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[10 Marks]

Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions.

I stayed out in the forest nearly all that day because the baby kept on crying. It was dark, and the window was lit up when I came home, and still the baby was fretting. **Its** eyes were gone dull and it would not go to sleep in the night. Mother kept the baby walking up and down, crooning and mumbling to it and rocking it in her arms. She said it was very ill and she held it pressed close to her. I asked her if it was going to die, but she walked a little faster. As I was very sleepy, we did not talk too much that night.

After breakfast I told mother I was going down to the old pool to fish and that I bring her some fish for dinner. But **she** looked at me called me to her.

“The baby is dreadfully ill” she said “and we must go without the fish. Feel its poor thin hot hands; that’s the fever. Do you love it? Then take it in your arms.”

But I shook my head. It looked very ugly and just wailed and wailed like a fly in the air. “I think I would like to go fishing mother” I said “and I promise you shall have the biggest catch.”

But she kept on pressing that the baby was too ill to wait and that I must go for the doctor in the village. “It wasn’t so very far”, she said “and you could fish tomorrow.”

“But it is far” I told her, “and it doesn’t look so very bad. It’s only crying” I said. And Iran out before she could catch.

But I did not catch any fish. I suppose that they would not bite because I had been wicked. So I tied up my lines and came home about three in the afternoon. The baby was not crying now, when I went in. But my mother didn't turn her head to speak to me. She was kneeling beside its old rocking cradle. Some of her hair hanging down on her shoulders.

“Shall I go for the doctor now, mother? It'll be dark before I get back.” Mother turned on me very wild. “Oh you coward, you coward. Dark! It's dark enough for me.”

1. Say whether the following sentences are true or false by writing 'T' or 'F' against each of them.

- (a) The writer was irritated by the baby's cry. ()
- (b) Mother sent him to bring some fish for dinner. ()
- (c) The boy returned home with the biggest catch of fish. ()
- (d) The writer did not take care on the baby. ()

2. Why did the writer wish to stay out in the forest?

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3. Write down the sentence that shows that the writer didn't realize the baby was seriously ill?

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4. Where did the writer go after the breakfast?

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5. What did the mother mean by 'It's dark enough for me.'

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6. What could be the lesson we learn from the story? Underline the correct answer.

- (a) Children need not bother over things that happen around them.
- (b) We should learn to bear the cry of babies.
- (c) Being kind and concerned could save a life.

7. What do the following words in the passage refer to?

- a. 'Its' in line two
- b. 'she' in line eight

[8 Marks]

Test 16

Write about one of the following topic:

a. An article to a newspaper on the following topic,

‘Value of Time’

You may include,

- Benefits of working on time
- The best use of time
- Disadvantages of wasting time / improper use of it
- Importance of time management for a successful life

b. A speech you would make at the morning assembly at school.

‘If we could lead a simple life’

Write about the changes we could make in individuals and the society we live.

c. An essay on the following topic:

‘Let’s save our mother earth’

You may include,

- the threats to mother earth
- causes
- suggestion to save her

d. Complete the following dialogue:

Priya : Hello Meera ! Good Morning, Nobody at home? Today is Sunday. Where are your parents?

Meera :

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