

Appendix 1

TRY OUT TEST

Subject : Bahasa Inggris
Topic : Reading
Time Allocation : 2 x 45 minutes
Sub Topic : Narrative Text
Level : First Grade of SMP PGRI 2 Katibung Lampung Selatan

Read the text carefully and then choose the correct one!

Questions 1-6 refer to this text!

The Fly and the Bull

There was once a little fly who thought he was very important. He felt proud of himself. One sunny morning, he flew around looking for someone to talk to. He saw a bull grazing in the field. He decided to fly down to talk to him.

The little fly flew down and buzzed around the bull's head. The bull did not bother him. He went on chewing grass. The fly then buzzed right inside the bull's ear. The bull continued chewing grass. The fly thought, "What a stupid animal!"

Now the fly decided to land on one of the bull's horns to make the bull notice him. He waited for the bull to say something, but the bull kept quiet.

The fly then shouted angrily, "OH, Bull, if you find that I am too heavy for you, let me know and I'll fly away!"

The bull laughed and said, "Little fly, I don't care if you stay or leave. You are so tiny that your weight does not make any difference to me, so please be quiet and leave me alone."

1. "he saw a bull grazing...."(par.1)
The underlined word "grazing" means.....
 - a. Running wildly
 - b. Bathing in a puddle of mud
 - c. Eating grass
 - d. Gazing at something
2. Which one do you think is probably correct according to the text?
 - a. The fly was very proud of himself
 - b. The fly wanted to make the bull angry
 - c. The bull and the fly were close friend
 - d. The bull and the fly hated each other so much
3. Why did the fly land on one of the bull's horn?
 - a. To look for someone to talk to
 - b. To chew grass
 - c. To shout angrily
 - d. To make the bull notice him

4. Why did the bull keep silent when the fly landed on one of its horn?
 - a. Because the fly's might didn't make any difference
 - b. Because the bull didn't notice the fly
 - c. Because the fly didn't say anything
 - d. Because the bull couldn't speak
5. "...flew down and *buzzed* around the bull's head..." (par.2)
The word "buzzed" has the closest meaning to?
 - a. Ran quickly
 - b. Move to every directions
 - c. Made a humming sound
 - d. Shouted loudly
6. What can we learn from the story?
 - a. Small things are sometimes important
 - b. Don't be too proud of ourselves
 - c. Size doesn't really matter
 - d. Never give up to get what we want

Questions 7-11 refer to this text!

Duck and Turtle

Two ducks that lived in a big lake had a friend who was a turtle. One year there was a very little rain and the lake began to dry up. One of the ducks said to the other, "Soon, there'll be no water in this lake. Let's go and look for lake."

"Yes, answered the second duck, "But first let's say good bye to our friend, the turtle."When they told the turtle they were going to leave, he said, "I'll die here without any water and without any friends. Take me with you."

"The ducks answered, "We can't. We are going to fly, and you have no wings."

"The turtle thought for a minute and then said, "please wait here."

Then he went away and found a strong, straight stick. He brought it back to his friends, put the middle of it in his mouth and said, "Now if each of you takes me one end of the stick in his mouth, you can lift me up and carry me with you."

"That is dangerous," said the ducks, "if you try to talk while we're carrying you through the air, you won't be able to hold the stick, so you'll fall down along way and break your shell."

"all right," answered the turtle, "I promise not to talk while we're in the air. So the ducks took the stick and flew away, with the turtle between them. All went well until they were flying over a town. Then some people saw them and shouted, "Look, those ducks are carrying a cat!"The turtle got very angry, "A cat? I'm not ..." he said, but he did not get any further, because when he opened his mouth, the stick came out of his mouth and the poor turtle fell to the ground.

7. Why the duck did fly away?
 - a. To celebrate his birthday
 - b. To look for Cinderella
 - c. To find a wife for the son
 - d. To hold a ceremony

8. "...he went away and found a strong, straight stick.
The underline word "he" refers to....
 - a. The duck
 - b. The frog
 - c. The bird
 - d. The turtle
9. "...he brought it back to his friends...." (par.6)
The underlined word "it" refers to....
 - a. The Food
 - b. The lovely shell
 - c. The straight stick
 - d. The wood
10. Which one do you think is probably correct after you read the text?
 - a. The duck fly away for a lake
 - b. The duck fly away with the turtle
 - c. The duck walking with the turtle
 - d. The duck brings food for turtle
11. Which one is the main idea of paragraph 6?
 - a. The turtle brought the straight sticks
 - b. The duck fly away with the turtle
 - c. The turtle find a straight stick
 - d. The duck leave the turtle alone

Questions 12-18 refer to this text!

A Greedy Dog

A dog was feeling very proud of himself. He had found a big, juicy bone at the market. He quickly carried it in his mouth and ran off to find a place to eat it.

He came to the stream which had very clean water. He started to walk cross it, taking his own sweet time. He was thinking what a wonderful time he would have when he could eat the whole juicy bone, all by himself.

Suddenly he stopped and looked down into the water. He saw a dog there looking back at him, also with the bone in his mouth. He did not know he was looking at himself.

He said to himself, "That dog's bone looks bigger than mine. I'll grab his bone and run away as fast I can!"

12. It can be introduce from the text that?
 - a. A dog was very happy
 - b. A dog though that he was very lucky
 - c. A dog was loved going to the market
 - d. A dog hated playing in the water

13. "...I'll grab *his* bone....(par.3)
The word "*his*" refers to....
- A dog
 - Juicy bone
 - Stream
 - Market
14. "he came to a stream...."(par.2)
The underlined word "stream" has the closest meaning to?
- High waterfall
 - Shallow river
 - Deep pool
 - Dirty puddle
15. How do you think was the dog in the text?
- Very clever and kind others
 - Loved going to the market
 - Should have thanked for what he's got
 - Hated playing in the clean water
16. Why did the dog run off after he found the bone?
- To find a place to eat it
 - To have clear water
 - To grab a bigger one
 - To run away as fast as he could
17. Where did the dog stop?
- On a stream
 - On a boat
 - On a bridge
 - At the market
18. "...a dog was feeling very *proud* of himself" (par.1)
The word *proud* has the opposite meaning to?
- Happy
 - Sad
 - Simple
 - Humble

Questions 19-25 refer to this text!

The Children of Lir

King Lir lived long ago in Ireland. He had four children, two boys and two girls, whom he loved dearly. However stepmother was jealous. She wove a spell that turned the children into swans.

Lir was heart-broken. His beard and hair turned white with grief as he searched for his children. One day he saw four swans. He did not realize who they were, although they recognized him as their father.

The spell could only be broken if the mountain on the north was joined to the one in the south. This seemed possible, but after many years all the birds flew into the air and formed an arc between the mountains. The swans were transformed and Lir saw his children once more. They were no longer young, but had grown old, with hair as white as their father.

19. Why did the queen feel jealous?
 - a. King Lir didn't love her
 - b. King Lir's children dislike her
 - c. Because the King loved his children more than her
 - d. She wasn't treated well
20. How did the King's children become swans?
 - a. The queen wove a spell to them
 - b. Their father cursed them
 - c. They did something forbidden
 - d. They made wishes to be swans
21. The similar word for "search for" is.....
 - a. Explore
 - b. Observed
 - c. Find
 - d. Look for
22. Where did the story take place?
 - a. In a land
 - b. In the south mountain
 - c. In stepmother's home
 - d. In Ireland
23. Who are the characters in the story?
 - a. King Lir and his four children
 - b. The stepmother, the swans and the children
 - c. King Lir, the stepmother and the swans
 - d. King Lir, the four children and the stepmother
24. "He had four children, two boys and two girls, whom he loved dearly" (par.1)
The underlined words mean that?
 - a. The children loved the King very much
 - b. The children loved the King and the stepmother
 - c. The King loved the boys and the girls very much
 - d. The children loved the stepmother very much

25. When the King Lir saw the swans, he didn't that they were his children.
- Pay attention to
 - Recognize
 - Consider
 - See

Questions 26-30 refer to this text!

The Good Stepmother

The old witch locked Hansel in a cage and set Gretel to clean the house. She planned to eat them both. Each night the children cried and begged the witch to let them go.

Meanwhile, at home, their stepmother was beginning to wish she had never tried to get rid of the children. "I must find them," she said and set off into the forest.

Many hours later, when her feet were tired from walking and her lips were dry from thirst, she came to the cottage belonging to the witch. The stepmother peeped through the window. Her heart cried out when she saw two children.

She picked up the broom leaning against the door and crept inside. The witch was putting some stew in the oven when the stepmother gave her an almighty push. The witch fell into the oven and the stepmother shut the door.

"Children, I have come to save you." She said, hugging them tightly. I have done dreadful thing. I hope in time you will forgive me. Let me take you home and become a family again. They returned to their home and the stepmother became the best mother anyone could wish to have, and they lived happily ever after.

26. The story is about a stepmother who....
- Planned to eat their her children
 - Begged a witch for money
 - Tried to rub away from a witch
 - Saved her children from a witch
27. "and the stepmother shut the door" (par.4)
- The Underlined word means....
- Closed
 - Opened
 - Painted
 - Marked
28. Which statement is true about stepmother?
- She loved her stepchildren
 - She hit a witch with a broom
 - She was locked her children in a cage
 - She visited the witch to see her children

29. The purpose of the text above is...
- To amuse the reader
 - To explain about a stepmother
 - To inform the readers about a good stepmother
 - To tell a joke
30. The text is mostly uses.....
- Simple present tense
 - Simple past tense
 - Passive voice
 - Adjective clause

Questions 31-36 refer to this text!

Jack and the Beans

Once upon a time there was a boy named Jack, who lived with his mother in a small village. They were very poor and their only possession was a cow, which gave them milk, an old axe, which hung on the wall their house.

One day his mother said to Jack, "We are so poor we must sell the cow. You must take it to the market and sell it to buy food."

So Jack took the cow and set off to market. On his way there he met old man who offered to exchange Jack's cow for some beans. Jack said, "my mother will be very angry with me if I don't take back money. We need to buy food."

"Don't worry", replied the old man. "These are no ordinary beans. They are magic beans, and they will bring you good luck!"

Jack felt sorry for the old man, for he looked even poorer than Jack, and so he agreed to exchange the cow for the magic beans.

"You are a kind boy", said the old man, "You will be well rewarded." when he got home and told his mother what he had done, she was very angry.

"You stupid boy", she shouted. "You have sold our most valuable possession for a handful of beans. And she threw the beans out of window.

The next day, when Jack woke up, there, in the garden, where his mother had thrown the beans, was a huge beanstalk. It was a thick as a tree and so tall it seemed to go right up into the sky. Jack stared and stared at the beanstalk, and remembered the old man's words. Taking his axe, he began to climb up the beanstalk. Up and up he climbed. For many hours he kept climbing until, at last, he could see the top of the beanstalk, asleep on the ground, was a huge ugly giant. And in front of him lay a heap of treasure. There were gold and silver coins, and piles of precious jewels. Very quietly as so not to make the giant woke up, Jack started to fill his coat pockets with the giant's treasure.

Just as Jack had taken all he could carry, the giant opened one eye and saw Jack, "Who are you?" he roared. He opened the other eye, and then he stood up. Jack could hardly see his head it was so far away. He turned and ran and started to climb down the beanstalk as fast as he could. The giant strode after him, and Jack felt sure he was about to die!

But as the giant was about to reach down and grab Jack, Jack remembered the axe. He swung it backwards and then, as hard as he could, he chopped into the beanstalk just above his head. Again and again he chopped until, at last, at the top of the beanstalks crashed down out of the sky, carrying the giant with it. With a loud roar he disappeared and fell to earth. And Jack climbed safely down the beanstalk carrying enough jewels to look after his mother and himself for the rest of his life.

31. “But....He swung it backward and then....” (the last par.)

The underlined word refers to.....

- a. The giant
- b. Jack
- c. The axe
- d. Beanstalk

32. “For many hours....., was a huge ugly giant” (par.7)

The underlined word means.....

- a. Very small
- b. Very big
- c. Kind
- d. Very low

33. Why did they have to sell the cow?

- a. They were so rich
- b. They were so poor
- c. We are not poor
- d. They wanted to be rich

34. Why did Jack agree to exchange the cow for the magic beans?

- a. Jack felt sorry for the old man
- b. Jack was stupid
- c. Jack would be rewarded
- d. Jack had to return the cow to the old man

35. They were very poor and..... (par.1)

The underlined word refers to....

- a. His mother
- b. Jack
- c. Jack and his mother
- d. Jack and his father

36. Which one is the main idea of paragraph 9?

- a. The giant opened one eyes and saw Jack
- b. Jack ran and started to climb dawn
- c. The giant strode Jack
- d. Jack roared at The giant

Questions 37-40 refer to this text!

The Wolf and the Crane

A wolf had been gorging animal he had killed, when suddenly a small bone in the meat stuck in his throat and he could not swallow it. He soon felt terrible pain in his throat, and ran up and down groaning and groaning and seeking for something to relieve the pain. He tried to induce everyone he met to remove the bone. "I would give anything," said he, "If you would take it out." At last the crane agreed to try, and told the wolf to lie on his side and open his jaws as wide as he could. Then the crane put its long neck down and the wolf's throat, and with its beak loosened the bone, till at last it got it out. "Will you kindly give the reward you promised?" said the crane. The wolf grinned and showed his teeth and said, "Be content. You have put your head inside a wolf's mouth and taken it out again in safety that ought to be reward enough for you. "Gratitude and greed do not together."

37. What happened to the wolf?
 - a. The crane ate the wolf
 - b. He was killed by another wolf
 - c. He could put the meat out by himself
 - d. Small bone in the meat stuck in his meat
38. What did the crane do to help the wolf?
 - a. The crane's mouth bit the wolf
 - b. The crane's beak loosened the bone
 - c. The crane put his leg on the wolf's throat
 - d. The crane asked the wolf to put his hands on his throat
39.and down groaning and groaning.....
 The underlined word has a synonym with.....
 - a. Begging
 - b. Moaning
 - c. Crying
 - d. Yelling
40. Which one the main idea of paragraph 2?
 - a. The wolf put his hands on his throat
 - b. The wolf tried to induce everyone
 - c. The wolf give a reward to the crane
 - d. The Crane's beak loosened the bone

The Answer Key of Try out Test

1. C	11. C	21. C	31. C
2. A	12. D	22. D	32. B
3. D	13. B	23. D	33. B
4. C	14. B	24. C	34. A
5. C	15. C	25. B	35. C
6. B	16. A	26. D	36. A
7. C	17. A	27. A	37. D
8. D	18. D	28. A	38. B
9. D	19. C	29. A	39. B
10. A	20. A	30. B	40. B

