

Himalaya International School

Subject-English

Class-VII

Practice Assignment-1

Language

I. Read the passage and answer the following questions.

If you have ever used a dictionary, you would know the name of one of those early schoolmasters very well – Noah Webster. Webster was a schoolmaster in the backwoods of New York. He foresaw that English would be the language of his country. He knew that it would be different in some ways from the English spoken in England, but he felt that it should have some standard rules so that people would use it correctly. He began, therefore, the huge task of compiling the American Dictionary of the English Language, the only one of its kind, published in 1828. In the dictionary, Webster gave the spelling of words, their pronunciation and their definition. Since it was the only American dictionary, it was consulted whenever people wanted to learn more about a word. The way a word was spelled, pronounced and defined in the dictionary, was considered to be correct. Not only did Noah Webster write his dictionary, but since he was convinced that correct usage should be taught in all schools, he wrote the famous American Spelling Book, which became known as ‘The Blue-backed Speller’ because of the colour of its cover. For years it was used as a textbook, and all schoolchildren were taught to spell, pronounce, and define words according to Webster.

Q1. You would know the name of Noah Webster if you

- a. never used a dictionary.**
- b. always use a dictionary.**

c. have used a dictionary even once.

d. have ever heard of a dictionary

Q2. Where did Noah Webster teach?

Q3. Noah Webster understood that English would be the language of his country in the future. Which trait of his character does this reveal? Tick the correct option.

i) intelligent iii) curious

ii) visionary iv) witty

a. i, ii and iii. c. i and ii

b. ii, iii and iv. d. all of the above

Q4. Tick the option that is true.

a. Noah Webster knew that American English would be similar to British English.

b. Noah Webster knew that American English would be completely different from British English.

c. Noah Webster knew that American English would only be partially different from British English.

Q5. What prompted Webster to start compiling the American Dictionary of the English Language?

Q6. When was the American Dictionary of the English Language published? Tick the correct option.

a. eighteenth century c. seventeenth century

b. nineteenth century d. twentieth century

Q7. Find and write the names of three things that were included in Webster's dictionary.

Q8. What was Webster's spelling book popularly called?

Q9. How important do you think is the role of a dictionary in learning a language?

Q10. Find a synonym for the word 'popular' from the passage.

II. Read the poem carefully.

Come April, come May!

And Gulmohar trees are gay,

With their flowers blazing red,

Over my little cow-shed,

To brighten up my day.

Come May, Come June!

And we'll have the rain soon.

Then the flowers will come down,

And my grounds in colour drown,

On a wet, damp afternoon.

Come June, July!

How the days have gone by!

So quickly the flowers,

Have come down in showers,

And left me with a sigh.

On the basis of your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions.

Q1. What is the poet talking about?

Q2. When are the Gulmohar trees happy?

Q3. What is the colour of the flowers of Gulmohar trees?

Q4. How do the flowers brighten up the poet's day?

Q5. Pick a synonym for 'happy' from the poem.

Q6. When will we have rains according to the poet?

Q7. What will happen in the rains?

Q8. What happens to the flowers in the months of June and July?

Q9. Write the rhyming scheme of the first five lines of the poem.

Q10. Which poetic device is used in the first two lines of the poem?

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Practice Assignment-2

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Q1. Join the sentences using conjunction “Ravi is a good singer. He is a good pianist.” (both... and)

Q2. Identify the kind of sentence in “Tie the shoe laces properly.”

Q3. Identify the countable and uncountable nouns in the sentence “I brought two chocolates and flour from the market.”

Q4. Form adjectives from the nouns ‘loyalty’, ‘mercy’, ‘youth’ and ‘health’.

Q5. Identify the type of pronoun used in the sentence “The house which is situated near the lake belongs to my grandpa.”

Q6. Give the past and past participle forms of the verbs ‘find’, ‘meet’, ‘ride’ and ‘knit’.

Q7. Find the infinitive from the sentence “They went out of the room to discuss an issue.”

Q8. Identify the voice in “The room has been cleaned by us.”

Q9. State whether the sentence is in direct or indirect speech “He ordered her to lay the table for dinner.”

Q10. Identify the sentence as Simple, Compound or Complex “Ashish was looking sad as he had failed to qualify the exam.”

Q11. Transform the sentence to passive form “I ate a slice of pizza during lunch break.”

Q12. Transform the sentence to Indirect Speech “Ravi said to his friend, “We have shifted to our new house.”

Q13. Change the sentence to Interrogative “She can sing any type of song.”

Q14. Change the sentence to negative “They are going to watch a movie tonight.”

Q15. Change the underlined word in the sentence to an adverb phrase “There should be peace everywhere in the world.”

Q16. Transform the underlined word to Adjective phrase “The bearded man is my uncle.”

Q17. Complete the sentence with adverb of manner “She danced on the tune of a patriotic song _____. ”

Q18. Fill in the blank with a preposition “The bullock cart went _____ the village.”

Q19. Write an article on “Eat healthy to stay healthy” in not more than 120 words.

Q20. Write an e-mail to your friend and describe your new neighbours who have recently shifted to the next house. You may explain how you tried to help them when they moved in.(120 words)

Q21. Write an e-mail to thank your grandmother who lives in Pune. She has sent you a birthday present by courier. (120 words)

Q22. Write an article in about 120 words on the topic “Delhi Pollution : A Curse”.

Q23. Write an article in not more than 120 words on the topic “Importance of sports in our life”.

Q24. Write an e-mail to your cousin telling him/her about an important event that took place in your school and you participated in it. (120 words)

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Practice Assignment-3

Literature

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

Dhaniya looked at her husband with pride and affection. “This cow has come as an answer to our prayers,” she said. “How can we part with her? Borrow the money you need tomorrow.”

Q1. Who is Dhaniya ?

Q2. Why did she look at her husband with pride?

Q3. What was her husband doing with the cow ?

Q4. How do we know that Rupa loved the cow?

Q5. What did the cow seem to ask Hori ?

Q6. Why was Hori thinking of selling the cow?

Q7. Whom he was selling the cow to?

Q8. What was the condition put by that money lender?

Q9. What made Hori rethink his position?

Q10. What is the meaning of the word ‘wrath’?

Comprehend the lines of the poem and answer the following questions.

The sleep that flits on baby’s eyes –

does anybody know from where it comes ?

Yes, there is a rumour that it has its dwelling

where, in the fairy village among shadows of the forest dimly lit with glow-worms, there hang two timid buds of enchantment.

From there it comes to kiss baby's eyes.

Q1. Who is the writer of this poem ?

Q2. What is the poet talking about in these lines?

Q3. Where does the baby's sleep reside?

Q4. What lightens up the village ?

Q5. What is the meaning of the phrase 'timid buds of enchantment'?

Q6. Which poetic device is used in the phrase 'does anybody know from where it comes'?

Q7. What is the meaning of the word 'flits'?

Q8. Who was the first Indian to get Nobel Prize?

Q9. What is the 'mystery of love' that the poet referring to in the poem?

Q10. What is the name of the book for which the poet got Nobel Prize?

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Practice assignment 4

Literature

Answer these questions.

Q1. Why did Jochen Bruck consider Sunday the worst day of the week?

Q2. Why did Mrs Hammerstein scold Jochen ?

Q3. Describe the memories Jochen have of Sundays when his father was with them?

Q4. What did Jochen see at the restaurant where his mother worked?

Q5. What did Jochen do to feel better?

Q6. Why did Hori go to Jhinguri Singh?

Q7. What was Jhinguri Singh doing when Hori went to meet him?

Q8. What was the proposal of Jhinguri Singh ?

Q9. Did Hori accept the proposal of Jhinguri Singh?

Q10. Why was everyone rushing to the money lenders?

Q11. What did Abu Ben Adhem see when he woke up from his dream?

Q12. What was the angel writing in the book?

Q13. What did Abu Ben Adhem request the angel to do ?

Q14. What happened on the following night ?

Q15. Where does the sleep that flits on the baby's eyes come from?

Q16. When was the smile first born and where ?

Q17. What lay pervading the mother's heart when she was a young girl?

Q18. Who is the poet of the poem “The sleep that flits on baby’s eyes”?

Q19. Who received Nobel Prize for his work ‘Geetanjali’?

Q20. Who wrote national anthem for two countries and also name the two countries.