

Weekly Test

Std – 8th SEMI

Unit – 1

Marks – 20

Sub: English

Date :-

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions below : (10)

A.1 Write the reactions that followed each of the actions. (2)

a) Androcles did not like his cruel master so _____

b) The slaves were unhappy with their master but _____

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Long – long ago, there lived a kind, gentle and courteous man called Androcles. But he had a very cruel master. In those days, kings, nobles, and other wealthy men used poor people as their slaves. Androcles was a slave. The slaves were forced to work for their masters. They had to do what their masters told them. They had no freedom, no rights. Even when they were unhappy with their master, they could not leave him. They were bound by law to obey their master, however wicked he might be.

Androcles did not like his heartless, wicked master. His master starved his slaves and often whipped them. androcles felt that even death was better than serving such a master. He kept looking out for a good opportunity. At the first chance he got, he escaped from the clutches of his cruel master.

Now, although Androcles had thus run away, he was not a coward. He took shelter in a forest. He was not afraid of the wild beasts that roamed the forest. He did not mind that he had no roof over his head. He was happy that he was free as a bird to go wherever he wished.

A.2 How were the slaves treated at that time? (2)

A.3 Give the one word for the following : (2)

(a) one who gets easily afraid –

(b) strictly forced to follow the laws -

A.4 Do as directed. (2)

(a) Long, long ago there lived a kind, gentle and courteous man.

(Underline the adjectives)

(b) At the first chance he got, he escaped from the clutches of his cruel master. (Underline verbs)

A.5 Why did Androcles escape from the clutches of the master? (2)

Q.2 Read the following extract and answer the questions below. (05)

A.1 Write whether the following statements are true or false : (2)

(a) A bit of grass can make the highway happier.

(b) A scrub is found of the top of the hill.

(c) Whatever job you have, do your best.

(d) We win or fail depending upon size or position.

Be the best

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,

Be a scrub in the valley – but be

The best little scrub by the side of the rill;

Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,

And some highway happier make;

If you are a muskie then just be a bass –

But the liveliest bass in the lake !

We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,

There's something for all of us here,

There's big work to do, and there's lesser, to do,

And the task you must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,

If you can't be the sun be a star ;

It isn't be size that you win or you fail –

Be the best of whatever you are !

A.2 What is the main difference between a pine tree and a scrub? (2)

A.3 What is the message given in the end. (1)

Q.3 Do as directed. (05)

1) Underline the Auxiliary verb in the following sentence.

The slaves were forced to work

2) Write the antonyms of : (i) punishment × (ii) bound ×

3) Rearrange the set of words in increasing order hill, stone, mountain, rock

4) Write the contracted forms of :

(a) is not (b) let us

5) Write the full forms of : (a) What're (b) mustn't