## A PRE-TEST

Subject : English

Level/ Class : Junior High School/ VII

Time Allocation: 30 minutes

Read the texts carefully and then put the verbs in brackets into their correct forms!

## **HUNTING**

Once upon a time, there (1. be) a man who liked hunting very much. He often (2. go) to a forest to hunt animals there. He (3. use) the bodies and skins of the dead animals he (4. has) shot for food and sometimes only for decorations of his house and things.

It was in summer when the hunter had this unforgettable experience. That day, he (5. bring) his rifle with him and (6. intend) to (7. shoot) every animal he met. After a few minutes of search, he saw a bird chirping on a branch of a tree. It was a dove. When he was aiming his rifle at the dove, suddenly an ant came and bit his foot. He was so startled that he missed. The bird was safe and flew away.

Several days later, the hunter (8. see) an ant drowning in a lake while he was swimming there. It was the same ant that had saved the dove from the hunter. Suddenly, a dove was flying over the lake and (9. pick) up a big leaf and then dropped it onto the surface of the water near the ant. Luckily, the ant (10. can) get on the leaf but the current of the water made the leaf keep moving to a waterfall. Seeing this spectacular event, the hunter was touched and regretted what he had done. So, he (11. decide) to help the ant. He reached out for the leaf and took it to the ground so that the ant could walk freely. The ant was safe and the hunter promised himself not to (12. go) hunting anymore.

## **GOLD EGGS**

Many years ago in a remote area of Central China, there lived many people who were mainly farmers. They all had lived happily until one day, a big flood swept the entire area and (13. leave) very little food for the people living there. All their livestock was also taken away by this terrible flood. One of the residents was a very poor farmer. He and his family had nothing to eat.

In despair, he (14. keep) praying to God in order to ask for help. Otherwise, his family (15. will) die of hunger. A few days after, an old man who had concern for the farmer gave him a goose and said "I have nothing else to give you except this goose. I hope this goose will help you to get through your hardship". Gladly, the farmer accepted the old man's gift.

To his surprise, the farmer found an egg in his yard in the following week. It was no ordinary egg. It was a gold egg. Realizing his good luck, the farmer was filled with joy. Then, his life was getting better from day to day. He became rich and (16. forget) the hardship which he had experienced before. He also became lazy, arrogant and extravagant.

But something strange happened then, the goose only (17. lay) one gold egg every six months. The greedy farmer lost his patience and (18. kill) his goose, thinking there were plenty of gold eggs inside its stomach. Of course, he (19. be) wrong. What he (20. find) was only blood and guts. When he realized his stupidity, it had already been too late.

## **Answer key of the Pre-test**

- 1. Was
- 2. Went
- 3. Used
- 4. Had
- 5. Brought
- 6. Intended
- 7. Shoot
- 8. Saw
- 9. Picked
- 10. Could
- 11. Decided
- 12. Go
- 13. Left
- 14. Kept
- 15. Would
- 16. Forgot
- 17. Laid
- 18. Killed
- 19. Was
- 20. Found