

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

The most poisonous fish in the ocean is the stonefish. The stonefish is so called because it looks like a piece of stone or rock. When a stonefish rests on the seabed, it is almost invisible. Any small, unsuspecting animal that comes near it is quickly swallowed.

However, even if a large animal comes near, the stonefish will not move away at all. This makes it possible for a person to step upon one accidentally. Stepping on a stonefish can be a painful experience.

Along the back of a stonefish are thirteen large spines. These spines will shoot a deadly poison to anyone stepping on them. The pain is immediate, terrible and may last for hours.

Even a small amount of the stonefish's poison can lead to the loss of a toe or a foot. If a person does recover from the poison, it may take as long as six months to completely heal.

Fortunately, stonefish are usually rare and are found in the shallow waters around Australia, some Pacific islands and some parts of the Indian Ocean.

Tick the correct option.

- a) How does the stonefish get its name?
- i. It is covered with hard scales.
 - ii. It makes its home among stones.
 - iii. It looks like a stone.
 - iv. It eats stones.

- b) From the following, identify a quality of the stonefish.
- i. It changes its colour when in danger.
 - ii. It is almost invisible on a sea bed.
 - iii. It has poison glands on its tail.
 - iv. It has fourteen large spines.
- c) Why is even a small amount of poison dangerous?
- i. One can lose a toe or foot.
 - ii. One can lose movement of the leg temporarily.
 - iii. One can become temporarily blind.
 - iv. One can develop skin allergy.
- d) Why are there not many cases of stonefish attacks?
- i. Stonefishes are rare.
 - ii. Stonefishes attack only in the night.
 - iii. Stonefishes are blind.
 - iv. Stonefishes prefer to stay in one place.
- e) Where can we find stonefish?
- i. deep waters of the Pacific Ocean
 - ii. shallow waters of Australia
 - iii. deep waters of the Atlantic Ocean
 - iv. shallow waters of India

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

Breakfast was ready.

"I will go wake the boys," Mrs. Burton said to her husband, George Burton.

Just then their younger son, Arthur, called from the bedroom he shared with his brother, Stanley.

"Mother! Come and look!"

Mr. and Mrs. Burton were both very much in favour of politeness and careful speech.

"Excuse me," Arthur said. "But look!"

He pointed to Stanley's bed. Across it lay the enormous bulletin board that Mr. Burton had given the boys a year ago so that they could pin up pictures and messages and maps. It had fallen, during the night, on top of Stanley.

But Stanley was not hurt. In fact, he would still have been sleeping if he had not been woken by his brother's shout.

"What's going on here?" he called out cheerfully from beneath the enormous board.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton hurried to lift it from the bed.

"Heavens!" said Mrs. Burton.

"Gosh!" said Arthur. "Stanley's flat!"

Tick the correct option.

- a) At what time of the day does the incident described in the passage take place?
- i. morning
 - ii. afternoon
 - iii. evening
 - iv. night
- b) Mr and Mrs Burton wanted their children to _____.
- i. have empathy for others
 - ii. be obedient yet curious
 - iii. use careful speech and be polite
 - iv. brush their teeth after breakfast
- c) Why did Mr Burton gift the boys a bulletin board?
- i. They would avoid scribbling on the wall.
 - ii. They could pin pictures, messages and maps.
 - iii. They would remember their daily chores.
 - iv. They would learn the importance of planning.

- d) How did Stanley become flat?
- i. a witch cast a spell on him
 - ii. the ceiling fell over him
 - iii. a steamroller rolled over him
 - iv. a bulletin board fell over him
- e) How was Stanley feeling as a result of the incident?
- i. in pain
 - ii. cheerful
 - iii. angry
 - iv. in grief

3. Do as Directed.

- a) Our neighbour was pleased with _____ because we mowed his lawn.
Fill in the blank with an object pronoun in the above sentence.
- b) I read a few pages of this book every night.
Identify and write the subject pronoun in the above sentence.
- c) See the car parked there! _____ looks like the car I used to drive.
Fill in the blank using a demonstrative pronoun.
- d) It is _____ island of great beauty.
Fill in the blank using an article.
- e) There is _____ hotel near the lake. The hotel is a hundred years old.
Fill in the blank using an article.
- f) This book is based on a true story.
Identify and write the adjective of quality.
- g) I have enough time to complete this work.
Identify and write the adjective of quantity.
- h) We sold our old bicycle yesterday.
Identify and write the possessive adjective.

4. Write a letter to your friend about a new sport or a new musical instrument that you are learning to play. Give details about where and how many times you have to go for practice and write your feelings about the same.

5. **Write the key idea and four supporting details of the given passage.**

Guide dogs are used to lead blind people. Did you know that a few blind people have guide horses? [These are miniature horses trained as much as guide dogs are.] [The small horses respond to more than 25 commands.] [They can see well in the dark. They are also trained to tap with a hoof on the door if they need to go out.] [Their calm demeanour is a bonus as it makes them lovely companions.]

6. **Choose the correct option.**

- a) In the story 'Hero of Haarlem', why did the boy ask for permission to visit the poor blind man?
- He wanted to take him to the doctor.
 - The blind man was ill.
 - He wanted to take some cakes for him.
 - The blind man wanted some medicines.
- b) In the story 'Notes and Strokes', which picture was featured on the cover page of the magazine?
- Sam with his collection of bird paintings
 - Father and Mother with their students
 - Sam and his family
 - Father, Mother, Jay and Romy at a concert

- c) In the story 'Notes and Strokes', why was Sam not present in the living room for the interview?
- i. He felt he was not musical.
 - ii. He was unwell.
 - iii. He had to go for art classes.
 - iv. He felt he was not good at conversing with people.
- d) In the poem 'Twenty Froggies', the _____ of the froggies were white and clean.
- i. teeth
 - ii. coats
 - iii. vests
 - iv. logs

7. Answer the following questions.

- a) In the story 'Hero of Haarlem', what promise did the boy make to his father? Was he able to keep his promise? Why?
- b) In the story, 'Notes and Strokes', what was Sam's interest?
- c) In the story 'Notes and Strokes', who was Shruti? Why did she call Mr Raman?
- d) In the poem 'Twenty Froggies', what rules do the froggies follow when they go to school?

