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WORKSHEET

GRADE: VIII ANNUAL EXAMINATION, MARCH 2020

SUBJECT: ENGLISH – Set 2

READING

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It is roughly the size of the continent of Australia and covers an area of nearly 2.8 million square miles. The Amazon rainforest gets its life from the majestic Amazon River which runs through the heart of the region. Amazon is also the second largest river in the world. The rainforest is simply the drainage basin for the river and its tributaries. The vast forest consists of four layers, each featuring its own ecosystems and specially adapted plants and animals.

The forest floor is the lowest region. Since only two percent of the sunlight can filter through the top layers to the understory very few plants grow there. The forest floor, however, is rich with rotting vegetation and bodies of dead animals which quickly break down and get integrated into the soil as nutrients. Tree roots stay close to these available nutrients and decomposers such as millipedes and earth worms use these nutrients for food.

The understory is the layer above the forest floor. Much like the forest floor, only about 2 to 5 percent of the sunlight reaches this shadowy realm. Many of the plants in the understory have large, broad leaves to collect as much sunlight as possible. The understory is so thick that there is very little air movement. As a result, plants rely on insects and animals to pollinate their flowers.

The layer above the understory is the canopy. This is where much of the action in the rainforest occurs. Many plants growing in this layer have specially adapted leaves with drip tips. Drip tips allow water to flow off the leaves and thus prevent mosses, fungi and lichens from infecting the leaves. Leaves in the canopy are very dense and filter about 80 percent of the sunlight. The canopy is where the wealth of the rainforest's fruits and flowers grow.

Answer the following questions.

1. Which is the world's second largest river?
2. How important is the Amazon River for Amazon rainforests?
3. Why do very few plants grow in the understory of the rainforests?

4. Why is there very little air movement in the understory?
5. What is the layer above the understory called?
6. Find the word from the passage which means 'grand'.

Writing

a) Your school is planning to organize a 'Clean Up' day where all students will help to clean up the school premises. This event will not only spruce up the campus; it will bring students together with a sense of ownership and common purpose. Write a notice informing students about this activity. You are Kiran / Shiya , Head Boy / Girl of your school. Write the notice below in 50 words or less. Use a date, time, and meeting place of your choice.

b) **Develop stories from given outlines. Remember to give the moral of the story in the end.**

An old lady becomes blind calls in a doctor agrees to pay large fees if cured doctor comes daily Starts stealing one piece of furniture daily delays the cure at last cures her demands his fees..... lady refuses to pay, saying cure is not complete..... doctor objects lady says sight not restored as she cannot see all her furniture

C) Write a Persuasive Speech on the given topics .

- i) Should Mobile Phones be prohibited in schools ?
- ii) Smoking in public places

Grammar

1. Rewrite the following sentences using appropriate words (who , which , that , whom , whose that & when)

- a) She has acted in a movie name I don't remember.
- b) It is a story will captivate readers of all ages.
- c) This is the house *I was born* .
- d) She has married someone I really admire.
- e) I have got something belongs to you.

2. Identify the following clauses are Defining / Non Defining Clauses.

- a) This is the officer who arrested the burgler .
- b) *His brother, who works at the supermarket, is a friend of mine.*
- c) He has only one brother, and that brother works at the supermarket.
- d) *It's hoped that we will raise £10,000 for local charities which help the homeless.*
- e) *His uncle who works at the airport is a friend of mine.*

3. Join the following sentences using appropriate relative clause .

- a) We then travelled to a mountain. The mountain is near the town of Fort William.
- b) Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh. He wrote the Sherlock Holmes stories.
- c) There we met an old man. He told us that he had seen Nessie.
- d) We first went to Edinburgh. Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland
- e) Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh. He wrote the Sherlock Holmes stories.

4. Choose the suitable idioms from the box and fill in the blanks.

Heart of gold , give a hand , caught red handed , like a bull in a china shop

- a) My brother helps everyone even strangers , he has a -----
- b) You've got both arms full of groceries. Can I ----- opening the door?
- c) Thief was arrested ----- by the police from the spot.
- d) He is like a ----- always knocking the things over..

Literature

1. Read the given extracts from your Content Book and answer the questions that follow:

"You see,
I'm the frog who owns this tree.
In this bog I've long been known
For my splendid baritone
And, of course, I wield my pen
For Bog Trumpet now and then".

- a) How does the frog prove he is the owner of the bog ?

- b) According to the frog ,what are the things he is doing for the creatures of Bingle Bog ?
- c) Name the poetic devices applied in the poem .

2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.

- a) Can the events that happen in Alice in Wonderland happen in real life? Do you think Alice is dreaming? Support your answer with reasons.
- b) What is a hyperbole and give two examples .
- c) What is the theme of the poem “ The Frog and The Nightingale “?
- d) The Last Lecture is really a moving persuasive speech . What are the things made the speech persuasive ?

4. Answer the following questions in 80 -100 words.(Novel)

- a) Make a note on the theme of the novel ‘The Boy in striped Pyjamas ‘ .
- b) Who do you think is most responsible for Bruno’s death?
- c) Why do you think Gretel gives up her dolls and replaces them with maps?

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