

I UNIT TEST 2017-18

Sub: English

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Q1. Read the following passage & Answer the following questions:(6)

On the shore of another island, Fritz had knocked down an albatross, which was threatening to attack him and found a rag tied to the large bird's leg. On the rag was a message that an Englishwoman had been stranded on the 'smoking rock'. Fritz had no idea how old the message was. His father suggested that "smoking rock" sounded like a reference to a volcano. Since there were no volcanoes in the vicinity, the bird might have come from hundreds of miles away. However, Fritz felt that someone needed his help, and he was determined to do his best to find the sender. Before returning home, he had written his own note on rag, retied it to the albatross's leg, and had watched the bird fly off. The note told whoever received it "Do not despair. Help is near!" Fritz, then successfully, rescued the young woman, Jenny Montrose. Though shy at first, soon, she got used to living with the Robinson family.

1. Where did Fritz find a rag on which the message "Smoking Rock" was written?
2. What does the word 'Stranded' mean? Frame a sentence with the given word?
3. Personal Response Question-Why must the title 'smoking rocks' be given to the volcanoes?
4. Fritz had knocked down an Albatross.(Change the voice)
5. Give antonyms of : a) Shy b)received

Q2. Read the unseen passage and answer the following questions:(6)

Mark Twain was the pen name of Samuel Langhorne Clemens was a popular American writer. He was famous for his humorous stories, novels, etc. Many anecdotes related to Mark Twain are told and enjoyed even today. He opposed wars and imperialism and supported the cause of labourers and of the black people in his country America.

One day during his tenure as the editor of the small Missouri newspaper, Mark Twain received a letter from a leader who had found a spider in his paper. He wondered whether this portended good or bad luck. "Finding a spider in your paper" Twain replied "Is neither a good nor a bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising, So that he could go to that store, spin a web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterwards."

1. Mark Twain supported war and opposed the cause of the labourers. (Say whether true or false)
2. What was Mr. Samuel Clemens famous for?
3. Personal response question :- After reading the passage do you think that Mark Twain was a humorous writer? Why?
4. Find the word in the passage which means 'a short amusing story about a real incident'?
5. Write at least two pairs of opposite words given in the passage?

Q3.Do as Directed : (4)

1. Frame sentences using the given word once as a verb and then as a noun. a) travel

b)care

2)You didn't tell him. (Add a question tag.)

3) Bertha's Pinafore was so spotlessly white that it could be seen from a great distance.(Make it a compound sentence)

4) It is very wrong for a little girl to meddle in.(Re-write it as a Negative Sentence)

Q4.Write a letter to the principal of your school asking her to grant a leave of 5 days as you have to go for your cousin's wedding in your native place with your family. (4)