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Religious Studies-20 Marks

Friendship-Classwork #7

Read the passage, then answer the questions.

A friend is someone you care about and like to do things with. Friends can influence each other positively and negatively. **Positive Friendship** - A friend accepts you for who you are, listens, encourages, gives advice, helps with chores, lends money, shares secrets, and simply "is there." Children who have friends are likely to be more self-confident than those without friends. **Negative Friendship** - If children have difficulty making friends they could feel great distress. This may affect their performance in school. Friends may pressure each other to join gangs, steal, smoke, take drugs, drink alcohol, kill, fight, hurt others etc.

Shadrach, Meshach and Obednego were three young men who displayed the positive aspects of friendship. They were loyal to God and each other. They stood together for what they believed was right. They also supported each other in a difficult time.

In the story of Job, Job's friends did not stand by him when he was in trouble. They refused to believe he was telling the truth and offered no comfort to him. Friends should be aware of potential dangers they may encounter. They should exercise wisdom and avoid situations that may lead into trouble. They should avoid the following: • Friends that get into trouble often • Staying out late at night • Lying to parents about where they are going • Drugs and alcohol

Friendship is an important relationship that should be nurtured. Ways to build healthy friendships include: • Spend time together • Be honest, caring, cooperative and respectful • Listen and share feelings • Solve problems respectfully.

1. How does the passage define the word, friend?

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2. According to the passage, friends can influence each other positively. State **FOUR** ways.

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3. According to the passage, friends can influence each other negatively. State **FOUR** ways.

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4. According to the passage, state **THREE** Biblical characters who displayed positive aspects of friendship. [3]

5. According to the notes, which Biblical character had friends who did not show support? _____ [1]

6. According to the passage, friends should be aware of potential dangers. State **THREE** such dangers. [3]

7. According to the notes, “Friendship is an important relationship that should be nurtured”. State **THREE** ways to build a healthy friendship. [3]

8. How would you describe the relationship with your best or very close friend? [1]

