

B) Reading comprehension

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Paper can be grouped up and made into new paper. Steel and aluminum cans can be melted down and made into new cans. The same is true about glass bottles. This can be done over and over again. Recycling doesn't take as much energy as making these things the first time. So, by recycling we can use less of the Earth's fuel resources. **It** also helps save our natural resources such as wood and metals.

Plastic can be melted down, too. Then, it can be formed into park benches or furniture. Some people call plastic the wood of the future. Things made of plastic will last about 400 years even when they are outside in harsh weather. No wood can do that.

A) From a, b, c and d choose the right answer:

- 1) What is the main idea of paragraph (4)?
 - a) What recycling is.
 - b) How to save the future.
 - c) Why plastic is important.
 - d) How to recycle different things.
- 2) What is the **meaning** of the underlined word "**reduces**" in paragraph (2)?
 - a) lowers
 - b) helps
 - c) uses
 - d) improves
- 3) What does the underlined word "**it**" in paragraph (3) refer to?
 - a) fuel
 - b) time
 - c) energy
 - d) recycling
- 4) Plastic is called the wood of the future because:
 - a) it's a natural material.
 - b) it helps save money.
 - c) it is strong and beautiful.
 - d) it can be used to make furniture.
- 5) According to the text, **one** of the following statements is **NOT TRUE**:
 - a) All trash and waste can be recycled.
 - b) Harsh weather doesn't affect plastic.
 - c) It's difficult to find space for trash.
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- 6) The **purpose** of the writer is to tell us that:
 - a) All materials on earth are useful.
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B) Answer the following questions:

7) What kind of materials can you find in your house that can be recycled?

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8) Why is recycling important to the environment?

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VI-Reading Comprehension (16 marks)

-Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions below:

A grizzly bear hunts for fish in the river. A black rhinoceros runs across the plains of Africa. These animals share the Earth with us. They fascinate us with their beauty and we love learning about their habits. But just loving them is not enough. These animals are endangered. Many of them are dying, and without special care, they may someday disappear from Earth.

Africa was once filled with plenty of wild animals, but not anymore. One of these animals, the black rhinoceros, is powerful and can be dangerous. However, its strength can't always help it to escape hunters. Many hunters kill rhinos for their valuable horns. This has caused the black rhino to be placed on the endangered species list. The elephant is also endangered and is killed for its ivory tusks.

Unfortunately, it is people who cause many of the problems that animals face. We change and pollute their habitats. We hunt them for skins, tusks, furs, and horns. We destroy animals that get in the way of farming or building. And we remove them from their natural habitats and take them home as pets.

What can you do to help endangered animals? Make an effort to support zoos and wildlife groups. You can also be a smart shopper and never buy a pet that has been raised in the wilderness. If we allow even one species on Earth to die out, it affects other living things and changes our world.

A)-Choose the best answers from a, b, c and d: (6 X 2 = 12 marks)

1. Which of the following would be **the best title** of the passage?

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| a. Land Pollution | b. Endangered Species |
| c. Fascinating Animals | d. Natural Habitats of Animals |

2. The underlined word 'escape' in the 2nd paragraph means:

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| a. run away | b. fight with | c. take over | d. come across |
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3. The underlined word 'them' in the 3rd paragraph refers to:

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| a. people | b. animals | c. problems | d. habitats |
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4. Hunters kill elephants for their:

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| a. fur | b. skin | c. horns | d. tusks |
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5. According to the passage, which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE**?

- Earth is for everybody, animals and humans alike.
- Taking animals as pets makes them endangered.
- Many of the problems that animals face are caused by people.
- The loss of one type of animals doesn't affect other animals.

6. What is the **author's purpose** in writing this text?

- a. To persuade people to hunt animals.
- b. To list different types of fascinating animals.
- c. To explain why some animals are disappearing from Earth.
- d. To give information about different ways of farming and building.

B)-Answer the following questions : (2 X2 = 4 marks)

7. Why is Africa losing its wild animals?.....

8. According to the passage, what can we do to help endangered species?
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Read the following passage then answer the questions below:

Money is very important for life. Parents can spend it on their kids and on the house affairs. **They** can buy everything that their children need. They can buy food, drinks, clothes, furniture and cars. People earn money by working at all different kinds of jobs. You can earn money even if you are a child. You can paint a picture, make a card or design a poster to sell them to the others. You can use the money you earn to buy all your needs. Also, you can save it in the bank or at home.

It is a fact that money is of two types; paper money, which is made of special paper and coins which are made from different kinds of metal. Money is a **blessing** if people use it in a good way. It is harmful at the same time if people use it in wars or to hurt each other. Some people think that money is everything in life. But that is wrong because many people don't have money, but they can live a happy life.

a) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

1- What is the best title for the passage?

- a- Work
- b- Kinds of Money
- c- Happiness
- d- Money and Life

2- The word " **blessing** " in the 2nd paragraph means:

- a- gift
- b- curse
- c- disaster
- d- adventure

3-The pronoun "**they**" in the 1st paragraph refers to:

- a- children
- b- parents
- c- clothes
- d- jobs

4- Money can be saved in:

- a- schools.
- b-safe places
- c-pools
- d-courts

5-Money is:

- a-always useful
- b- useful if it is used well
- c-always harmful
- d- always destroying

6-The purpose of the writer in this passage is to:

- a- focus on the fact that money isn't everything
- b- show that happiness is in money
- c- convince us with the importance of money.
- d- tell us that money has types.

b) Answer the following questions:

7- What are the different sources to get money?
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8- Why is money useful and harmful at the same time?
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Read the following passage , then answer the questions :-

A farmer had three sons, and he had a farm. His sons didn't want to work on the farm. It was a very small one with three fields. "The farm is too small for us." They said to their father, "We want to go to the town to earn our living. If you divide it among us, there will not be enough land for each of us. "What can I do?" said their father. "Sell the farm and divide the money among us." said the sons. "No" said the father. "I will give the whole farm to the one who proves to be the best farmer."

Each son wanted the whole farm. Each one said to himself, "I must do better than my brothers. I must learn about growing rice." Secretly, each one bought books on farming and read them at night. At the end of the second year, the amount of rice growing in each field was doubled. "You have a lot of money from the extra rice." Said their father. After many years, **they** became very rich and helped the poor people in the village.

A) Choose the correct answer from a,b,c and d :-

10-The best title of the story is

- a. A wise farmer
- b. Lazy farmers
- c. A small Farm
- d. Growing rice

11-The underlined pronoun "they" in line 11 refers to

- a. Books about rice
- b. the fields
- c. the three brothers
- d. the poor people

12-The main idea of the 2nd paragraph is

- a. Hard work
- b. reading books
- c. helping the poor
- d. selling the farm

13- At the end of the second year, the amount of rice growing in each field was

- a. the same
- b. doubled
- c. tripled
- d. decreased

B) Answer the following questions :-

14- Why did the sons want to go to the town ?

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15-What did each son do to get the whole farm ?

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After some time, the hat seller woke up. He found his bag empty. All the hats were missing. He looked around, but he didn't find them. He was very sad. All of a sudden, he heard loud noises coming from above, so he looked up and for his surprise he saw ten monkeys in the tree wearing his hats.

The hat seller wanted to get his hats back but the monkeys were too fast he couldn't catch them. An idea struck his mind. He, at once, took off his hat and threw it on the ground and all the monkeys threw their hats on the ground, too. Monkeys are good imitators. The hat seller collected all the hats and went to sell them in the village market.

A) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

9) The best title for the story could be:

- a) The Village Market
- b) The Smart Hat Seller
- c) The Green Forest
- d) The Colourful Hats

10) The underlined word (**imitate**) in the 1st paragraph means:

- a) to jump high
- b) to climb a tree
- c) to do what others do
- d) to fall asleep

11) The pronoun (**they**) in the 1st paragraph refers to:

- a) monkeys
- b) people
- c) hats
- d) heads

12) The hat seller looked up because:

- a) he saw the tree branches
- b) he heard loud noises
- c) he found his colorful hats
- d) he was feeling tired

13) The hat seller's bag was empty because:

- a) the monkeys took the hats
- b) he fell asleep under the tree
- c) he sold them in the village market
- d) he was surprised

14) The lesson readers learn from the story is that:

- a) monkeys are silly animals
- b) colourful hats should be kept in a safe place
- c) empty hats are good for monkeys
- d) smart thinking solves problems

B) Answer the following questions:

15) Why was the hat seller going to the village market?

16) How many hats were there in the bag?

Reading the following passage carefully, then answer the questions below:

My four grown children were all home visiting last weekend so we decided to go out for breakfast. My young granddaughter had never had pancakes before, so we were **excited** about her trying them. We ordered different kinds of pancakes and the baby loved them. There was a lovely environment at the table and lots of smiles. As I was looking around the table, enjoying this wonderful scene, a lady at a nearby table caught my eyes. She was eating her breakfast alone quietly, in the corner. She frequently looked over and smiled as my granddaughter was laughing loudly. Suddenly, I had a great idea. I took out a smile card from my bag and called the waitress. I explained to **her** that I wanted to pay that lady's bill secretly and that instead of the bill she would give her the smile card.

The waitress came over and told us that the lady had passed the smile card on and paid for another table before she left. How great! Not only that, the waitress then came back later and told us that the second table had now paid for someone else and passed the smile card on too! I couldn't believe it when the waitress came back and told us that the third table had done the same thing.

What was really amazing, though, was that by the time we left, half the room had ended up paying for a different table! Isn't that great?

A) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

- 1) The underlined word "**her**" in the **2nd paragraph** refers to:
a) the granddaughter b) the lady c) the idea d) the waitress
- 2) The opposite of the underlined word "**excited**" in the **1st paragraph** is:
a) uninterested b) uncomfortable c) uncontrolled d) unsuccessful
- 3) The main idea of the **3rd paragraph** is:
a) The children's visit to their grandma
b) The lonely lady and her order
c) The amazing effect of the smile card
d) The feeling of having pancakes
- 4) The writer's purpose of writing this story is to show that:
a) the action of kindness grows and multiplies quickly.
b) special kinds of food bring the family members together.
c) you should be careful when you smile at people's faces.
d) it's always a good idea to pay your bill in restaurants.
- 5) According to the story, all the following statements are **NOT TRUE** except:
a) The lonely lady was poor and hungry.
b) The grandmother was rich and wanted to play a game.
c) The little girl asked her grandmother to use the smile card.
d) No one knew that the grandmother paid for the lady's bill.
- 6) The best word that describes the waitress is:
a) lazy b) helpful c) funny d) shy

B) Answer the following questions:

7) How many children did the writer have?

8) Why was the writer so amazed at the end?