

English Language Winter Holiday HW

Class 6

I. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow

THE BEGGAR

“Kind sir, have pity. For three days I have had nothing to eat. I was a village school teacher and then I lost my job....”

The advocate, Skvortsoff, looked at the beggar, at his dull eyes, his shoes, one of which was high and the other low- and he remembered something.

“I met you the day before yesterday,” he said, “but you told me then that you were a student who had been expelled, not a village schoolteacher.”

“N-no, that can’t be so,” mumbled the beggar, taken aback. He began to protest, but Skvortsoff lost his temper and began to scold him. “You must work!” he said.

“But where can I find work?” asked the beggar.

“Will you come and chop wood for me?”

[paragraph1]

The beggar protested a bit, then agreed. Skvortsoff took him home, then called his cook out of the kitchen. “Here, Olga,” he said, “Take this gentleman into the wood- shed and let him chop wood.”

After a while he saw the beggar seat himself on a log. Olga flung an axe at the beggar’s feet, and seemed to scold him. He pulled a chunk of wood towards him, and tapped it lightly with the axe.

[paragraph2]

Skvortsoff’s anger vanished and he began to feel sorry and ashamed of himself for having set the weak, maybe sick man, to work in the cold.

“Well never mind,” he thought. I did it for his own good.”

An hour later, Olga announced that the wood had been chopped.

He was given a petty amount for the work and asked to come back and cut wood on the first day of each month.

[paragraph 3]

From that day he often appeared in the yard and every time work was found for him.

When Skvortsoff moved into another house he sent for him. “What is your name?”

“Lushkoff.” “Well, Lushkoff, can you write?”

“I can.” “Then take this letter of mine and you will be given some copying work to do”.

Lushkoff took the letter, and from that day forth came no more to the yard for work. [para4]

Two years went by .Then one evening, as Skortsoff was standing at the ticket counter of a theatre, he noticed a small man beside him buying a ticket for a seat in the gallery.

“Lushkoff, is that you?” “How are you?”

“I have a job as an official, certifying documents and get a reasonable salary a month.”

“I am delighted, Lushkoff . I gave you a push along the right path, you know.”

Lushkoff said, “I shall be indebted to you till my dying day, but, strictly speaking it was your cook Olga who saved me – she used to chop the wood for me. I did not chop a single stick of wood for you. She did it all.” [paragraph5]

(A Russian story by Anton Chekhov)

A. Answer the following questions.

1. What made advocate Skvortsoff remember the beggar?
2. How did you think Skvortsoff felt about giving money to beggars?
3. Why do you think Olga helped Lushkoff?

1. Choose the correct option in the following :

Lushkoff , was not able to find work because

- a. he was weak due to old age.
- b. he was ill and weak due to drinking.
- c. he was lazy and unwilling to work.

2. The story can be classified as one with an :

- a. expected end
- b. unexpected end
- c. humorous end.

B. Find words from the passage that mean the same as:

1. thrown out [paragraph 1]
2. object or oppose [paragraph 1]
3. disappeared [paragraph 3]
4. filled with gratitude [paragraph 5]

II. Write a composition of about 250 words on any one of the topics given below:

- a) India is a land of religious festivals. Which one of such festivals has appealed to you? Give a brief account of the festival. What purpose does the festival serve?
- b) Allowing boys under the age of eighteen to drive cars and two-wheelers has resulted in making our roads unsafe not only for themselves but also for the general public. Express your views for or against the topic.
- c) "Are parents always right?" Describe any one such incident to prove your point.

III. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his selection as the Captain of the School Cricket Team.

OR

Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting her to grant you leave for two days to attend a family function.

IV. Fill in the blank spaces with suitable Prepositions.

1. I go to school ----- foot.
2. Both the sisters have a good understanding ----- them.
3. We reached the station ----- time.
4. The postman knocked ----- the door.
5. The boy has been missing ----- Monday.
6. My teacher gave me good marks ----- my essay.
7. She stared ----- him.
8. Lisa is terrified ----- lightning.
9. We will return ----- an hour.
10. Early rising is beneficial ----- health.

V. Fill in the blank spaces with suitable Pronouns

1. I did this beautiful painting all by-----.
2. She has made ----- in charge of the programme.
3. In order to be successful in life, we must believe in -----.
4. Feroz looked at----- in the mirror and burst out laughing.
5. This is the man----- helped me find my way back home.
6. This is the place ----- I would like to visit with my friends.

VI. Replace the underlined words with suitable Pronouns and rewrite the correct sentences.

1. Sheena and I have purchased all the articles.
2. Mr. Rao will meet my friends and me at the party.
3. The laptop belongs to Tina.
4. The boy rides a red motor cycle.
5. Mrs. Lobo looks after her children well.

VII. Rewrite the following sentences with punctuation.

1. On Tuesday the prime minister of afghanistan reaches India.
2. portia is the heroine of Shakespeares Merchant of Venice.
3. Is diwali falling on a Wednesday or Thursday.
4. He said Time is the best healer.
5. Hurrah We have won the match, shouted the cricket team.

VIII. Fill in the blanks with suitable verbs so that they are in agreement with the subject :

1. John, along with Anne, ----- the last one to leave the building.
2. Mary, as well as her friend _____ late for school.
3. Every man and woman _____ standing at attention.
4. The group of gypsies _____ dressed in red.
5. The little boy, who was wearing jeans, _____ very stylish.

IX. Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions in the brackets:

1. He said, “ It is raining now.” [Begin: He said that.....]
 2. He said, “Last night I met my friends.” [Begin: He said that.....]
 3. He said to me, “ I can easily beat you in the match.” [Begin: He said that...]
 4. He said ,“ I waited for an hour.” [Begin: He said that]
 5. He said, “I am glad to be here this evening.” [He said that]
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