

**GENIUS HIGH SCHOOL :: BHUVANAGIRI**

**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT -1**

**SUBJECT – ENGLISH**

**MAX MARKS :40**

**CLASS – VIII**

**TIME : 1Hr**

**SECTION – A ( READING COMPREHENSION)**

**1)READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS - 5M**

The culture of nuclear families is in fashion. Parents are often heard complaining about the difficulties in Bringing up the children these days. Too much of freedom in demand, Too much of Independence ; overnight parties; excessive extravagance; Splurging pocket money; no time for studies and family, all this is a common Cry of such families. Aren't parents, themselves, responsible for this Pitiful state? The basic need for a growing youth is the family, love, Attention and bonding along with moral values. One should not forget that charity begins at home. Independence and individuality both need to be respected, in order to maintain the sanctity of family. Children, today are to be handled with tact of order To bridge the ever widening generation gap. Only the reasonable Demands need to be fulfilled, as there are too many Expenses to be met and top many social obligations to be Taken care of by the parents. Our forefathers lived happily in joint families. Children loved to live with their cousins learnt to adjust within means. There was perfect harmony between the generations. There never existed the concept of old- age homes. There was deep respect for the family Elders and love, care and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved amicably.

**ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

- 1) Mention any two major common concerns of Nuclear family.
- 2) Who, according to the passage, are responsible for them?
- 3) Explain the expression 'charity begins at home' .
- 4) Describe the atmosphere in joint families.
- 5) Which word in the passage means 'Holiness of life'?

**II) READ THE FOLLOWING POEM AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS 5M**

A silly young cricket ,accustomed to sing Through the warm,  
sunny months of gray summer and spring,  
Began to Complain when he found that, at home,  
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.  
Oh! What will become , “ says the cricket, “ of me?  
At last by starvation and famine made bold ,  
Away he set off to a miserly ant,  
To see if, to keep him alive ,he would grant Him shelter from rain,  
If not ,he must die of starvation and sorrow  
Ants never borrow; we ants never lend Go then,  
says the ant, and dance the winter away.

- 1) Whose fables is the poem 'The Ant and the cricket' Adapted from?

- 2) The poet has described the cricket as \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) When did the cricket begin to Complain?
- 4) Pick out the word from the above passage Closest to the meaning ‘ scarcity of food’?
- 5) What was the policy of ants?

### **SECTION – B( GRAMMAR)**

#### **I)INSERT SUITABLE ARTICLE’S IN THE BLANKS.**

**5M**

- 1) Please wait for \_\_\_\_\_ hour for the test results.
- 2) Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ pen?
- 3) The headmaster was talking to \_\_\_\_\_ parents.
- 4) This is \_\_\_\_\_ unique coin.
- 5) India is the second most populous country in \_\_\_\_\_ World.

#### **II)WRITE THE MEANINGS TO THE GIVEN WORDS. 5M**

- 1) Trenches: 2) Marzipan: 3) Archipelago: 4) Surge: 5) Resort:

#### **III)UNDERLINE THE NOUN IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AND STATE THE TYPE OF NOUN IN THE BLANK**

**5M**

- 1) We cannot live without water. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Wild animals live in forests. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Smoking is a bad habit. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Rice is the staple food of East Indians. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) The crowd is creating nuisance. \_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION- C ( LITERATURE)**

#### **ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

**5×2 = 10M**

- 1) Why do Jim and Hans think that games or sports Are good ways of resolving conflicts? Do you agree?
- 2) What is Connie’s Christmas present? Why is it “the Best Christmas present in the world”?
- 3) The cricket says ,”oh! What will become of me?” when Does he say it , and why?
- 4) How are Meghna and Almas's stories similar?
- 5) What are the two different ideas about why So few animals were killed in the Tsunami? Which idea do you find more believable?

#### **II) Write the summary of the poem “The Ant and the Cricket”.**

**5M**