

Year 2 English Sample Paper

FICTION

Read the stories below then answer the questions that follow

Sand and Stone

John and James were best friends. They fought for many reasons, but never gave up their friendship. They went in search of a job and visited many places to earn some money. They passed through various places, villages, towns, forests, and beaches. They supported each other throughout their journey.

One day, they reached a desert. They had very little food and water. John said that they should save the food and water for later use. However, James disagreed. He wanted to drink water, as he was very thirsty. They quarrelled with each other for water. John slapped James, and they walked in silence. James wrote on the sand, "My best friend slapped me!" Finally, they reached an oasis. They were very happy, and had a lot of fun in the water. While they both were bathing, James was a bit careless and began to drown. John rushed to him and saved him.

James hugged his friend and thanked him. They had a little nap and decided to leave the place. When they were about to leave, James carved something on the rock. It was "My best friend saved my life!"

He said to John, "When you slapped me, I recorded it on sand. The wind would have blown it away by now. However, when you saved my life, I recorded it on rock. It will remain there forever."

Sunlight and Moonlight

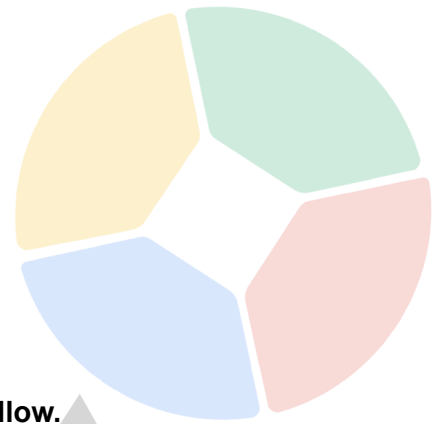
Sunlight did not try to argue with his brother, Moonlight, but made him as comfortable as the hot desert would allow and bade him to be of good cheer and wait for his return, for he would surely find and bring back help. Then he began looking this way and that for some sign of a spring or a waterhole in the desert. At last, his eye was caught by a bright red something on the side of a rocky cliff not far away. He quickened his step to see what it might be and found that it was a great red door set deep into the face of the rock. He rapped upon the door, and soon it was opened by a kindly-looking old man. Sunlight was so relieved to see another human being he could have kissed the old man's long, flowing beard. Quickly he told his story and begged the old man to help Moonlight. The hermit lost no time in walking with Sunlight back to where his brother lay. Together the two of them carried Moonlight back to the hermit's cave, where the old man used all of his skill to care for the exhausted boy until he was fully recovered.

So the two lads started a new life with the old hermit. Indeed, he soon declared that he could not love them any more if they had been his own sons. So the weeks and months passed,

and the three of them lived happily together in their cave behind the red door in the desert.

Answer the following questions by choosing the letter of the best answer. 1 Where is the setting of the stories?

- A Mountains**
- B Plains**
- C Desert**
- D City**



POETRY

Read the poem below then answer the questions that follow.

Mother Doesn't Want a Dog

Mother doesn't want a dog.

Mother says they smell,

And never sit when you say sit,

Or even when you yell.

And when you come home late at night 5

And there is ice and snow,

You have to go back out because

The dumb dog has to go.

Mother doesn't want a dog.

Mother says they shed, 10

And always let the strangers in

And bark at friends instead,

And do disgraceful things on rugs,

And track mud on the floor,

And flop upon your bed at night 15

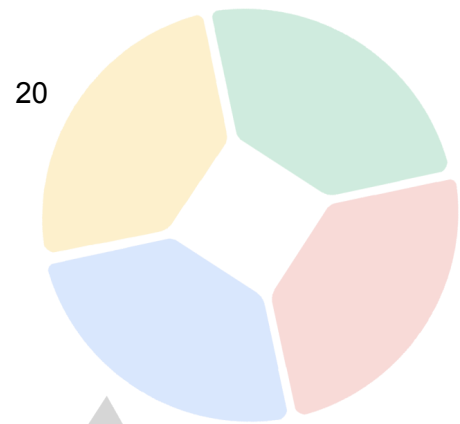
And snore their doggy snore.

Mother doesn't want a dog.

She's making a mistake.

Because, more than a dog, I think

She will not want this snake.



1. Dogs' behaviour in line 3-4 is best described as

- A. Forgetful
- B. Lazy
- C. Negligent
- D. Disobedient

Scholarly

EVALUATION

Read the extracts below then answer the questions that follow.

A.	I was worried about buying a book for my daughter because she has a unique health condition that might make it hard for her to do many things on her own. But, this book surprised me in a good way. It doesn't talk about having specific jobs or doing big things. Instead, it talks about being kind, brave, and creative, which my daughter can still be, no matter her challenges. This book celebrates being different, not just being able to do certain things. It really touches my heart because even though I don't know what the future holds for my daughter, I love her so much. This book tells her she's special, and that means a lot to us.	C.	I thought a book I found, which was a best seller and had great reviews, would be a special Christmas gift for my friend's child. But I was wrong. This book seems more for adults than kids. It feels like it's from the adults' perspective, not fun or friendly for children. The illustrations are old-fashioned, and the paper is too thin. Surprisingly, this book became very popular, but it doesn't really tell a story for kids. It's more about asking questions. The title, "The Wonderful Things You Will Be," gives a hint that it's not the typical children's book. It didn't turn out to be the perfect gift I thought it was.
B.	I chose this book as a goodbye gift for two babies leaving foster care for their new adoptive families. It felt perfect because of its uplifting words and bright, cheerful pictures. The book shares a hopeful look at the future and breaks down old ideas of what boys and girls should do, making it great for any child. It's filled with messages that encourage kids to believe in themselves. The cover, showing a child soaring with balloons, captures the essence of a child's imagination beautifully. This book is a treasure for kids and parents alike, promoting a positive outlook. I think every parent should consider adding it to their collection. It's truly a special book that I wholeheartedly recommend.	D.	I got this wonderful book for my niece's first birthday and I'm excited to share it with her as she grows. Reading it made me emotional because it beautifully shows that anything is possible for our kids. I highly recommend it and plan to buy it for other children in my life. It has a positive message that's easy for kids to grasp. I love books that inspire kids to believe in themselves. If you're searching for a book with charming illustrations and a message that boosts confidence, this is it. Perfect for your child, niece, nephew, grandchild, or a special little one in your life. This book is a heartwarming choice.

Answer the following questions by choosing the correct letter that matches the description. Take note that the letters can be repeated accordingly.

Which extract...

1	talks about a book that makes a person feel happy because it says kids can be nice and brave?
2	is about a book that didn't seem right for kids because it looks too old and asks a lot of questions?
3	is about choosing a book as a goodbye present for kids going to new homes, with happy pictures and words?
4	tells about getting a book for a little girl's first big birthday and how it makes big dreams seem possible?
5	shares feelings about a book that tells kids it's okay to be different and still be amazing?
6	is unhappy with a book because it seems more for grown-ups and the pages are too easy to rip?
7	likes a book for breaking rules about what boys and girls are supposed to do and for cheering kids on?
8	talks about a book that makes the reader believe kids can do anything they dream of, with cute pictures too?
9	is about loving a book because it says being unique is special, even when facing tough stuff?
10	doesn't like a book for being more about thinking than telling a fun story for kids?