

APPENDIX 'G'

READING COMPREHENSION TEST

Name _____ School _____
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Reading Comprehension Test

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below according to the instructions given at the end of the passage.

A king wanted to see his subjects happy and loyal. So he asked them to come with their complaints. One man came to him saying that he wanted to leave his small hut and live in a palace. Next came an old woman who kept a fruit stall. She complained against a man who kept a stall next to her, and was a butcher. She wanted the king to remove the butcher from there. Another man complained against an officer who was not allowing him to sail his boat on the river because it was very old and unsafe. The king removed their grievances.

Days passed. The first man came to the king and wanted his permission to give up the palace. He said the palace was too big for him to manage, so he wanted to go back to his comfortable little hut. The old woman came and implored the king to call back the butcher to his shop. In his absence, she had lost most of her customers because those who came to buy meat stopped to buy fruit from her also before going home.

But the boatman who had been given permission to sail his old and unsafe boat on the river never returned to complain.

For each incomplete statement, four answers are given below. Out of them one is necessary to complete the statement. Select the appropriate answer and tick mark / it.

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1. The king wanted that -
 - (a) his subjects should be happy. ()
 - (b) his subjects should obey him. ()
 - (c) his subjects should give him money. ()
 - (d) his subjects should become rich. ()
2. The three persons came to the king -
 - (a) to tell him their troubles. ()
 - (b) to show their respects to him. ()
 - (c) to see him. ()
 - (d) to seek his advice. ()
3. The first man was -
 - (a) sick. ()
 - (b) poor. ()
 - (c) lazy. ()
 - (d) thief. ()
4. A butcher is one who -
 - (a) sells sweets. ()
 - (b) prepares maps. ()
 - (c) kills goats. ()
 - (d) tells stories. ()
5. The third man was -
 - (a) a sailor. ()
 - (b) a farmer. ()
 - (c) a merchant. ()
 - (d) a labourer. ()
6. The officer -
 - (a) disliked the man. ()
 - (b) wanted money from him. ()
 - (c) wanted to trouble him. ()
 - (d) wanted to save him from danger. ()

7. The king -
- (a) ordered them to go away. ()
 - (b) gave them food. ()
 - (c) granted their request. ()
 - (d) asked them to keep silence. ()
8. The first man -
- (a) was very happy in the palace. ()
 - (b) did not like the life in the palace. ()
 - (c) wanted to buy the palace. ()
 - (d) wanted to give the palace to his friends. ()
9. The man -
- (a) had more happiness in the hut. ()
 - (b) had his relatives in the hut. ()
 - (c) had his money in the hut. ()
 - (d) loved his old neighbours. ()
10. The old woman again told the king that -
- (a) the butcher was her friend. ()
 - (b) she wanted to take another shop. ()
 - (c) she wanted the butcher to return to his shop. ()
 - (d) she wanted to buy meat. ()
11. The people -
- (a) who came to buy meat did not buy fruit. ()
 - (b) came to buy meat also bought fruit. ()
 - (c) came to buy fruit not meat. ()
 - (d) who came to buy meat got free fruit. ()
12. The most suitable title of the passage is -
- (a) The butcher. ()
 - (b) The dishonest persons. ()
 - (c) The king and his dissatisfied subjects. ()
 - (d) The old woman. ()

13. The moral of the passage is -

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| (a) selfishness is true happiness. | () |
| (b) satisfaction is true happiness. | () |
| (c) A man should love his neighbours. | () |
| (d) poverty is good. | () |
