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Half-Yearly Exams 2021

GRADE 4 - ENGLISH
READING COMPREHENSION

Time: 50 minutes

Name: _____

Class: _____

Register Number: _____

Marks

TOTAL (max. 30 marks)

GRADE 4 - ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION 1

A. Read the following text about the forgotten teddy.

On a shelf high up in a bedroom, was a teddy. A brown teddy, with a red ribbon around his neck. Once, this teddy had been the most loved toy in the room and the little boy who owned him had played with him every day. But now he sat high up on a shelf gathering dust.



Each day, Teddy would watch, as Harry, his owner, would come home from college and flop onto his bed. Each day he hoped that today was the day Harry got him down to play, but Henry never did. Then, one day, Teddy found himself in a bag being put in the loft.

Underline the correct answer.

(1 mark)

1. What does “gathering dust” mean?
 - a. The teddy has never been washed.
 - b. The teddy likes playing in the dust.
 - c. The teddy has not moved from the shelf for a very long time.

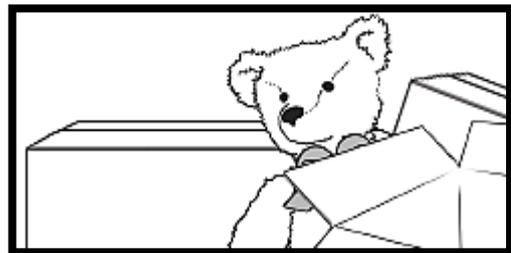
Answer with a full sentence.

(2 marks each)

2. Why do you think Harry didn’t play with Teddy anymore?

3. Where was Teddy put after he was put in the bag?

It was dark and cold in the loft. Teddy was surrounded by boxes full of old photographs and books, but there was no one for him to talk to. All alone, Teddy sat and thought of all the fun he and Harry used to have. He



remembered the battles that he and Harry fought against the evil T-rex and the picnics in the garden on hot days.

Underline the correct answer.

(1 mark each)

4. In the loft one can find

- a. Food
- b. Old items
- c. A bathroom

5. How do you think Teddy was feeling when he was in the loft?

- a. Happy
- b. Tired
- c. Lonely
- d. Excited

6. Mention two things that Harry and Teddy used to do together.

(2 marks)

Eventually, Teddy forgot about Harry. He had been in the loft, in the dark alone, for many years. One day, Teddy heard a noise. He squinted through a hole in the bag and saw that a tall man was climbing up into the loft. “My bag of special things is here somewhere,” Teddy heard the man say. Teddy looked through the hole at the man. He thought he knew him, but couldn’t be sure. Soon the man saw the bag Teddy was in. “Here it is!” the man exclaimed and he picked up the bag and carried it out of the loft and down the ladder.

Underline the correct answer.

(1 mark each)

7. Why did Teddy forget about Harry?

- a. He had got old.
- b. He was sad.
- c. He had been alone in the loft for so long.

8. Another word for *squinted* is

- a. looked
- b. smelled
- c. sneezed

9. Another word for *eventually* is

- a. then
- b. soon
- c. finally

When they were back down the ladder, the man opened the bag. He began to take out the things from inside, one by one. “This was my favourite book”, the man said. Teddy peered through the hole to see who the man was talking to, but he couldn’t see anyone. “Oh, and this was my favourite board game.”

Teddy heard a voice, “Let me see daddy!” Suddenly peering into the bag was a little girl. “Oooooo daddy!” she exclaimed. “Look at the pretty teddy!”

The man peered into the bag and looked at Teddy. “This was my favourite toy of all,” he said. He picked up Teddy and looked at him carefully. The man looked at the little girl. “Can you look after Teddy for me?” he asked her.

“Yes”, she cried.

Her daddy smiled and handed her Teddy.

“Make sure you give him lots of hugs and play with him every day.”

“I will daddy, I promise.” The girl took Teddy and held him tightly as she ran to play outside. As she went, the man thought he saw the teddy smile.



10. Who is the man? _____

(1 mark)

Put a tick (✓) in the table below to show which statements are true and which are false: (1 mark each)

		TRUE	FALSE
12.	Teddy stayed in the loft forever.		
13.	Teddy was a favourite toy.		
14.	The girl wanted to take care of Teddy.		

Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story. (1 mark each)

- Teddy is put in the loft.
- The man gives the little girl the teddy.
- Teddy forgets about Harry.
- Teddy is sitting on a shelf.

GRADE 4 - ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION 2

B. Read the following poem about the tooth fairy. Then answer the questions about it.

The Tooth Fairy

My pillow is soft and my bedroom is dim.
I lay in my bed as I watch my fish swim.
I'm waiting for someone, I know she'll be here.
The window is open. The sky's bright and clear.

At first my tooth wiggled. It twisted and bent.
But then it pulled loose, and I knew what it meant!
The tooth fairy comes if you do it all right,
you slip your tooth under your pillow at night.

My eyes feel so heavy. I'm falling asleep.
But then I hear jingles. I don't make a peep.
She's gone in a moment. I search on my sheet.
A bright, shiny coin is the best kind of treat.



The following questions carry (1 mark)

1. Write an adjective to describe the pillow _____

Now circle the correct answer

2. Are the lights in the room fully lit up?

- a. Yes
- b. No

3. When will the tooth fairy come?

As soon as:

- a. The tooth starts to wiggle.
- b. It's twisted and bent.
- c. It's pulled loose.

4. What is the poet waiting for?

- a. His mum.
- b. The tooth fairy.
- c. Someone to knock at the window.

5. What should you do with the tooth?

- a. Twist it and bend it.
- b. Make it more slippery.
- c. Place it under the pillow.

Answer the following with a sentence

6. Why do the poet's eyes feel heavy? *(1 mark)*

7. Did the fairy stay in the room all night? Why? *(2 marks)*

8. What does the tooth fairy leave for the kid? *(1 mark)*

9. Do you think he is happy with it? Why? *(2 marks)*
