

Holiday Assignment

Class : VIII

Subject : English

A. Read the following passage carefully.

The load was very heavy for the old camel. He tried his best to carry it as far as the next village. There his master would be able to get another camel to carry this heavy load. But he was so tired and exhausted that he could not go any further. His master took off the load from the camel's back and put it on the back of another camel and went his way. A tiger was passing by at this time. He had been hurt by the tusk of an elephant. As the tiger was in pain, he found it difficult to walk. So he lay down by the side of the camel. The camel began licking the tiger's wound with his long tongue and offered him food that his master had left behind. In a few days, the tiger and the camel recovered. As the tiger was very hungry the old camel told him to kill him and eat his meat. The tiger could not think of killing his friend. At that time a deer came running towards them. A hunter had shot at him with an arrow. He lay down by the side of the tiger. He told the tiger to kill him and eat his flesh as he did not want the wicked hunter to take him away. The tiger did as he was told. Just then the hunter came on the spot. The angry tiger jumped on him and killed him also. Another young deer was in the bag that the hunter was carrying. The tiger set it free. The tiger and the camel lived happily ever after in the forest.

Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate.

Q1: The camel began to lick the tiger's wound because the

- (a) tiger was in pain
- (b) tiger was tired
- (c) tiger could not walk
- (d) the camel was hungry
- (e) camel's tongue is long.

Q2: How many living beings in all are mentioned in the passage?

- (a) Nine
- (b) Eight
- (c) Seven
- (d) Six
- (e) Five

Q3: What did the tiger do the dying deer?

- (a) He ate his flesh
- (b) He killed him
- (c) He killed him and ate his flesh
- (d) He set him free
- (e) He licked him wounds

Q4: All of the following were either exhausted or wounded or killed except the

- (a) deer which lay near the camel
- (b) tiger
- (c) old camel
- (d) elephant
- (e) hunter

Q5: The tiger refused to eat the camel because of all of the following except that the camel had

- (a) become his friend
- (b) offered him food
- (c) licked his wound
- (d) become old
- (e) None of these

Q6: The tiger lay down near the camel because

- (a) they became friends
- (b) he felt tired
- (c) there was enough space to lie down
- (d) he was unable to walk
- (e) he wanted to kill the hunter if he came there

Q7: The old camel wanted to carry the load as far as the next village because

- (a) the village was at a short distance
- (b) he was sure to meet his master there
- (c) another camel was available to carry the load afterwards
- (d) the journey was to end at the next village
- (e) his master wished him to do so.

B. A list of books is recommended for you below. You must read the stories and write the summary in about 120-150 words on any two books.

1. Kabuliwala by Rabindranath Tagore
2. Untouchable by Mulk Raj Anand
3. Children's Omnibus by Ruskin Bond
4. Malgudi Days by R.K. Narayan
5. The Pterodactyl's Egg by Annie Besant
6. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain