

**CHRIST KING HR. SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**CLASS- 8**  
**SUBJECT: ENGLISH-I**

---

**Savitri**

**Comprehension**

**I. Short answer type question.**

1. How did destiny find a husband for Savitri?

In the company of servants and councillors, Savitri travelled from place to place. She came upon a hermitage, when she met Satyavan.

2. How long were Savitri and Satyavan married before the god of death come for him?

Savitri met Satyavan were married for one year before the God of death came for him.

3. What was Savitri's first wish?

Savitri's first wish was to restore her fathers-in-law's kingdom and his sight.

4. What was Savitri's second wish?

Savitri's second wish was to grant many more children to her father.

5. What was Savitri's third wish?

Savitri's third wish was to grant her children and their father should be Satyavan.

**II. Long answer type question.**

1. What was Yama's reason for giving Savitri her first wish?

Yama's reason for giving Savitri her first wish was that he admired her loyalty.

2. What was Yama's reason for giving Savitri her second wish?

Yama's reason for giving Savitri her second wish was that he admired her devotion.

3. How did Savitri's third wish save her husband's life?

Savitri asked Yama to grant her many children and she wanted Satyavan to be her children's father. So Yama had to release Satyavan to keep up his third wish.

4. In what ways do you find Savitri a remarkable woman?

Savitri was a remarkable woman since she did not lose her sense. She was sensible by asking the grants which could save her husband's life.

### III. Who said this?

1. Savitri
2. Narada
3. Satyavan
4. Yama

## Terry Termite

### Comprehension

#### I. Short answer type question.

1. Why did Terry lick his lips?

Terry licked his lips thinking about the tasty wood.

2. What was going on in Terry's mind?

The taste of the wood from the new pink house was stuck in Terry's mind.

3. Did the termites not like light?

It is not that termites do not like light. But in Terry's case it was just that moment, he was not bothered about light. Since the bite was tasty he didn't need to see the light.

4. What was the silly council law?

The silly Council Law was that it was compulsory for all the houses to get treated with the man-made new invention of termite proof.

5. Why did Terry start to salivate?

Terry looked at the main support beam of the new pink house and though it stood sadly as if asking to be eaten, so he began to salivate.

6. Why he needed dental care?

When Terry bit into the steel frame of the main support beam all his teeth cracked and therefore he needed a dental care.

#### II. Long answer type questions.

1. What was Terry planning to do?

There was a new house all pretty and pink across the road from where Terry lived. Terry looked at the house and imagined the taste of its wood. He began to plan his entry into the house and his encounter with the wood. The thought of its taste made his mouth salivate with greed.

2. Discuss Terry's encounter with the hardwood beam?

Terry crept into the house he thought he must be somewhere between the kitchen and the hall and saw the main support beam.

3. What did the Old Wally White Ant tell Terry?

The Old Wally White Ant who was intelligent and older than Terry said, "it serves you right for trying to eat a nice new steel framed house". The Old Ant meant to tell Terry that one should not blindly leap into things without first finding out about it and if he does so then he deserves the outcomes of such a decision.

### **III. Write words for their corresponding forms.**

1. Between
2. Did not
3. He had/he would
4. That is
5. Were not

### **Be a grammarian**

### **III. Write words for their corresponding forms.**

1. A
2. An
3. A
4. An
5. An
6. An
7. A
8. A
9. An
10. An

## **The valley of diamonds**

### **Comprehension**

#### **1. Short answer type question**

1. In what way was Sinbad very stupid?

= Sinbad did a stupid thing. He was trying to find door in the huge big egg.

2. Why did the sky go dark?

= The sky went dark because of the shadow of the huge black bird.

3. How did Sinbad get off the island?

Sinbad got off the island with the help of the huge giant bird. He tied long strip of cloth on the rukh's leg, flew with it and got off the island.

4. Where did the bird land?

The bird landed into a deep dark narrow valley.

5. What did he see on the valley floor?

He saw big diamonds on the valley floor.

6. How did he get out of the valley of diamonds?

He tied on enormous chunk of meats of his back and put his face down to the stony ground and waited for the eagles to carry him to their nest where again there he would be carried by the merchants for the diamonds stuck to the chunks of meat. One of the merchant came and took him out.

7. Whom did he meet at the top of the mountain?

He met the merchant at the top of the mountain.

8. How did he get money from his voyage?

He got money from his voyage by trading with people in far off lands.

## **II. Long answer type question.**

1. Describe the giant bird.

The giant bird was called rukh. Its eggs looked like big white balls and legs looked like a big tree. The wings of the bird were very huge that the sky looked dark as though a storm covered the sun.

2. Why the merchant used to throw pieces of meat in the valley?

The merchant threw pieces of meat in the diamond valley so that the diamond sticks to the pieces of meat and the big rukh could carry the pieces of meat to their nest and from there the merchants could take the diamonds.

3. In what way the clever merchants used to get their diamonds?

The clever merchants threw pieces of meat in the diamond valley so that the diamond sticks to the pieces of meat and the big rukh could carry the meat to their nest. The merchant would scare the eagles and take the diamonds from the rukh's nest.

## **III. Correct the following sentences;**

1. My friends, you know what a sailor I am! Soon after i came home from my second voyage, I was eager to sail off again.

2. One morning, we landed on a small island. We found no houses, no people on it.
3. It towered above the trees-big and dazzling white.
4. Now, I remembered that some sailor had told me of such a bird. They called it a rukh.
5. ALL around me, enormous pieces of raw meat were falling, hitting the ground hard.

### **Be a grammarian**

#### **II. Make adverbs of the following words with-ly.**

1. Happily
2. Gladly
3. Thankfully
4. Highly
5. Lowly
6. Slowly
7. Promptly
8. Angrily
9. Quietly
10. Loudly
- 11.

### **THE BRAVE TIN SOLDIER**

#### **COMPREHENSION**

##### **I. Short answer type question;**

1. What were the tin soldiers made out of?  
The tin soldiers were made out of old tin spoon.
2. What kind of present were they?  
They were birthday present.
3. What was different about one of the soldier?  
The different about one of the soldier was that he had only one leg.
4. What was the most attractive thing on the table?  
The most attractive thing on the table was the pretty little paper castle.
5. What was the lake in front of the castle made out of?  
The lake in front of the castle was made out of pieces of looking glass.
6. Why did the tin soldier think that the girl at the castle had only one leg like him?  
The tin soldier thought that the girl at the castle had only one leg like him because she was a dancer and she stretched both arms and raised one leg.
7. Why was the tin soldier in love with the paper dancer?  
The tin soldier was in love with the paper dancer because he thought that she had only one leg just like him.
8. Who warned the tin soldier that trouble was coming?  
The goblins warned the tin soldier that trouble was coming.

## II. Long answer type question.

1. What happened to the tin soldier who was put near the window?

When the children put the tin soldier near the window. The window flew open and the tin soldier fell out heels over head from the third storey into the street beneath.

2. How did the tin soldier end up in the street? How did he get swept down a drain?

The tin soldier was placed near the window and then when the windows flew open it fell out heels over head from the third storey and ended up in the street. When it started raining two boys picked up the tin soldier and made a paper boat out of newspaper and placed it in a gutter to sail. Since the rain was heavy the paper boat was swept away from the drain.

3. What role does the black goblin play in this story?

The black goblin is the villain in the story. He is the hidden wicked presences that suddenly demonstrate itself.

4. What happened to the tin soldier when he was thrown into the stove?

When the tin soldier was thrown into the stove, the flames lighted up the tin soldier and as he stood the heat was very terrible, the bright colour of his uniform faded, he looked at the lady and the lady looked at him. The tin soldier melted down into a lump and the next day when he was taken out they found the ash of the tin soldier which was in the shape of a tin heart.

## III. Multiple choice questions

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. C
7. D
8. C
9. D
10. B

## Be a grammarian

### II. Fill in the blanks with afterwards, downwards and onwards.

1. Downwards
2. Afterwards
3. Afterwards
4. Downwards
5. Onwards
6. Onwards

## JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

### Comprehension

#### I. Short answer type question.

1. Who did Jack meet on his way to the market?  
=A stranger on the road dressed in interesting cloths met Jack on his way to the market.
2. What did the little man offer to Jack in exchange for his cow?  
=In exchange for his cow, the little man offered Jack five beans.
3. Why did Jack trade the cow for the beans?  
=Jack traded the cow for the beans because the beans were gloriously coloured and held all the shades of a rainbow.
4. What did Jack's mother do with the beans?  
=Jack's mother threw the beans out of the window.
5. What did Jack find in his garden?  
=Jack found a giant beanstalk in his garden.
6. What was at the top of the beanstalk?  
=Clouds were at the top of the bean stalk.
7. What was the reaction of the woman first time when she opened the door and saw Jack standing there?  
=When the women opened the door and saw Jack standing there she said, "oh no! I can't let you in." She warned him that if her husband sees him he would cut him up.
8. What items did Jack take from the giant?  
=(a) A ruffled hen that lay golden eggs      (b) A sack full of gold coins   (c) A harp
9. How many times did Jack go up the beanstalk?  
=Jack went up the beanstalk three times.

#### II. Long answer type question

1. Why did Jack climb the beanstalk the first time?  
=Jack climbed the bean stalk the first time to bring the hen that lay golden eggs.
2. Why did Jack climb the beanstalk the second time?  
=Jack climbed the bean stalk the second time to bring back the sack of golden coins.
3. Why did Jack climb the beanstalk the third time?  
=Jack climbed the bean stalk the third time to bring back the harp.
4. Did Jack succeed because of his luck or his ability? Give reason in support of your answer.  
= Jack succeeded both because of his luck and ability. Because of his ability he hadf the courage and was brave to climb the beanstalk each time and of his luck he escape the giant.

**III. Read each of the sentences below and ticked “yes” or “no”.**

1. No
2. No
3. Yes
4. No
5. No
6. Yes
7. Yes
8. Yes

**Be a grammarian**

**II. Choose (a) or (b).**

2. (b) (a)
3. (a) (b)
4. (b) (a)
5. (b) (a)