

A Strange Treasure

Old John Crabtree was the owner of the biggest orchard in his part of the country. He was also the father of three strong but lazy sons. Old John looked after his fruit with very little help from his son.

Dear Me! He would say to himself. 'I wish my sons would work in the orchard. If they did, I am sure that the fruit would bring them a fortune.'

One day John fell ill and died. Not long after his death, the three sons met to hear what money their father had left to them. The reading of his will amazed them. "The orchard and the treasure which is there, I leave to my three sons."

"Treasure!' they shouted. "Isn't that wonderful!" We will be rich. Father has hidden his money in the orchard." The youngest son said, "We will dig and search in the orchard until we find it".

The sons made their plans to find the treasure. They worked as they had never worked before. After months of digging and searching, no treasure was found. For the first time that year, something happened. There was so much fruit on the trees, that the branches were bent almost to the ground. The three sons were delighted.

When harvest time came, the sons were kept busy. The youngest son picked the ripe fruit from the trees. The middle son cleaned it, and the eldest son packed it carefully into boxes. Their fruit was sold to merchants for a very good price. They soon became quite rich.

One day the eldest son said to his brothers, "Our father was a very wise man. Father knew we were very lazy, if he said there was treasure in the orchard, he knew we would dig and search for it. By our digging, we helped the trees to give us such a wonderful crop of fruit. That fruit has brought us a great deal of money and made us rich."

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Listening Comprehension

Sample Paper

Time : 20 minutes

Name & Surname: _____ Register no: _____

Do not write anything until you are given instructions to do so.

Listen carefully to the passage that is going to be read.

Make sure that you have answered all the questions.

Write the correct answer in the space provided. (10 marks)

1. What was the father's name?

- a. Jack Crabtree
- b. John Crabtree
- c. John Crab

2. What did he own?

- a. Orchard
- b. Garden
- c. Trees

3. What kind of sons were they?

- a. Lazy
- b. Lively
- c. Hardworking

4. What happened to old John?

- a. He fell ill
- b. He went abroad
- c. He fell ill and died

5. What did John leave in his will?

- a. Money
- b. The fields
- c. The orchard and the treasure

6. Why did his three sons work so hard? _____

- a. To produce a crop of fruit
- b. To find the treasure
- c. To be like their father

7. When harvest day came, who cleaned the fruit? _____

- a. The middle son
- b. The youngest son
- c. The eldest son

8. How did they become rich? _____

- a. By selling their father's orchard
- b. The fruit produced was sold to merchants
- c. By not taking care of the orchard

9. Who said that their father was a very wise man? _____

- a. The youngest son
- b. The middle son
- c. The eldest son

10. Underline the meaning of the word '**harvest time**': _____

- a. Growing of crops
- b. Gathering of crops
- c. Seeding new crops

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English (Comprehension)

Sample Paper

Time: 1hr 30 minutes

Read the passage carefully. Then answer the following questions:

When I was four months old, my mother died suddenly and my father was left to look after me all by himself. I had no brothers or sisters. So all through my boyhood, from the age of four months onward, there were just the two of us, my father and me.

(paragraph 1)

We lived in old gypsy caravan behind a filling- station. My father owned the filling-station and the caravan and a small field behind but that was about all he owned in the world. It was a very small filling-station on a small country road surrounded by fields and woody hills. The filling-station itself had only two pumps. There was a wooden shed behind the pumps that served as an office. There was nothing in the office except an old table and a cash register to put money into.

(paragraph 2)

The square brick building to the right of the office was the workshop. My father built that himself with loving care, and it was the only really solid thing in place.

“We are engineers, you and I”, he used to say to me.

“**We** earn our living by repairing engines and we can’t do good work in a rotten workshop”.

(paragraph 3)

It was a fine workshop, big enough to take one car comfortably and leave plenty of room round the sides for working. It had a telephone so that customers could arrange to bring their cars for repair.

(paragraph 4)

The caravan was our house and home. **It** was a real old gypsy wagon with big wheels and fine patterns painted all over it in yellow and red and blue. There was only one room in the caravan. It was a narrow room, the shape of the caravan itself. Against the back wall were two bunk beds, one above the other, the top one was my father’s, the bottom one was mine.

Immediately behind the caravan was an old apple tree. It bore lovely apples that ripened in the middle of September and you could go on picking them for the next four or five weeks. Some of the boughs of the tree hung right over the caravan. *(paragraph 5)*

I really loved living in the gypsy caravan. I loved it especially in the evenings when I was tucked up in my bunk and my father was telling me stories. Most of all was the feeling that when I went to sleep, my father would still be there, very close to me, sitting in his chair by the fire, or lying in the bunk above my own. *(paragraph 6)*

Answer the following questions:

1. **Fill in the blanks with suitable words:** (2 marks)

- a. The author was looked after by his _____
- b. Behind the caravan there was _____.

2. **True or False** (5 marks)

- a. The author's mother died before his first birthday . _____
- b. In the caravan there were two rooms. _____
- c. The apples ripened in Summer. _____
- d. The workshop was made of wood. _____
- e. The wooden shed was the workshop. _____

3. **Use one word to explain:** (3 marks)

- a. **Who** believed that he worked as an engineer. _____
- b. **Which** building was a home and a house. _____
- c. **Who** loved listening to stories in the evening. _____

4. What was the filling station used for and what was behind it? (3 marks)

5. Describe the caravan. (5 marks)

6. Explain what the underlined word refers to: (2 marks)

- a. We earn our living by repairing engines. (paragraph. 3) : _____
- b. It was a real old gipsy wagon (paragraph 5) : _____

7. From the passage find a word which means : (3 marks)

a. Not in a good state: _____

b. Hut: _____

c. Branches: _____

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English Grammar

Sample Paper

Total: _____ / 35

1. **Give the plural of :** ox _____ child _____
shelf _____ sheep _____
scissors _____ lady _____ **(3 marks)**
2. **Give the masculine of:** mistress - _____ duck _____ **(2 marks)**
3. **Give the feminine of :** bachelor - _____ witch _____ **(2 marks)**
4. **Continue these collective nouns:** a swarm of _____
a _____ of whales
a _____ of books **(3 marks)**
5. **Continue the following similes:** as tall as a _____
as _____ as a king
as proud as a _____ **(3 marks)**
6. **Give the antonym of these words:** visible _____
legible _____
comfortable _____
appear _____
hygienic _____ **(6 marks)**
- 7. Underline the Pronouns in each of these sentences:** **(2 marks)**
- a. Have you ever been fishing?
- b. Does he like fishing as much as you do?
- c. It is a long journey to the sea-side.

8. Join these sentences using who, where or which

(3 marks)

1. I like the town. You live there

2. John is speaking to his boss. His boss is a famous writer.

3. I like the painting. It is in this room.

9. Join these sentences with the appropriate conjunction.

(4 marks)

1. The seagull flew over my head. The seagull landed on the roof.

2. We are staying at home. The weather is very cold and windy.

3. Planes are fast and comfortable. They are very scary.

4. Sharon wants to look well and be healthy. She does exercises every morning.

10. Fill in with the correct verb tense.

(7 marks)

1. Last night Kate (to write) _____ some postcards to send to her cousins for the new year.

2. Tina often (to eat) _____ a salad and an apple at school.

3. Next Sunday, Mary and Kate (to go) _____ to a Christmas party.

4. Spy Pups is a book (to write) _____ by Andrew Cope.

5. The teacher asked the children, " Have you ever (to see) _____ a monster? "

6. While I (to do) _____ my homework, my friend (to knock) _____ at the door.

In not less than 150 words write a composition about ONE of the following:

1. Write a story which starts with the following words:

The animal stood there looking at me. "Why did you do that?" the animal asked. I was astonished to hear an animal speak ...

2. An unexpected visitor.

3. A holiday I shall never forget.

4. Letter to a friend.

Imagine you are Kim. Write a letter to your friend Kelly who wishes to visit Malta to get to know about **Maltese customs**.

You may wish to write about a local festivity or event.

5. An old person has come to live up your street. This person has asked you to run an errand. From that day on you have become great friends. Write about your friendship.

6. The school subject I do not like and why.

Write about the school subject which is not one of your favourite subjects at school and give your reasons for not liking it.

