

Worksheet

Unseen Passage

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Annie pointed to a rusty pipe sticking out from the top of a small hill. Streaming from the pipe was a column of black smoke. "Let's check it out" said Annie. She and Jack walked up the little hill. At the top they saw that the rusty pipe was rising out of a wooden roof. Beneath the wooden roof was a door. The door seemed to open into the hill itself. Jack studied their research book and read aloud: Since the prairie did not have many trees, wood was hard to find. So pioneers often made their houses out of sod bricks, which were blocks of earth cut out of the prairie. Sometimes a sod house was dug out of the side of a hill. It was called a "dugout". Then Jack read more to Annie: Tornadoes or twisters are common on the prairie. So many dugouts had storm cellars. A storm cellar was like a basement below the ground. During a twister, a storm cellar is the safest place to be.

On the basis of your reading of the passage choose the correct options:

(a) Sod is known as _____.

- (i)** hollow bricks
- (ii)** tiles
- (iii)** granite slabs
- (iv)** blocks of earth

Correct Answer is Option (iv) blocks of earth

(b) Many dugouts had _____.

- (i)** storm cellars
- (ii)** basement
- (iii)** vault
- (iv)** All of these

Correct Answer is Option (i) storm cellars

(c) Tornadoes or twisters are common on the _____.

- (i)** mountains
- (ii)** oceans
- (iii)** prairie
- (iv)** None of these

Correct Answer is Option (iii) prairie

(d) A storm cellar was like a _____ below the ground.

- (i)** window
- (ii)** basement
- (iii)** terrace
- (iv)** balcony

Correct Answer is Option (ii) basement

(e) Complete the following:

During a Twister, a storm cellar is the safest place to be.

(f) State whether the following statements are true or false:

The prairie did not have many trees but wood was found in plenty. **False**

(g) From the passage find the synonym of the following:

flowing - **Streaming**

(h) Why did the pioneers often make their houses out of sod bricks?

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2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(i) The king of Iran had heard that Birbal was one of the wisest men in the East. He wanted to meet Birbal, so he sent him an invitation to visit his country. In due course, Birbal arrived Iran.

(ii) When he entered the palace he was puzzled to find not one, but six kings seated there. All were dressed in kingly robes. Birbal began to think, 'Who is the real king?' The very next moment, he got the answer. Confidently, he approached the King and bowed to him. "But how did you identify me" The king asked, puzzled.

(iii) Birbal smiled and explained; "The false kings were all looking at you, while yourself looked straight ahead. Even in regal robes, the common people will always look to their king for support." Overjoyed, the king embraced Birbal and showered him with gifts.

Circle the most suitable options for the questions given below.

(a) The king sent an invitation to Birbal to visit Iran because

- (i)** Birbal was very rich

(ii) Birbal was very brave

(iii) Birbal was very wise

Correct Answer is Option (iii) Birbal was very wise

(b) When Birbal entered the palace, he was _____.

(i) confused

(ii) excited

(iii) Disappointed

Correct Answer is Option (i) confused

(c) The real king was looking at the false kings. False

(d) The king was very happy with the wisdom of Birbal. How do you know?

Overjoyed, the king embraced Birbal and showered him with gifts.

(e) Which words in the passage have the same meanings as follows?

(i) dress - **robes** (para ii)

(ii) kingly - **regal** (para ii)

(f) Complete the given sentence below.

When Birbal entered the palace, he was puzzled to see **six kings seated.**

(g) Find a word from the above passage which means the opposite of the given word:

(i) exit - **entered** (para ii)

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(i) A feast was held at the palace of the Caliph of Bagdad to celebrate the birth of his son. Kings and queens from across the world were invited. Each one of them came dressed in silk and gold jewels. Expensive gifts were given to the child.

(ii) In the midst of such a crowd, was a sage. He had come empty handed. He looked at the child and said, " The prince has received gold and jewels. But I bring the most precious of all the gifts. I bring the gift of 'stories' to him.

(iii) The sage came every day to tell stories to the child. He told him stories from around the world. His stories also had good values. The child listened to the stories and grew truthful and kind. When he became the king, he was liked by all for his wisdom and loyalty.

On the basis of your understanding of the story, circle the most suitable option.

(a) Where was the feast held?

- (i) in a garden
- (ii) at the palace
- (iii) in the temple

Correct Answer is Option (ii) at the palace

(b) Who were the invitees for the feast?

- (i) Kings and queens
- (ii) common people
- (iii) The sages

Correct Answer is Option (i) Kings and queens

(c) What gift did the sage bring?

- (i) gold
- (ii) jewels
- (iii) Stories

Correct Answer is Option (iii) Stories

(d) Which words in the passage have the same meanings as follows?

- (i) costly- expensive
- (ii) honest - truthful

(e) Complete the given sentence.

When the child became a king, he was known for his wisdom and loyalty.

(f) Find a word from the above passage which means the opposite of the given word:

Foolishness - wisdom (1/2)

(g) How did the stories of the sage help the child?

The boy grew kind and truthful. When he became the king, He was liked by all for his wisdom and loyalty.

4. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Little Neil was just two years old when his Dad took him to watch an airplane race. At the age of four, Neil went with his Dad for their own ride in an airplane. While his Dad was nervous, Neil had the most wonderful time. When Neil was thirteen, the family moved to a new town. Neil got used to his new school, joined the Boy Scouts, and played in the school band. He still flew model airplanes and engaged himself in the night sky using a neighbour's telescope. He always liked airplanes. He started going to the nearby airport to watch airplanes. As a part-time job he washed planes and made extra money. Then he realized that he wanted to learn to be a pilot. Neil asked his parents for permission and they

agreed that he could learn to fly an airplane.

Even though he couldn't get a driver's license for a car, at age 16 Neil had his student pilot's license. When Neil grew up he became a U.S. Navy fighter pilot and then a test pilot for advanced rocket-powered aircraft. Have you guessed which Neil the story is about? On July 20, 1969 astronaut Neil Armstrong was the first human to set foot on the moon.

On the basis of your reading of the passage choose the correct options:

(a) Fill in the blanks with the correct words:

(i) Neil asked his parents for permission to become a pilot.

(ii) Neil engaged himself in the night sky using a neighbour's telescope.

(b) Complete the following sentences:

(i) At age 16, Neil had his student pilot's license.

(ii) On July 20, 1969 astronaut Neil Armstrong was the first human to set foot on the moon.

(c) State whether the following statements are true or false:

(i) Neil's father enjoyed his first ride in an aeroplane. **False**

(ii) At age 16, Neil got his driver's license for a car. **False**

(iii) Neil had to move to a new town when he was 13. **True**

(iv) Neil was always attracted towards cars. **False**

(d) Answer the question in one or two sentences:

Who was the first human to set foot on the moon?

Neil Armstrong was the first human to set foot on the moon.

5. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

"Oh, wow!" said Annie as she stepped on the moon. Jack stood frozen. He wanted to get a good look at everything first. He stared at the ground. He was standing in a layer of gray dust as fine as powder. Footprints were everywhere. Jack wondered who had made them.

He reached into his pack for the moon book. To his surprise, it was as light as a feather. He found a picture of footprints on the moon. He read: the moon has no rain or wind to blow the dust around. So footprints will never wear away naturally, not even in a billion years. "Look" cried Annie. She bounded past Jack—almost flying through the air. She landed on her feet then she jumped again. Jack read the book aloud: A person weighs less on the moon because of the moon's low gravity and lack of air. Soon he joined her and jumped away. Boing! Boing! Boing! Now he felt like a feather too.

On the basis of your reading of the passage choose the correct options:

(a) The moon is covered with gray coloured _____.

- (i) bricks
- (ii) stones
- (iii) dust
- (iv) water

Correct Answer is Option (iii) dust

(b) Jack wondered who had made the_____.

- (i) painting
- (ii) houses
- (iii) tents
- (iv) footprints

Correct Answer is Option (iv) footprints

(c) Jack stood frozen because he wanted to _____.

- (i) touch the ice
- (ii) take a deep breath
- (iii) take pictures
- (iv) get a good look at everything

Correct Answer is Option (iv) get a good look at everything

(d) Jack was surprised because the book was as light as a _____.

- (i) piece of paper
- (ii) air
- (iii) feather
- (iv) rose petal

Correct Answer is Option (iii) feather

(e) Complete the following:

The moon has no rain or wind to blow the dust around.

(f) State whether the following statements are true or false.

The footprints on the moon will never wear away naturally. **True**

(g) From the passage find the synonym of the following:

Bounced – bounded

(h) Answer the following:

Why does a person weigh less on the moon?

A person weighs less on the moon because of the moon's low gravity and lack of air.

6. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The disturbing news reached the ruler of Jodhpur State, and he immediately stopped the massacre. By now the entire Bisnoi community was up in arms. They

met the Maharaja and told him that since they were not allowed to pursue their faith and religion, they would rather leave the state. The Maharaja was quick to realize the seriousness of the situation. He apologized for the horrible mistake committed by his officer and issued a royal decree, engraved on a copper plate, prohibiting the cutting of trees in any Bisnoi village in Jodhpur State. Hunting of all wild animals was also prohibited.

Who are Bisnois? This is a sect that was founded in 1542 by Janmewarji. He formulated twenty nine principles for the protection of herbivores and trees. That is how the community got its name Bisnoi, as 'bis' is twenty and 'noi' is nine. For centuries, the Bisnois have remained the traditional protectors of Khejri trees and black buck.

On the basis of your reading of the passage choose the correct options:

(a) As soon as the disturbing news reached the ruler of Jodhpur, he _____.

- (i)** suppressed the Bisnoi community
- (ii)** realized his mistake
- (iii)** stopped the massacre
- (iv)** repented his decision

Correct Answer is Option (iii) stopped the massacre

(b) The members of the Bisnoi community said that they would _____.

- (i)** leave the state
- (ii)** give up their faith
- (iii)** rise in revolt
- (iv)** go on fast

Correct Answer is Option (i) leave the state

(c) Who founded the Bisnoi sect?

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(d) How did the Bisnoi community get its name?

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(e) What was written in the royal decree issued by the Maharaja?

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(f) Find the words from the passage which mean the same as:

(i) imprinted - **engraved**

(ii) follow - **pursue**