



ROYAL COLLEGE – COLOMBO 07.
UNIT TEST – FEBRUARY 2019
ENGLISH – GRADE 8

Name : Class : 40 min.

Answer all the questions.

1. Select suitable adjective from the box below

Morning, fun, heavy, endangered, modern

1. There was a woman with a..... baskets of vegetables.
2. Sir Rowland Hill introduced the concept of the..... postal services.
3. The principal addressed the..... assembly.
4. What can you do to protect..... animals.
5. If you go to the..... park, you can go on a boat ride.

(2 x 5)

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate pronouns chosen from the words given

1. Where is John? Has anybody seen..... (he/him)
2. This is a beautiful car. Is it.....? (You, Yours)
3. Ravini bought a new dress for..... (she, herself)
4. The baby managed to open the door by..... (him, himself)
5. The dog was chasing..... own tail (it, its)

(2 x 5)

3. Fill in the blanks with “prefixes”

Eg: Though we played very well, we were unlucky and lost the match (lucky)

1. Raja’s answer to the question is..... (Correct)
2. The cooking oil was tested and found to be..... (pure)
3. The man was too old and..... for such work (Fit)
4. He was badly injured that he was..... to move (able)
5. If you do something....., you will be punished (legal)

(2 x 5)

4. Use the given words to fill the gaps about ostrich.

(insect/ drinking/ largest/ feces/ stomachs)

“The flightless ostrich is the world’s Ostriches have three Unlike all other living birds, the ostrich secretes urine separately from..... Ostriches can go without.....water for several days, using metabolic water and moisture in ingested roots, seeds and....., but they enjoy liquid water and frequently take baths where it is available.

(10 marks)

5. Read the following poem and answer the question given below.

The merry mice

The merry mice stay in their holes
And hide there all the day:
But when the house is still at night,
The rogues come out and play

They climb upon the pantry shelf,
And taste all they please,
They drink the milk that's set for cream,
And nibble bread and cheese.

But if they chance to hear the cat
Their feast will soon be done;
They scamper off to hide themselves
As fast as they can.

1. What is the name of the poem? (2 marks)

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2. How many stanzas are there? (2 marks)

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3. Write two things that mice do (2 marks)

1.....

2.

4. What does the word "they" in line "6" refer to? (2 marks)

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5. Find a similar word for "happy" from the poem (2 marks)

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(10 marks)