

Appendix 23

TRY OUT TEST

READING COMPREHENSION TEST

Subject : English
Skill : Reading
Class : VIII
Time allocation : 80 minutes

Directions:

1. Write down your name and class on the answer sheet.
2. Read each question carefully before answering the questions.
3. The numbers of questions are 40 items in multiple choices.
4. Choose the best answer by giving cross (X) in a, b, c or d.

Read the following text carefully for number 1 – 5.

Text 1**The Story of Lake Toba**

Once upon a time, there was a man who was living in North Sumatera. He did some gardening and fishing for his daily life.

One day, he caught a big golden fish in his trap. Surprisingly, this fish turned into a beautiful princess. He felt in love with her and proposed her to be his wife. She said; "Yes, but you have to promise not to

tell anyone about the secret that I was once a fish, otherwise there will be a huge disaster". The man made the deal and they got married, lived happily and had a daughter.



Few years later, this daughter would help bringing lunch to her father out in the field, but she was so hungry and she ate his father's lunch. Her father got furious, and shouted; "You damned daughter of a fish". The daughter ran home and asked her mother.

The mother started crying, felt sad that her husband had broken his promise. Then she told her daughter to run up the hills because a huge disaster was about to come. When her daughter left, she prayed. Soon there was a big earthquake followed by non-stop pouring rain. The whole area got flooded and became Toba Lake. She turned into a fish again and the man became the island of Samosir.

1. Who was the man?
 - a. The man was a farmer.
 - b. The man was a fisherman.
 - c. The man was a gardener.
 - d. The man was a jobless.
2. Then she told her daughter to run up the hills because a huge disaster was about to come. (paragraph 4)
The underlined word means...
 - a. Very beautiful
 - b. Very bad
 - c. Very nice
 - d. Very great
3. "...but **she** was so hungry..." (paragraph 3)
The bold word refers to...
 - a. The mother
 - b. The father
 - c. The daughter
 - d. The beautiful princess
4. What does the second paragraph talk about?
 - a. The man and his daily life.
 - b. The man and his daughter.
 - c. The man who got golden fish and felt in love with her.
 - d. The process of Toba Lake happened
5. Why did the beautiful princess want to be marrying with the man?
 - a. Because the man was rich.
 - b. Because the man promised to keep the secret about her.
 - c. Because she felt in love with him.
 - d. Because she had been a beautiful princess.
6. What does the author want to say in the last paragraph?
 - a. The fish turned into a beautiful princess
 - b. The man was angry to his daughter
 - c. The man felt in love with the beautiful princess
 - d. How Toba Lake happened
7. Why could Toba Lake possibly happen?
 - a. Because the man broke his promise
 - b. Because the fish turned into a beautiful princess
 - c. Because the daughter helped her father to bring the lunch
 - d. Because the princess cried
8. What should the man do so the disaster did not happen?
 - a. He should not married the princess
 - b. He should not break his promise
 - c. He should bring his lunch by himself
 - d. He should not go to the ricefield
9. What is the moral value of this story?
 - a. We are not allowed to be angry
 - b. We are not allowed to fall in love to the new person
 - c. We have to keep our promise
 - d. We have to be patient
10. "He felt in love with her and proposed her to be his *wife*." (paragraph 2)
The opposite word of italic word above is...

a. Child	c. Daughter
b. Parents	d. Husband

Read the following text carefully for number 11 – 15.

Text 2

Why Do Mosquitoes Buzz?



A long time ago, mosquitoes did not buzz, they talked and talked. Then one day when one of them talked to an Iguana and did not let the Iguana say one word. Iguana just grumbled and waved her tail until she forgot to say

hello to her friend, a snake.

After that, everything was in a mess. The snake was so angry that he made a rabbit, a monkey, a crow and an owl get frightened. Finally, the whole jungle was mad at the mosquito and cried for the Sun to come up and when it did, the mosquito lost his voice.



11. Why was snake so angry?
 - a. Because one of mosquitoes talked to Iguana and not let him say one word.
 - b. Because everything was in a mess.
 - c. Because Iguana forgot to say hello to her.
 - d. Because a rabbit, a monkey, a crow and an owl made her frightened.
12. What happened to the mosquito when the Sun comes up?
 - a. The mosquito cannot produce the voice.
 - b. The whole jungle was mad at the mosquito.
 - c. The mosquito talked and talked.
 - d. The mosquito and cried for the Sun to come up.
13. "...everything was in a **mess**." (line 4)
The bold word has closely meaning...
 - a. Neat
 - b. Disorder
 - c. Nice
 - d. Sad
14. What does the second paragraph tell about?
 - a. Mosquito and Iguana
 - b. Mosquito who did not let Iguana to talk
 - c. Iguana who always grumbled
 - d. How mosquito lost his voice
15. What can we learn from the story above?
 - a. Don't be egoist
 - b. Don't be follower
 - c. Don't forget to say hello
 - d. Don't let self be angry

Read the following text carefully for number 16 – 22.

Text 3

The Wolf and The Goat

A wolf saw a goat grazing at the edge of a high cliff. The wolf smacked his lips at the thought of a fine goat dinner.

“My dear friend,” said the wolf in his sweetest voice. “Aren’t you afraid you will fall down from that cliff? Come down here and graze on this fine grass beside me on safe level ground.”

“No, thank you,” said the goat.

“Well then,” said the wolf. “Aren’t cold up there in the wind? You would be warmer grazing down here beside me in this sheltered area.”

“No, thank you,” said the goat.

“But the grass tastes better down here!” said the exasperated wolf. “Why dine alone?”

“My dear wolf,” the goat finally said. “Are you quite sure that it is my dinner you are worrying about and not your own?”



16. What did the wolf ask when he saw the goat grazing at the edge of a high cliff?
 - a. To be his friend.
 - b. To graze on the level ground.
 - c. To climb up higher.
 - d. To be his dinner.
17. “A wolf saw a goat grazing at the edge of a high cliff.” (paragraph 1) What is the synonym of the underlined word?
 - a. Eating grass
 - b. Barking
 - c. Seeing
 - d. Rubbing
18. From the story we know that...
 - a. The goat was very hungry.
 - b. The wolf was a helpful animal.
 - c. The wolf was eager to eat the goat.
 - d. The goat was going to fight with the wolf.
19. What can we learn from the story above?
 - a. Don’t look down other creatures.
 - b. Don’t easily believe in well behaved creatures.
 - c. Don’t judge others by their appearance.
 - d. Don’t easily beat other creatures.
20. What did the goat finally say to the wolf?
 - a. The goat only worried about his dinner.
 - b. The goat worried about the wolf’s dinner.
 - c. The wolf only worried about his dinner.
 - d. The wolf worried about the goat’s dinner.

21. "Come down here and graze on this fine grass beside **me** on safe level ground." (paragraph 2)
The bold word refers to...
- The goat
 - Dear friend
 - The wolf
 - The grass
22. What will happen to the goat if he follow the wolf's say?
- They will be friend
 - The goat will be the dinner for the wolf
 - The wolf will be the dinner for the goat
 - They will be rival

Read the following text carefully for number 23 – 30.

Text 4

An Ant and The Dove



One day, an ant was very thirsty. She went to a small river to drink, but she knew she went too far and dropped into the water. The river carried the ant away.

A dove saw this and took pity on her. She pulled a leaf from a tree nearby and dropped it into the water. The ant jumped up onto the leaf. The leaf carried the

ant to the side of the river. So the ant was rescue.

Someday, a bird catcher was out in the woods and wished to shoot a dove. He crept slowly close to her. The dove didn't see him, but the ant was watching him. She was aware it was the dove who had rescued her in the river. She thought that the man was going to catch the dove. The ant crept close and quickly bit the man's leg. He cried out loud. The dove heard him and flew away safely.

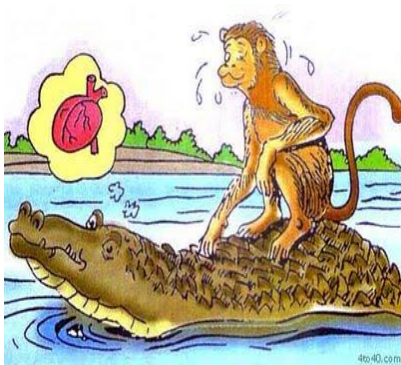
23. What problem did the ant have?
- She saw a bird catcher.
 - She saw drifted into the river.
 - She didn't have any food.
 - She needed a leaf.
24. What is the moral value can be learnt from the story?
- Help each other only if we got reward.
 - Help each others are necessary in life.
 - Don't underestimate the others.
 - Don't put our friends in trouble.
25. What does the text talk about?
- The ant and the bird catcher.
 - The dove and the bird catcher.
 - The ant and the dove.
 - The ant and the man.
26. "He cried out loud." (paragraph 3)
The underlined word refers to...
- The dove
 - The leaf
 - The bird catcher
 - The ant
27. "... and dropped **it** into the water." (paragraph 2)
The bold word refers to...
- The dove
 - The leaf
 - The ant
 - The wood

28. "The leaf **carried** the ant to the side of the river." (paragraph 2)
The bold word is the synonym of...
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| a. Put | c. Took |
| b. Brought | d. Got |
29. What does the last paragraph tell about?
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| a. The Ant who dropped into the water |
| b. How the Ant helped the Dove |
| c. How the Dove helped the Ant |
| d. The Dove and the Ant |
30. Why did the Ant help the Dove?
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| a. Because she loved the Dove |
| b. Because the Dove loved the Ant |
| c. Because she had moral duty to the Dove |
| d. Because the Dove had moral duty to the Ant |

Read the following text carefully for number 31 – 40.

Text 5

The Monkey and The Crocodile



One day, a monkey wanted to cross a river. He saw a crocodile in the river, so he asked the crocodile to help him. The crocodile told the monkey to jump onto its back. Then the crocodile swam down the river.

Now, the crocodile was very hungry. When the crocodile was in the middle of the river, it stopped and said to the monkey, "Monkey, my father is very sick. He must eat the heart of a monkey, then he will be strong again."

The monkey thought for a while. Then, he told the crocodile to swim back to the river bank.

"What for?" asked crocodile.

"Because I did not bring my heart with me," said the monkey. "I left it under the tree near some coconuts."

So the crocodile turned around and swam back to the bank of the river. As soon as they reached the river bank, the monkey jumped off the crocodile's back and climbed up to the top of a tree.

"Where is your heart?" asked the crocodile.

"You are foolish," the monkey said to the crocodile. "Now, I am free and you have nothing."

31. "...so he asked the crocodile to help him." (paragraph 1)
The synonym of the underlined word is...
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| a. Aid | c. Take |
| b. Disturb | d. Give |
32. "As soon as they **reached** the river bank,..."
The word **reached** has closely meaning to...
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| a. Got | c. Leaved |
| b. Arrived | d. Went |

33. Which statement is TRUE according to the text?
- The crocodile was a clever and cunning animal.
 - The monkey was finally eaten by the crocodile.
 - The crocodile wanted to give the monkey's heart to his father.
 - The crocodile swam back to the river bank because he believed in what the monkey said.
34. From the story above, we can learn that...
- We have to be calm in solving any problems.
 - The strongest will always be the winner.
 - Trusting someone else is the best thing we should do.
 - We have to be cunning with friends.
35. "... so he asked the crocodile to help him. (paragraph 1)
The underlined word mean...
- The crocodile.
 - The crocodile's father.
 - The monkey.
 - The monkey's heart.
36. How can the monkey trick the crocodile? It is because...
- The monkey is so clever and cunning
 - The monkey is so foolish
 - The crocodile is so smart
 - The crocodile is so unlucky
37. What the monkey did to solve the problem?
- He gave his heart to the crocodile
 - He followed what the crocodile said
 - He used his artfulness to fool the crocodile
 - He run away from the crocodile
38. "**He** must eat the heart of a monkey" (paragraph 2)
The bold word refers to...
- Monkey
 - Crocodile
 - Monkey's father
 - Crocodile's father
39. Why did the monkey ask the crocodile for help?
- The crocodile told him to jump onto its back.
 - The monkey was a weak animal.
 - He wanted to cross the river.
 - He liked the crocodile.
40. What is the main idea of first paragraph?
- The monkey jumped onto the crocodile's back.
 - The monkey tricked the crocodile.
 - The crocodile lied to monkey that his father is sick.
 - The monkey wanted to cross the river and asked help to crocodile