such a large animal. So it usually keeps standing even while it sleeps. To reach water with such a long neck and legs, a giraffe spreads its front legs wide apart. Then it lowers its neck to drink. This awkward position makes it easy for the lion and crocodile to attack it.

1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage fill in the blanks with suitable words:-

A giraffe is the (a.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all land animals. The height of a (b.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ giraffe can go up to 18 feet. The (c.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a female giraffe can be up to 15 feet. With this height it doesn’t have to (d.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with other animals for leaves. This enables it to see its (e.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from a long distance. It, however, creates problem in reaching (f.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in tanks

1. Find words from the above passage that mean opposite to the following:-

(a.) dead (b.) detached (c.) stiff

**WORKSHEET : 4**

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

Soon the drum made of tamarind wood was ready. The courtiers assembled outside the king’s door and the royal musician began to play. But instead of the thum thum thum that everyone expected, the Tamarind drum intoned, “The Raja has horns on his head, the Raja has horns on his head”. The court burst out laughing and the king cried with rage.

“I won’t stay in the palace a moment longer,” he shouted. “I’ll go to the forest and live by myself.” He tore the nightcap off his head and ran out of the palace, seizing the Tamarind drum on his way out. The king lived for several years in the forest. He gradually learnt about the beauty of the world around him. He learnt to care for creatures smaller than himself. He grew strong, wise and selfless. His only companion was the Tamarind drum, and the drum, when he beat it, gave him all the advice and experience of the old tree. He learnt to play it so beautifully that even the spirits of the trees were charmed and they went to meet the God who had given him the horns.

1. The drum was made of

(i) Tamarind wood (ii) Rosewood (iii) Teakwood (iv) Sandalwood

2. The tamarind drum intoned, “The Raja has\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on his head”.

(i) Cap (ii) hair (iii) Horns (iv) hat

3. The king could not remain in the palace as

(i) He was cursed (ii) everybody laughed at him

(iii) He was not humble (iv) he was angry and ashamed

4. The king lived in the forest for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(i) 2 years (ii) 5 years (iii) several years (iv) 10 years

5. In the forest, the king learnt about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the world around him.

(i) beauty (ii) birds (iii) nature (iv) animals

6. The king became a better human being as

(i) he had to live alone in the forest (ii) his companion taught him so

(iii)he grew strong, selfless and wise (iv)he learnt to play the Tamarind drum

7. What did the Tamarind drum give the king?

(i) Tamarind (ii) horns (iii) advice (iv) food