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SECTION A - COMPREHENSION

PSR 2017

Read the passage carefully.

FAHMI'S BIRTHDAY GIFT



Fahmi was very happy not only because he had just turned twelve. He also received a beautiful water creature as a surprise birthday gift from his father. Fahmi was so **thrilled** that he had a small reddish goldfish which was kept in a fishbowl. He called it Merah. "I wish Merah could talk and I could chat with it" said Fahmi.

"Although it can't talk like we do, Merah needs to eat. Feed Merah with this fish food and change the water in the bowl!" advised his father. "Why do we need to change the water Daddy? What kind of water can I use?" asked Fahmi **curiously**. His father answered, "Merah needs very clean water to breathe and live longer. If you take very good care of ¹it, I will buy you another goldfish and a fish tank."

Fahmi looked after Merah with care by feeding it daily and changing the water once in three days. Fahmi put the fishbowl on the table near the window in his bedroom. He also **decorated** the fishbowl with small colorful stones in ²it. As days passed, Fahmi was getting busy with outdoor and sports activities. His late afternoon times were filled with futsal trainings. Merah was left unfed. The water in the fish bowl **gradually** turned brownish.

One fine afternoon, Fahmi's team won a futsal match. He went home happily with a gold medal. When John opened his bedroom door, he saw Merah floating on the water surface in the bowl. Fahmi took a closer look. He started to panic when he noticed that Merah appeared to be a bit whitish and was hardly moving. He ran to his father. "Help me please, Daddy. Merah looks very weak!" cried Fahmi. His father hurriedly took a small net. ³He rushed into Fahmi's room and took Merah out of the fishbowl. "Hurry! Change the water," said Fahmi's father. Very soon, Fahmi had the fishbowl with clean water in it. His father put Merah back into the fishbowl.

Fahmi and his father waited for Merah to make a move but there was no reaction at all. "It's dead," said Fahmi with tears on his face. Suddenly, ⁴**they** saw bubbles of air coming out from Merah's mouth. It moved slowly, perhaps trying to swim with its fins and tail. Fahmi wiped his tears and quickly nursed Merah with fish food. He realized that it was his mistake and felt guilty for being unappreciative for what his father had given him.

"You learnt a lesson today. Please be responsible for what belongs to you." Said his father. ⁵**I** will Daddy. Don't worry Merah. I **assure** you will always be okay after this." said Fahmi with confident smile.

Questions 1-5

Look at the words that are numbered in the passage. What does each word refer to? Write the answers in the spaces provided.

Eg : **He** received a surprise gift from his father.

He - Fahmi

1. ¹**it** - _____
2. ²**it** - _____
3. ³**He** - _____
4. ⁴**they** - _____
5. ⁵**I** - _____

(5 marks)

Questions 6 -10

Underline the correct meaning of the word as it is used in the passage.

6. '**thrilled**' means

- a. delighted
- b. disappointed
- c. scared
- d. shocked

7. '**curiously**' means

- a. keen to inform
- b. keen to know
- c. lack of confusion
- d. lack of interest

8. '**decorated**' means

- a. beautified
- b. bought
- c. removed
- d. restored

9. '**gradually**' means

- a. endlessly
- b. quickly
- c. slowly
- d. suddenly

10. '**assure**' means

- a. doubt
- b. guarantee
- c. hope
- d. unsure

(5 marks)

Questions 11-15

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

11. What was the surprise gift that Fahmi received from his father?

12. Why did Fahmi need to change the water in the bowl?

13. How did Fahmi look after Merah?

14. When did Fahmi start to panic?

15. What is the moral of the story?

(5 marks)

TOTAL MARKS