

Himalaya International School

Practice Assignment-1

Subject- English

Class – VII

Section-A (Reading)

Q1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

Butterflies and moths have a life cycle that has four separate stages. Each stage serves a different purpose in the life of the insect.

The female lays eggs, usually on leaves or stems of a plant. Astonishingly, the egg remains attached to the leaf or stem till it hatches. The egg is tiny, round or oval-shaped, having fine microscopic structures.

When an egg hatches, a caterpillar, also known as larva, comes out of it. It resembles a worm at this stage. It is often striped or patched and feeds on the leaf or stem. As it grows, it sheds its skin four or more times.

The next stage is when the caterpillar breaks its tissues and forms an adult structure. It is called the chrysalis or pupa at this stage. The chrysalis is usually brown or green in colour.

The chrysalis grows into a colourful butterfly or moth. At this final stage, it is called imago. It becomes an adult insect which can fly and reproduce. An imago can migrate to new habitats also.

- 1. The female of a butterfly or moth lays eggs which**
 - a) remain fused with the leaf or stem on which they have been laid**
 - b) remain attached to the leaf or stem on which they have been laid**
 - c) remain stuck to the leaf under which they have been laid**

- d) remain detached to the leaf or stem near which they have been laid
2. When an egg of a butterfly or a moth hatches,
 - a) a caterpillar, also known as larva and that resembles a worm, comes out of it
 - b) a larva, also known as worm and that resembles a caterpillar, comes out of it
 - c) a caterpillar, also known as pupa and that resembles a larva comes out of it
 - d) a worm, also known as larva that resembles a pupa, comes out of it.
 3. The striped or patched larva feeds on the leaf or stem and
 - a) sheds its skin 4 times after it grows
 - b) sheds its patches 5 or more times before growing
 - c) sheds its stripes 4 or more times as it grows
 - d) sheds its skin 4 or more times in the process of growing
 4. The chrysalis, which is usually brown or green, is
 - a) a stage when the pupa breaks its tissues and forms an adult structure
 - b) a stage when the egg breaks its tissues and forms an adult structure
 - c) a stage when the caterpillar breaks its tissues and forms an adult structure
 - d) a stage when the moth breaks its tissues and forms an adult structure
 5. The 4 consecutive stages in the life cycle of a butterfly or moth are
 - a) tiny red or oval-shaped egg; brown or green chrysalis; worm-like striped or patched larva; colourful imago that can reproduce and move about freely
 - b) worm-like striped or patched larva; brown or green chrysalis; tiny, round or oval-shaped egg; colourful imago that can reproduce and move about freely

- c) tiny, round or oval-shaped egg; brown or green chrysalis; imago that can reproduce and move about freely; worm-like striped or patched larva
- d) tiny, round or oval-shaped egg; worm-like striped or patched larva; brown or green chrysalis; colourful imago that can reproduce and move about freely

Section B Writing

Q2. The footpaths of several roads in your city have been occupied by hawkers and tea sellers, causing pedestrians to walk on the roads which has led to several accidents. Write to the Municipal Commissioner of your city requesting him to relocate the vendors and ensure proper maintenance of footpaths.

Q3. You cannot go to school on the day it reopens after the summer vacations because a close family member is unwell. You have to travel out of the city with your family to take care of them. Write a letter to the principal of your school requesting her to grant you leave for a week.

Q4. You and your friends visit an orphanage regularly. The children there look forward to meeting you every second Saturday of the month. Recently with the help of your parents, you organised a gift and essential goods giveaway for the inmates of the orphanage. Write a report about it for your school newspaper.

Section C Grammar

Q5. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the sentences.

- a) Tanvi met _____ friends yesterday.
- i) Her ii) He iii) They iv) She
- b) He should work hard to score good marks.

- i) Shall ii) Must iii) Might iv) Could
- c) Identify the tense in “She was taking a nap when the thieves entered the house.”
- i) Simple Future
 ii) Present Perfect
 iii) Past Continuous
 iv) Simple Present
- d) _____ USA is _____ developed country.
- i) A, An ii) An, zero article iii) The, A iv) The, zero article
- e) Do you have _____ food to offer?
- i) Much ii) Many iii) Any iv) Some

Q6. Do as directed.

- a) Change the sentence into assertive – “How pretty the flowers are!”
- b) State the passive voice of “The officer commanded the soldiers to move forward.”
- c) Identify the speech in “Surekha said, “They have made a great mistake in buying the house.”
- d) Identify the clause in “The tea was so hot that she burnt her lips.”
- e) State the kind of the preposition underlined in “A stranger was standing at the gate for a long time.”

Q7. Fill in the blanks with suitable Conjunctions.

- a) He was very happy _____ he got promotion.
- b) She got full marks _____ she gave a treat to her friend.
- c) You will not pass _____ you work hard.
- d) _____ they were tired, they went to work.

Q8. Rewrite the sentences replacing the underlined words with adjective or adverb phrases.

- a) The guests are arriving now.

- b) He has got an honourable post.**
- c) We bought new wooden furniture.**
- d) We supported the bill strongly.**

SECTION D (Literature)

Q9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

As I went upstairs and knocked on the brown door after breakfast I didn't even feel frightened of the matron.

- a) Choose the synonym of the word 'scared' from the passage.**
- b) The antonym for the word 'downstairs' will be _____.**
- c) The _____ has been referred to as 'I' in the given lines.**

Q10. Answer the following questions.

- a) Give reason for the narrator choosing to develop an attack of appendicitis and not any other disease.**
- b) How did Dr Dunbar come to know that the narrator was faking a stomach ache?**
- c) Why did the narrator not feel frightened of the matron?**