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TELANGANA, HYDERABAD.

**TEACHING AND LEARNING WORKSHEET-6**  
**LEVEL -II**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH, CLASS: IX**  
**UNIT-1 : B)Reading (The Duck and the Kangaroo – Poem)**  
There are 20 MCQs in section I, II and III  
(Reading Comprehension, vocabulary and grammar and appreciation of the poem)  
Section -IV is for Home Assignment (Creative Writing)

**SECTION I**  
**(READING COMPREHENSION)**

**(Q.NO 1 – 10 ) Read the following poem with comprehension and respond to the questions by choosing the options.**

**The Duck and the Kangaroo**  
**BY EDWARD LEAR**



Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,  
"Good gracious! How you hop!  
Over the fields and the water too,  
As if you never would stop!  
My life is a bore in this nasty pond,  
And I long to go out in the world beyond!  
I wish I could hop like you!"  
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

"Please give me a ride on your back!"

Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.

"I would sit quite still, and say nothing but QUACK',

The whole of the long day through!

And we'd go to the Dee and the Jelly BoLee,

Over the land, and over the sea;

Please take me a ride! O do!"

Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.





Said the Kangaroo to the Duck,  
 "This requires some little reflection;  
 Perhaps on the whole it might bring me LUCK,  
 And there seems but one objection,  
 Which is, if you'll let me speak so bold,  
 Your feet are unpleasantly wet and cold,  
 And would probably give me the roo-  
 Matiz!" said the Kangaroo.

Said the Duck, "As I sat on the rocks,  
 I have thought over that completely.  
 And I bought four pairs of worsted socks  
 Which fit my web feet neatly.  
 And to keep out the cold I've bought a cloak,  
 And everyday a cigar I'll smoke,  
 All to follow my own dear true  
 Love of a Kangaroo!"



Said the Kangaroo, "I'm ready!  
 All in the moonlight pale;  
 But to balance me well, dear Duck, sit steady!  
 And quite at the end of my tail!"  
 So away they went with a hop and a bound,  
 And they hopped the whole world three times round;  
 And who so happy - O who,  
 As the Duck and the Kangaroo?

- Edward Lear

**Now, choose the correct answers**

1. The Kangaroo could swiftly hop over .....
  - A. The fields
  - B. The water
  - C. The fields and the water
  - D. None of the above
  
2. The Duck was feeling bored .....
  - A. in her dirty pond
  - B. on the parched land
  - C. in the company of Kangaroo
  - D. in a dirty ditch
  
3. The Duck longed for going on .....
  - A. a picnic
  - B. a pleasure trip of the world
  - C. a long journey
  - D. a pleasure trip to homeland
  
4. The Duck requested the Kangaroo to give her a .....
  - A. costly gift
  - B. ride on his back
  - C. ride on his shoulders
  - D. ride on his head
  
5. The Kangaroo and the Duck would go to the .....
  - A. Mountains
  - B. Jelly Bo Lilly
  - C. Dee Bo lilly
  - D. Dee and Jelly Bo Lee
  
6. The feet of the Duck are .....
  - A. warm and wet
  - B. soft and dry
  - C. wet and cold
  - D. very long
  
7. The Kangaroo was afraid that he might catch .....
  - A. cold
  - B. deadly fever
  - C. rheumatism
  - D. pneumonia

8. The Duck thought over the problem and bought .....
  - A. an umbrella
  - B. four pairs of worsted socks
  - C. a cloak
  - D. both B and C
  
9. The Kangaroo agreed to take the Duck .....
  - A. across the mountains
  - B. across the river
  - C. on a pleasure trip
  - D. across the fields
  
10. The Kangaroo and the Duck hopped the whole world .....
  - A. two times
  - B. three times
  - C. four times
  - D. only once

**SECTION - II**  
**(VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR)**

**(Q. No. 11-15) Some words or phrases in the given sentences are underlined. Follow the direction for each question and choose the correct answer.**

11. My life is a bore in this nasty pond - Find the meaning of the underlined word.
  - A. pleasant
  - B. unpleasant
  - C. happy
  - D. beautiful
  
12. And I long to go out in the world beyond - Find the meaning of the underlined expression.
  - A. extended time
  - B. extended space
  - C. lengthy
  - D. desire
  
13. And we'd go to the Dee and the Jelly Bo Lee. Find the expansion of the underlined expression.
  - A. we had
  - B. we would
  - C. we did
  - D. we may

14. The Kangaroo said to the Duck, "This requires some little reflection." Choose a sentence that gives the same meaning.
- A. The Kangaroo said to the Duck that requires some little reflection?
  - B. The Kangaroo told the Duck that required some little reflection.
  - C. The Kangaroo said the Duck that required some little reflections.
  - D. The Kangaroo told the Duck that it would require some reflection.
15. Your feet are unpleasantly wet and cold. Choose the antonym of the underlined word.
- A. pleasant
  - B. pleasure
  - C. leisurely
  - D. pleasantly

### SECTION III

#### (APPRECIATION OF THE POEM)

(Q.No. 16-20) Read the following passage, each of the numbered sentences from 16- 20 has an error. Choose the right answer to make it a correct sentence.

16. The Dee and Jelly Bo Lee is ..... place.
- A. real
  - B. imaginary
  - C. unknown
  - D. strange
17. The words like "**fine mine**" are called 'rhyming words'. Now select a pair that **doesn't rhyme**.
- A. hop-stop
  - B. Kangaroo-Quack
  - C. duck-luck
  - D. bold-cold
18. If something is compared using 'like or as', it is called 'SIMILE'. Now find the simile expression.
- A. Please take me a ride! O do!
  - B. I would sit quite still and say nothing but 'Quack'
  - C. I wish I could hop like you!
  - D. All to follow my own dear true

19. The presentation of the poem is .....  
A. serious  
B. angry  
C. humorous  
D. gloomy
20. The underlying message of the poem is .....  
A. The true friendship  
B. The true enmity  
C. Making fun of friends  
D. Making fun of nature

**SECTION IV**  
**(CREATIVE WRITING)**  
**(HOME ASSIGNMENT)**

You have read the poem 'The Duck and the Kangaroo'. Now convert the poem into a **story** starting like ... One upon a time there lived a duck in a nasty pond. It felt bored being lived for years together at one place. It wanted to go out to see the world outside the pond.

Give a title to the poem. Narrate the story including the sequence of actions occurred in the poem. Who requested whom? What are the problems? The solutions the Duck found for the problems? Acceptance of the Kangaroo, etc.

**Note: The answer to this question is to be submitted to your teacher on whatsapp or in a notebook.**

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