

English Diagnostic Assessment - Grade 8

Name: _____

Class: _____

Part 1: Reading Comprehension (Literacy)

Read the text carefully and answer the questions.

"The Garden Project. Last month, our school started a new program called 'The Green School Garden.' The main goal of this program is to teach students about the environment, healthy eating, and the importance of working together. Every Friday afternoon, all seventh and eighth-grade students go to the school backyard to work in the garden. At first, many students felt that gardening was too tiring and dirty. However, as time went by, we started to enjoy it. We planted various types of vegetables, such as spinach, carrots, and tomatoes. We also planted some beautiful flowers to make our school look more colorful. Our teacher, Mr. Hidayat, helped us learn how to use organic fertilizer to make the plants grow healthy without using harmful chemicals. Working in the garden has changed our perspective on nature. We realize that it takes patience and hard work to grow our own food. Sometimes, we faced challenges like pests or bad weather that could damage our plants. When this happened, we learned to look for solutions together, like using natural pest repellent. Next month, we are planning to have our first harvest. We will cook the vegetables together and share them with our teachers and the school staff. This project has not only made our school greener but has also strengthened the bond between students. We are proud to be part of this meaningful project and hope that it will continue for years to come."

1. What is the main purpose of "The Green School Garden" program?

- A. To make the school look more beautiful
- B. To teach students about the environment and teamwork
- C. To compete with other schools in gardening
- D. To sell vegetables to the local community

2. When do the students usually work in the garden?

- A. Every morning before class
- B. Every Friday afternoon
- C. Twice a month
- D. During the weekend

3. What did the students initially think about gardening?

- A. It was very easy and fun
- B. It was boring and useless
- C. It was tiring and dirty
- D. It was challenging but exciting

4. According to the text, what did Mr. Hidayat teach the students?

- A. How to cook delicious vegetables
- B. How to sell vegetables for profit
- C. How to use organic fertilizer
- D. How to catch pests in the garden

5. What is the benefit of planting flowers in the garden?

- A. To attract more pests
- B. To provide food for the teachers
- C. To make the school look more colorful
- D. To replace the need for fertilizer

6. What "challenges" did the students face in the garden?

- A. Lack of interest from students
- B. Pests and bad weather
- C. Lack of support from teachers
- D. No space to plant vegetables

7. How did the students overcome the challenges they faced?

- A. They gave up on the plants
- B. They asked the principal for help
- C. They looked for solutions together
- D. They stopped working in the garden

8. What will the students do with their first harvest?

- A. Sell it to the market
- B. Cook and share it with teachers and staff
- C. Keep it for themselves
- D. Give it to the local farmers

9. "This project has not only made our school greener but has also strengthened the bond between students." (Paragraph 4). What does the word 'strengthened' mean?

- A. Weakened
- B. Separated
- C. Made stronger
- D. Improved the size

10. What is the main idea of the last paragraph?

- A. The challenges of gardening
- B. The plan for the harvest and the positive impact of the project
- C. The history of Mr. Hidayat
- D. The types of vegetables planted

Part 2: Fill in the Blanks (Simple Past Tense)

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb.

- 11. Yesterday, we _____ (clean) the school library together.
- 12. She _____ (not/go) to school because she was sick.
- 13. _____ (do) you finish your homework last night?
- 14. They _____ (buy) some new books at the bookstore yesterday.

Part 3: Translation

15. Translate the following sentence into English: "Saya bangga menjadi siswa di SMPK St Yusup Mojokerto. Kita adalah teman yang baik dan kita akan selalu saling membantu dalam belajar."
