

Comprehension

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English Language

SECTION I

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. **ALL** questions must be answered.

PASSAGE I

Good Friends

Grasshopper and Toad appeared to be good friends. People always saw them together. Yet they had never dined at each other's house. One day Toad said to Grasshopper, "Dear friend, tomorrow come and dine at my house. My wife and I will prepare a special meal. We will eat it together."

The next day Grasshopper arrived at Toad's house. Before sitting down to eat, Toad washed his forelegs, and invited Grasshopper to do the same. Grasshopper did so, and it made a loud noise.

"Friend Grasshopper, can't you leave your chirping behind. I cannot eat with such a noise," said Toad.

Grasshopper tried to eat without rubbing his forelegs together, but it was impossible. Each time he gave a chirp, Toad complained and asked him to be quiet. Grasshopper was angry and could not eat. Finally, he said to Toad: "I invite you to my house for dinner, tomorrow."

The next day, toad arrived at Grasshopper's home. As soon as the meal was ready, Grasshopper washed his foreleg's, and invited Toad to do the same. Toad did so, and then hopped toward the food.

"You'd better go back and wash again," said Grasshopper. "All that hopping in the dirt has made your forelegs dirty again."

Toad hopped back to the water jar, washed again, then hopped back to the table, and was ready to reach out for some food from one of the platters when Grasshopper stopped him: "Please don't put your dirty paws into the food. Go and wash them again."

Toad was furious. "You just don't want me to eat with you!" he cried. "You know very well that I must use my paws and forelegs in hopping about. I cannot help it if the get a bit dirty between the water jar and the table." Grasshopper responded, "You are the one who started it yesterday. You know I cannot rub my forelegs together without making a noise." From then on, they were no longer friends.

Multiple Choice

Instructions: Select the most suitable response and place the correct letter on the line provided.

1. Which title might the author give this story? ____
 - a. A Grasshopper and a Toad
 - b. A Noisy Grasshopper
 - c. True Friendship
 - d. The Crank Toad
2. Why did Toad and Grasshopper appear to be good friends? ____
 - a. They always ate at each other's home.
 - b. They always talked to each other.
 - c. People always saw them together.
 - d. People always saw them playing together.
3. What had Toad and Grasshopper never done before? ____
 - a. dined together
 - b. sang together
 - c. played together
 - d. walked together
4. Who will prepare a special meal? ____
 - a. Grasshopper and his wife
 - b. Toad and his wife
 - c. Toad by himself
 - d. Grasshopper by himself
5. Which event happened first? ____
 - a. grasshopper tried to eat without rubbing his legs
 - b. toad invited grasshopper for dinner
 - c. toad hopped back to the water jar
 - d. grasshopper got angry with Toad
6. What happened after Grasshopper rubbed his forelegs together? ____
 - a. He hopped back.
 - b. He got furious.
 - c. He gave a chirp.
 - d. He began to eat.
7. The word **chirp** in the **fourth** paragraph means the **same** as ____.
 - a. whisper
 - b. silent
 - c. breathe
 - d. tweet
8. The word **dine** in the first paragraph refers to act of ____.
 - a. consuming
 - b. treating
 - c. abstaining
 - d. lodging

9. The word **furious** in the **last** paragraph means the **opposite** of _____.

- a. weakness
- b. defects
- c. calm
- d. strengths

10. What is moral of the story? _____

- a. don't give up
- b. sometimes struggles are hard
- c. treat others the way you want to be treated
- d. don't be fooled with flattery

CLOZE PASSAGE (10 Marks)

Fill in the blanks in each sentence with a single word so as to complete the sense. The word you use should be made out of a word already used in the passage "**Good Friends**".

Grasshopper and Toad appeared to be good friends. They were (1) _____ (line 1) together by many people. Yet they had never dined at each other's house. One day Toad said to Grasshopper, "Dear friend, tomorrow come and dine at my house. My wife and I will be (2) _____ (line 3) a special meal. We will eat it together."

The next day Grasshopper (3) _____ (line 5) at Toad's house. Before they (4) _____ (line 5) down to eat, Toad washed his forelegs, and invited Grasshopper to do the same. Grasshopper did so, and it made a loud noise.

"Friend Grasshopper, can't you leave your chirping behind. I cannot eat with such a noise," said Toad.

Grasshopper was (5) _____ (line 10) to eat without rubbing his forelegs together, but it was impossible. Each time he gave a chirp, Toad would (6) _____ (line 11) and (7) _____ (line 11) asked him to be quiet. Grasshopper grew (8) _____ (line 11) and could not eat. Finally, he said to Toad: "I am (9) _____ (line 12) you to my house for dinner, tomorrow."

Toad was furious. "You just don't want me (10) _____ (line 21) eat with you!" he cried. "You know very well that I must use my paws and forelegs in hopping about."