

# PRACTICE PAPER FIRST UNIT TEST

## **Subject- English Std-VIII Marks-20**

**Q.1 Read the following passage and do the activities. 10 Marks**

**A1. Complete the following sentences: 2 marks**

- 1) Androcles was .....
- 2) In those days,..... used poor people as their slaves.
- 3) Androcles's did not like.....
- 4) Androcles felt that .....

Long, long ago, there lived a kind, gentle and courteous man called Androcles. But he had a very cruel master. In those days, kings, nobles, and other wealthy men used poor People as their slaves. Androcles was a slave. The slaves were forced to work for their masters. They had to do what their masters told them. They had no freedom, no rights. Even when they were unhappy with their master, they could not leave him. They were bound by law to obey their master, however wicked he might be. Androcles did not like his heartless, wicked master. His master starved his slaves and often whipped them. Androcles felt that even death was better than serving such a master. He kept looking out for a good opportunity. At the first chance he got, he escaped from the clutches of his cruel master.

**A2) Complete the following Web:**

**Describe the slaves treated at that time**

**A3) Find from the extract the opposite of the following. 2 marks**

- 1) Cruel X..... 2) unhappy X .....
- 2) Rich X ..... 4) bad X .....

**A4) Identify the tenses: 2 marks**

- 1) He escaped from the clutches of his cruel master.

2) He was wandering in the forest.

**A5) Do you like animals? Which is your favourite animals? 2 marks**

**Q.2 Read the Extract and write an appreciation of the poem. 5 marks**

**Trees are the Kindest Things I Know** They are the first when day's begun  
Trees are the kindest things I know, To touch the beams of morning sun.  
They do not harm, they simply grow, They are the last to hold the light,  
And spread a shade for sleepy cows, When evening changes into night.  
And gather birds among their boughs. And when a moon floats on the sky  
They give us fruit, in leaves above, They hum a drowsy lullaby  
And wood to make our houses of, Of sleepy children long ago....  
And leaves to burn on Halloween, Trees are the kindest things I know.  
And in the Spring new buds of green. - **Harry Behn**

**Q. Write the appreciation of the poem with the help of the points given below:**

- 1) The title of the poem is..... (1)
- 2) The poem is written by..... (1)
- 3) The poem has..... Stanzas. (1)
- 4) Each stanza has..... lines. (1)
- 5) Figure of speech..... (1)

**Q.3 Language study.**

**A) Complete the word chain. 2Marks**

Bell, ——— ——— ———— ——— ———

**B) Put the following words in alphabetical order: 2Marks**

Inflate, prime, confide, gaze

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**C) Write Degree forms of the following. 1Marks**

1. Near ..... Nearest

2. .... Finer Finest

## **ANSWERSHEET**

**Q.1 Read the following passage and do the activities. 10 Marks**

**A1. Complete the following sentences: 2 marks**

1) Androcles was a **slave**

2) In those days **kings, nobles, and other wealthy men** used poor people as their slaves.

3) Androcles's did not like **his heartless, wicked master**.

4) Androcles felt that **even death was better than serving such a master**.

**A2) Complete the following Web:**

**Describe the slaves treated at that time**

1. **The slaves were forced to work for their masters.**

2. **They had to do what their masters told them.**

3. **They had no freedom, no rights.**

4. **Even when they were unhappy with their master, they could not leave him.**

5. **They were bound by law to obey their master, however wicked he might be.**

**A3) Find from the extract the opposite of the following. 2 marks**

1) Cruel X **Kind** 2) unhappy X **happy**

2) Rich X **Poor** 4) bad X **good**

**A4) Identify the tenses: 2 marks**

1. He escaped from the clutches of his cruel master.

**Ans. Simple Past Tense.**

1. He was wandering in the forest.

**Ans. Past Continuous Tense**

**A5) Do you like animals? Which is your favourite animals? 2 marks**

**Ans. Yes, I like animals very much. My favourite animal is Dog. It is very loyal and honest.**

**Q. Write the appreciation of the poem with the help of the points given below:**

- 1) The title of the poem is **Trees are the Kindest Things I Know**
- 2) The poem is written by **Harry Behn**
- 3) The poem has **eight** Stanzas.
- 4) Each stanza has **two** lines.
- 5) Figure of speech **alliteration, personification**

**Q.3 Language study.**

**A) Complete the word chain. 2Marks**

**Bell, Lion, Nest, Tiger, Rabbit, Test**

**B) Put the following words in alphabetical order: 2Marks**

Inflate, prime, confide, gaze

**confide, gaze, inflate, prime**

**C) Write Degree forms of the following. 1Marks**

1. Near **Nearer** Nearest

2. **Fine** Finer Finest