

## LITERATURE READER

### 1. THE SAGE AND THE MOUSE

- A. 1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (c)
- B. 1. The order should be as follows:  
4, 6, 2, 1, 7, 5, 3
- C. 1. The animals gathered near the sage to listen to his holy words.  
2. The sage changed the mouse into a cat to help it protect itself against the cat.  
3. The mouse-turned lion attacked the sage so that he could not change it into a mouse again.  
4. The sage was very angry at the ingratitude of the mouse-turned lion. So, he changed it into a mouse again.
- D. 1. mare 2. vixen 3. lioness 4. cow
- E. 1. sages 2. foxes 3. lions 4. mice 5. boxes 6. forests
- F. 1. Fox 2. Mouse 3. Cat 4. Tiger 5. Dog 6. Bear
- G. The story teaches us to be grateful to those who have helped us. Those who are ungrateful have to learn a bitter lesson.
- H. Any reasonable answer is acceptable.

### 2. WHY THE BAT HAS NO FRIENDS

- A. 1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (a)
- B. 1. battle 2. talons 3. peace 4. chiefs
- C. 1. Bat hid behind a bush.  
2. In the second battle, the birds defeated the animals.  
3. When the birds and animals made peace, it became difficult for Bat to pretend that he belonged to both sides.  
4. The birds and animals punished Bat by deciding that the Bat will only fly at night when other birds are asleep and the animals are hunting. So, the Bat will always be alone and have no friends.
- D. 1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (b)
- E and F: Any reasonable answer is acceptable if it favours unselfishness in E and peace in F.

### 3. AT THE ZOO

- A. 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (a)
- B. 1. We should not make a fun of camel's hump because it provides energy to the camel to fulfil his needs. So, he is very proud of his noble bump.  
2. We should not laugh too much at the chimpanzee because he can think and he is as wise as us.

3. We should always treat animals with lots of love and kind-hearted. Never tease and hurt them.

C. Camel, Rabbit, Parrot, Lion, Chimpanzee

D. **Domestic:** Dog, cat, sheep, hens and cows

**Wild:** Lion, tiger, bear, snake and fox

E. **Do's:** Be kind to animals; stay a little away from the cages/enclosures; follow the rules and the instructions of the keepers.

**Don'ts:** Poke the animals with sticks or throw stones at them; Shout at them; Go near their cages/enclosures; Disobey rules or keepers.

F. Any reasonable drawing is acceptable.

#### 4. KIND-HEARTED SIDDHARTHA

A. 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (a)

B. 1. Gautam Buddha's childhood name was Siddhartha.

2. Siddhartha took out the arrow from the swan and applied medicine to its wound. He also fed it with grains.

3. The king said that the swan belonged to Siddhartha because one who saves life is greater than one who kills.

C. 1. Siddhartha 2. arrow 3. saves

D. 1. on 2. in 3. in 4. on

E. **Positive degree**

**Comparative degree**

**Superlative degree**

1. great

greater

greatest

2. small

smaller

smallest

3. sweet

sweeter

sweetest

4. bad

worse

worst

F. Any suitable answer that shows kindness to the wounded bird is acceptable.

G. We should be kind to animals as they are also a part of our beautiful planet and the universe. It is good to live in peace and harmony with all the creatures. It also maintains the balance of the environment. (The answer is illustrative.)

#### 5. WHO WILL REMOVE THE STONE

A. 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (b)

B. 1. kind; noble 2. soldiers 3. merchant 4. purse 5. praised

C. 1. The king was not happy because the people of his kingdom were lazy and depended on others to do their work.

2. His plan was to place a heavy stone in the middle of the main road and hid himself to see whether someone would remove it or not.

3. The merchant asked the cart driver to take a different route.

- 4. The king rewarded the boy for removing the stone.
- 5. The people promised to be hardworking in the future.
- D. 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (f) 6. (d)
- E. Any reasonable answer is acceptable.

## 6. RIDING BACKWARDS

- A. 1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c)
- B. 1. False 2. True 3. True 4. False
- C. 1. People were laughing at the strange sight of Mulla Nasruddin sitting backwards and riding a donkey.
- 2. He was riding the donkey backwards to be able to keep an eye on the children.
- 3. The man promised himself that he would mind his own business in future.
- D. 1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (e) 5. (a)
- E. Any reasonable answer is acceptable.

## 7. BETTY AT THE PARTY

- A. 1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (b)
- B. 1. False 2. False 3. True 4. False
- C. 1. Betty's mother thought that Betty had been kind and sweet because she had not laughed at the little girl who fell off her chair.
- 2. Betty didn't laugh because it was she who fell off her chair.
- D. 1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (a)
- E. 1. seriously 2. delight 3. laugh 4. floor 5. should 6. chair 7. party
- F. (For recitation)
- G. If we see someone gets hurt, we should try to help that person and make sure his injury is treated with care. We would not laugh at him/her.

## 8. THE POWER OF A MOTHER'S LOVE

- A. 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (b)
- B. 1. False 2. True 3. True
- C. 1. Shivaji built the Raigarh Fort.
- 2. Hirabai wanted to go home to feed her two-month old baby.
- 3. The few stones coming out the external wall of the tall tower were used by Hirabai as supports to climb down from the Fort.
- 4. Shivaji rewarded Hirabai by renaming the tower of his Fort 'Hira Burj'.
- D. Any reasonable sentences are acceptable. Students should do this on their own.
- E. and F. Any reasonable answer is acceptable.

## 9. IS THE MOON TIRED?

- A. 1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (b)
- B. 1. The moon looks tired because it is pale.  
2. The moon fades away before the dawn of the day.
- C. 1. (e) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (a) 5. (b)
- D. Students recite this on their own.
- E. Any reasonable answer is acceptable.

## 10. GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE CHERRY TREE

- A. 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (b)
- B. 1. cherry 2. truth 3. brave; honourable
- C. 1. There were apple trees, peach trees, pear trees, plum trees and cherry trees in Mr Washington's orchard.  
2. Mr Washington was angry because his new cherry tree had been cut down.  
3. George Washington told his father that he could not tell a lie and it was he who had cut the cherry tree with his hatchet.  
4. George Washington's father was glad that he had been brave enough to tell the truth.
- D. 1. George Washington always spoke the truth.  
2. There's an apple tree in my garden.  
3. My favourite fruit is mango.  
4. An axe is a useful tool.  
5. Never tell a lie.  
6. Mahatma Gandhi never lied.  
7. Never play with sharp tools.
- E. Any reasonable answer is acceptable.
- F. 1. knife 2. blade 3. matchbox 4. plugs 5. gas stove  
(or any similar things, e.g, scissors, medicines, etc.)

## 11. THE SONG OF THE ENGINE

- A. 1. (a) 2. (b)
- B. 1. The engine sings, "I think I can," when it goes up the hill.  
2. The engine sings, "I thought I could," when it goes down the hill.  
3. The song of the engine as it goes up hill shows his willpower and confidence.
- C. 1. hill 2. will 3. still
- D. and E. can be done by the students.

## 12. ANDROCLES AND THE LION

- A. 1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (a)
- B. 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. False
- C. 1. Androcles ran away from his cruel master because he used to beat him without any reason.  
2. The lion was crying in pain because it had a long sharp thorn in its paw.  
3. Androcles pulled out the thorn carefully and put a bandage on the wound with some medicinal herbs.  
4. The lion did not kill Androcles because he recognised his kind friend.  
5. The master was moved by the love and kindness of Androcles and he freed both of them.
- D. 2. A group of monkeys is called a troop.  
3. A group of wolves is called a pack.  
4. A group of elephants is called a herd.  
5. A group of fish is called a shoal.  
6. A group of ants is called an army.  
7. A group of bees is called a swarm.
- E. The lion was kind to Androcles only because Androcles had been so kind to him earlier. Androcles and the lion are the kind characters in the story. Androcles was kind by nature and he was kind even to the lion. The lion is not an animal that is kind by nature. However, in this case, he was kind because he was grateful to Androcles for his kind act of removing the thorn from his paw.