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1. TRUE FRIENDS

1. (a) false (b) true (c) false
(d) true (e) true
2. (a) followed (b) care (c) come out
(d) wandered (e) pounced
3. (a) One day, Jindan fell into a ditch.
(b) The lion took pity on the camel and brought him to his den and took care of the camel.
(c) because they were afraid of the lion.
(d) No, the jackal and the wolf did not love the camel.
(e) The false friends got scared and ran away.
4. (a) Morning walk is good for health.
(b) Jindan, the lion began to starve.
(c) Fox and Jackal wandered in the forest.
(d) Lion roars loudly.
5. lion, camel, forest, wolf, jackal, animal
6. Can you give me a bat, a ball and a cap ? I want to play cricket. Today, Ravi and John are also going. Will you also go with us ? Hurrah! I shall also go with you.
7. We should love animals. We should not tease them.
We should take proper care. We should not keep birds in the cage.

2. THE FLOATING DUCK

1. (a) false (b) false (c) false
(d) false (e) true
2. (a) float (b) congratulated (c) tossed
(d) seagull (e) thrilled
3. (a) Dorothy is very fond of toys.
(b) The duck began to float in the river.
(c) The duck was frightened because it went very far.
(d) Because it was a toy duck and not something to eat.
(e) Dorothy stretched her hands.
4. (a) Fish floats in water
(b) My dream is to be a doctor.

- (c) India won the toss
(d) Don't shout.
5. Common Noun : mother, teacher, girl, child, city,
hospital, dog, house, apple, river,
pencil
Proper Noun : Delhi, Gita, Jessy, Kochi, Rahul,
Ganga, Peter
6. lion – lioness man – woman king – queen
bull – cow uncle – aunt hero – heroine
7. children men rivers
women houses books
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3. WHERE GO THE BOATS ?

1. (a) dark brown (b) trees (c) valley, hill
(d) children
2. (a) R.L. Stevenson is the speaker in the poem.
(b) There are trees on either hand of the river.
(c) Leaves and boats are the two things that are moving
with the river water.
3. A woman had *a* hen. *The* hen laid *an* egg *a* day. *The*
woman was greedy. She wanted to get more eggs
from *the* hen.
So, she gave *the* hen more food to eat. *The* hen became
fat. She laid no eggs at all. *The* greedy woman said
to herself, "What *a* fool I am ! Now, I do not even
get *an* egg a day."
4. (b) They are friends.
(c) John is an actor.
(d) You are my friend.
(e) I am your friend.
5. (b) Are they my friends ?
(c) Am I their friend ?
(d) Are you very clever ?
6. land, roam, bill, bore, boating
7. (a) slow (b) last
(c) rose (d) vase

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| 8. | <i>Across</i> | <i>Down</i> |
| (1) | Golden | (1) Green |
| (2) | Castle | (2) Tree |
| (3) | Valley | (3) Little |
| (4) | Boat | |
| (5) | River | |

4. THE PROUD KITE

1. (a) true (b) false (c) false
(d) true (e) false
2. (a) sparrow (b) kite
(c) went, reach (d) kite, ground (e) torn up
3. (a) When the sun was about to set, the sparrow and her friends went to their nests.
(b) Mohan made a nice little kite one day.
(c) Sparrow broke the thread with its sharp beak.
(d) When the sparrow broke the thread the kite started coming down.
(e) Mottu, his little pup, brought the kite. It was torn up to pieces by the wind.
(f) We must not be proud when we go up.
4. (a) Minu, Kite (b) Minu, Kite
(c) Kite, Minu (d) Kite, Minu
5. (a) bunch (b) herd (c) bundle
(d) flight (e) team (f) army
6. friend, parent, teacher, doctor, child
7. (a) They (b) It (c) He
8. The bird is on the tree.
The boy is flying the kite.
The dog is standing near the boy.
The kite is yellow in colour.
9. bird, aeroplane, butterfly, bee

5. THE DOG AND THE DONKEY

1. (a) riverside (b) work, happy
(c) faithful, master (d) favour (e) thrashed
2. (a) The washerman went to the riverside to wash the clothes.

- (b) The donkey carried the bundle on its back to the riverside.
- (c) The dog protected the house.
- (d) The donkey started braying when it saw the thief.
- (e) The master got angry because he was disturbed by the donkey.
3. Masculine : bull, dog, hero, prince, lion, tiger
 Feminine : lioness, heroine, queen, mare, peahen, aunt
 Common : child, baby, cattle, student
4. (a) Tina's house (b) Boy's School
 (c) Women's college (d) Boys' names
5. (a) better (b) long
 (c) long (d) best
6. (a) isn't (b) aren't (c) don't
 (d) doesn't (e) wasn't (f) hasn't
7. 2. carry 3. donkey 4. favour
 5. master 6. river
8. (a) There (b) quiet (c) thief
 (d) story

6. HELEN KELLER

1. (a) false (b) true (c) true
 (d) true
2. (a) can't (b) little child
 (c) good (d) popular
3. (a) When Helen was twelve months old she became very sick and her sickness made her blind, deaf and dumb.
 (b) Miss Ann Sullivan visited her house when Helen was seven years old.
 (c) Miss Sullivan sat down beside little Helen. She placed a doll in her hand and slowly spelt the word D-O-L-L.
 (d) She opened a special school for blind, deaf and dumb children.
 (e) People remember Helen Keller for her work, success and service.

4. (a) strongest (b) higher
(c) largest (d) sweeter
5. a, an, a, the, the, the
6. deaf, leaf, read, teach, deep

7. THE STOREY OF FLYING ROBERT

1. (a) false (b) true (c) false
(d) true (e) false
2. (a) When the rain comes they stay at home and mind their toys.
(b) Robert thought that when it poured, it was better out of doors.
(c) Robert was silly.
(d) The wind whistles through the trees and flowers.
(e) The wind has caught Robert's red umbrella.
3. (a) We use an umbrella when it rains.
(b) Wind whistles.
(c) You just stay there.
(d) You are silly.
5. (a) whistles (b) go (c) play
(d) love
6. (b) It does not pour.
(c) They do not go very far.
(d) I do not visit my uncle on Sundays.
(e) You do not sing a good song.
7. (b) Does it pour ?
(c) Do they go very far ?
(d) Do I sing this song well ?
(e) Do you like to play this game ?
8. Winter : jacket, sweater, woollen-clothes, quilt
Rainy season : rainbow, raincoat, umbrella, showers,
paper boat
Summer : ice-cream, cold-drink, fan, cotton-clothes
9. town, toys, pours, thistles, skies
10. (a) kennel (b) better (c) hammer
(d) fellow (e) riddle (f) pebble

8. ALADDIN AND THE MAGIC LAMP

1. (a) true (b) false (c) false
(d) false (e) true (f) true
2. (a) playing (b) magician (c) reached
(d) beautiful (e) Aladdin (f) pleasure
3. (a) The stranger asked Aladdin to go with him.
(b) When Aladdin rubbed the lamp, a huge genie appeared before him and said, "What would you like me to do?"
(c) Aladdin asked the genie to bring them food, as they were hungry.
(d) Aladdin's mother requested the Sultan to give the princess in marriage to Aladdin.
(e) The Sultan asked Aladdin to arrange a grand palace for his daughter.
(f) The Sultan gave orders to make arrangements for the marriage.
4. (a) Stranger, Aladdin (b) Aladdin, Stranger
(c) Genie, Aladdin (d) Genie, Aladdin
(e) Aladdin, Genie
5. (a) was (b) was (c) were
(d) were
6. (a) are (b) was (c) were
(d) was (e) am
9. net, pot, opened, genie, fisherman, trick, into, closed, sea

9. TWENTY FROGGIES

1. (a) false (b) true (c) true
(d) false (e) true
2. (a) The froggies go to school down beside a rushy pool.
(b) The school is down beside a rushy pool.
(c) Master Bullfrog is their teacher.
(d) He is brave and stern.
(e) The teacher taught them how to nobly strive, how to leap and dive and how to dodge a blow.

- (f) The froggies now sit on other logs and teach other little frogs.
3. (a) A flock of sheep (b) a bouquet of flowers
(c) A bunch of grapes (d) A pack of wolves
(e) A fleet of ships (f) A shoal of fish
(g) A pride of lions
4. seventh, eighteenth, twenty-second, thirty-ninth
5. When I get up in the morning.
When I go to bed at night.
When I receive something from someone.
When I make a mistake.
6. fly, sky, tie, lie, shy, cry
7. (a) There is a frog on the stone.
(a) There is a crow on the stone.
(b) There is a frog in the water.
(b) There is a fish in the water.
(c) There are two leaves in the water.
(c) There is no leaf in the water.
(d) There is a bird flying in the sky.
(d) There is the sun rising in the sky.
(e) There are four buds in the water.
(e) There are only two buds in the water.
8. (a) frogs (b) orange (c) peacock
(d) elephant (e) aeroplane
(f) watermelon (g) caterpillar

10. GANDHIJI – THE FATHER OF THE NATION

1. (a) freedom (b) means (c) statue
(d) buy (e) love
2. (a) We call Gandhiji the Father of the Nation because all his life he worked for our country and also for the people.
(b) We got freedom on 15th August, 1947.
(c) British ruled our country before we got freedom.
(d) Mr. Roy is going to distribute clothes among the poor children.
(e) Mahatma Gandhi was born on 2nd October at Porbandar in Gujarat.

3. handloom, firewood, playground, sunlight, classroom
4. (a) gave (b) got
(c) showed (d) worked
5. (b) We did not go home.
(c) The cat did not kill the rat.
(d) I did not thank him.
6. (b) Did we go home ?
(c) Did the cat kill the rat ?
(d) Did you go to the market ?
7. (a) I am hungry but there is nothing to eat.
(b) I learned the poem but I forgot it.
(c) The sum is difficult but I can do it.
(d) The sum was easy but he could not do it.
8. (b) He can play football and cricket.
(c) The story is short and interesting.
(d) She likes apples and ice-cream.
9. (a) I will respect my elders.
(b) I will be a good citizen.
(c) I will learn good manners.
(d) I will play games.
(e) I will study well.

11. SHANKU AT KOHINOOR ESTATE

1. (a) false (b) false (c) true
(d) true (e) true
2. (a) standing (b) studying (c) raised
(d) bananas (e) touch, tusks
3. (a) Shanku is a small elephant.
(b) Preeti and Vincent live at Kohinoor plantations.
(c) Vincent doesn't like staying in the hostel because he loves the beauty of nature and doesn't like going away from the beautiful hills.
(d) Ammalu gave bananas to the children.
(e) The children gave bananas to Shanku.
4. calves thieves shelves
halves wolves loaves
5. stories babies cities
ladies copies cherries

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| 6. | valleys | toys | ways |
| | monkeys | boys | essays |
| 7. | over | under | into |
| | behind | on | for |
| 8. (a) | have | (b) has | (c) have |
| (d) | has | (e) have | |
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12. ROHINI'S WISDOM

1. (a) poor (b) clever (c) surprised
2. (a) lived (b) stood (c) wish
(d) cheated (e) realised
3. (a) The merchant told the people that he would pay a thousand gold coins to anyone who could stand in the river for a whole night in winter.
(b) The poor man went to the river and stood knee-deep in the water. He was cold from head to toe but he wanted to win the thousand gold coins.
(c) The poor man remained in the water till the sun rose.
(d) Rohini decided to teach him a lesson.
(e) The merchant realised how unfair he had been. He felt quite ashamed of himself.
4. (a) The poor man decided to accept the merchant's offer.
(b) The merchant laughed at the poor man.
(c) I was surprised to see my birthday gift.
(d) The poor man had been cheated by the greedy merchant.
5. speak - loudly move - slowly sleep - soundly
examine - carefully write - neatly
6. sadly, immediately, fast, carefully
7. unlike, unhappy, unfold
8. decide decided decided
laugh laughed laughed
remain remained remained
surprise surprised surprised
point pointed pointed

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| 9. | head | toe | green |
| | knee | meal | touch |
| | cheat | greedy | heard |
| | poor | | |
11. A fish to the sea. A bird to the sky.
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13. WALKING

- (a) walks (b) unless (c) legs
(d) steps (e) stretch
 - (a) The children have fun, when daddy walks with them.
(b) They can walk fast by skipping and running.
(c) The girl nearly slips and falls when she stretches her legs too far.
(d) No, daddy doesn't stretch at all.
 - (a) joy (b) hatred (c) sorrow
(d) surprise (e) attention
 - poor poorer poorest
long longer longest
strong stronger strongest
young younger youngest
 - The farmers are ploughing the field. They are ploughing with the help of a tractor. They use a pumpset to water the fields. They are also planting the saplings in the field. There are two birds sitting on the branch of a tree. A bird is flying over the fields.
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14. MICHAEL MISSES MINNI

- (a) Nalini and Shekhar are Michael's cousins.
(b) Michael's uncle lives in Mumbai.
(c) They are planning to go to the beach next.
- (a) happily (b) brightly
(c) loudly (d) correctly
- (a) to (b) out (c) on
(d) to (e) with
- (a) fastest (b) hot (c) outside
(d) false (e) comes

5. near - close regard - respect happy - glad
 reach - arrive got - receive home - house
 enjoy - have fun
6. zoo, Kolkata, remember, fun, idle, jungle
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15. THE LORD WHO BECAME A BLACKSMITH-I

1. (a) He felt sad.
 (b) They were greedy.
 (c) It was very easy to do his work.
2. (a) ordered (b) began (c) blow
 (d) sparks (e) became
3. (a) The lord's coach broke down on the way.
 (b) The lord paid a dollar to the blacksmith.
 (c) The lord's wife said, "Why don't you try to learn that work ? You watch that blacksmith for sometime and take over his job. You can do all that by the end of summer."
 (d) The farmer wanted to make a plough.
 (e) When the farmer beat the hot iron the sparks flew from it.
4. (a) will (b) will
 (c) shall (d) shall
5. (a) The jug is on the table.
 (b) The rat is under the table.
 (c) The pen is in the inkpot.
 (d) The book is inside the bag.
 (e) The rabbit is in the box.
 (f) The cat is outside the bucket.
6. allowed fare hour
 buy whole some
7. 1. He *knows* me.
 He has a sharp *nose*.
 2. He is my *dear* friend Ritesh.
 There is a *deer* in the zoo.
 3. I *heard* the noise.
 There is a *herd* of cows.
 4. This is a *new* car.
 She *knew* the boy.

5. He studies in standard *one*.
Our team *won* the match.

16. THE LORD WHO BECAME A BLACKSMITH - II

1. (a) heating (b) led (c) farmer
(d) heated (e) did not
2. (a) The lord tried to make an axe when he failed to make the plough.
(b) The lord tried to make a knife when he could not make the axe.
(c) At last the lord made a sizz.
(d) The lord made the sizz by heating the little iron and throwing it in the tub of water.
(e) The lord took the sack to the farmer's home to get what he had earned.
(f) The strongmen seized him, laid him down on a bench and thrashed him with long pieces of stick.
3. (a) Farmer, Lord
(b) Lord, Farmer
(c) Lord, Coachman
4. The car is mine. The house is ours.
The toy is hers. The book is his.
The bag is yours. The cows are theirs.
5. (a) my (b) our (c) your
(d) his (e) her (f) their
6. (a) Yes, he did. No, he didn't.
(b) Yes, he was. No, he wasn't.
(c) Yes, I am. No, I am not.
(d) Yes, they were. No, they weren't.
7. (a) I've (b) I'm (c) We're
(d) They'll (e) Let's (f) You've
8. Pilot Santa Claus
Goal Keeper umpire
Doctor

17. HOW CREATURES MOVE

1. (a) false (b) false (c) true
(d) true (e) true

2. (a) wiggles (b) hop (c) spread
(d) have (e) dance
3. (a) A lion walks on padded paws.
(b) A squirrel leaps from limb to limb.
(c) Flies can crawl straight up a wall.
(d) The seals can dive and swim.
(e) The monkey swings by his tail.
(f) The boys leap, dance, walk and run.
4. ground sail wing run
5. sitting, cutting
I will call him a fool.
(a) cut, sitting
(b) cut, grow
6. (a) boy (b) fish (c) frock
(d) aeroplane (e) teacher (f) plant
7. Lion – cub den roar
Cow – calf shed moo
Dog – puppy kennel bark
Cat – kitten house mew
Horse – foal stable neigh
8. prey

18. THE OLD MAN WHO CAME BACK TO LIFE

1. (a) when you have sneezed three times.
(b) he thought he had died.
(c) drive away the cows.
2. (a) see (b) sneezing (c) stop
(d) nose (e) drove
3. (a) The old man went out to see the sage to ask him how many years more he would live.
(b) The sage told the old man that his death would come when he would sneeze for three times.
(c) The old man dropped his sack and lay on the ground.
(d) The miller was surprised to see the cows tearing at the sack of flour while its owner lay there.
(e) The miller took a whip and drove the cows away. He sent the whip flying over the old man's back too.

- (f) The old man thanked the miller for bringing him back to life.
4. children buses watches
 hooves loaves donkeys
 oxen lives cities
5. (a) who (b) who (c) which
 (d) which
6. dislike disbelieve discolour
7. What are you doing ? What were you doing?
 There is nothing to be done. There was nothing to
 be done.
 They are friends. They were friends.
8. He is the boy who came here.
 This is the pencil which he bought.
 That is the fox which killed the lamb.
 This is the men who met me.
9. man, age, gem

19. THE LITTLE MOUSE

1. (a) dropped (b) searching (c) mightiest
 (d) circle (e) lived
2. (a) When the sage was meditating, a little mouse fell into his lap.
 (b) The sage turned it into a lovely girl child.
 (c) The sage decided that the most powerful man in the world would marry her.
 (d) The sun said to the sage, "I am not the mightiest. The cloud is able to cover me. The cloud is stronger than me."
 (e) The cloud said, "I am not the mightiest. The wind can carry me along."
 (f) At last the sage turned his daughter into a she-mouse.
3. (a) Sage, Wife (b) Sun God, Sage
 (c) Mouse, Sage
4. (a) she always wanted a daughter.
 (b) the mouse was ready to marry only a she-mouse.

5. Nouns : book, John, Chennai, garden
 Verbs : sing, read, go, throw, play
 Adjectives : long, loudly, beautifully, brightly
 Determiners: my, a, the
 Adverbs : fast, big
6. little, search, dropped, circle, irritate, mouse
7. ✓ ✓
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20. ROBINSON CRUSOE

1. (a) a sailor (b) storm (c) a wave
 (d) English
2. (a) born (b) water (c) savages
 (d) English (e) countrymen
3. (a) Robinson Crusoe wanted to become a sailor.
 (b) One day Crusoe's ship hit by a storm, began to leak and it was going to sink.
 (c) Robinson fitted a raft with pieces of wood held together by ropes and placed the boxes on it. With some difficulty, he reached the shore of an island.
 (d) Robinson spent his first night on the tree.
 (e) Crusoe tamed a goat, a cat and a dog.
 (f) The black man named as 'Friday' because he was found on a Friday.
4. (a) One day, his ship was going to Africa.
 (b) He thanked God for saving his life.
 (c) He needed these things to stay alive.
 (d) He could now sail around his island.
5. 1. cabin 2. calendar 3. calm 4. cargo
 5. child 6. climb 7. collect 8. companion
 9. construct
7. 1. He had not taken his food.
 2. She has not done their work.
 3. You have not gone to school today.
 4. They had not done their work.
 5. I have not done your work.
8. Plural : children, boxes, monkeys, babies
 Female : she, wife, lioness, queen
 Opposite : dark, old, slow, wet
 Synonym : cry, select, small, big