

NameClass.....

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JS Two Holiday Exercise
English Language

Answer all questions

Section A: Essay Writing

In not less than 250 words, write on any of the following:

1. If I had known, I would have listened.
2. How I spent my long vacation.
3. Write a letter to your friend thanking him/her for spending the holiday with you.

Section B: Comprehension

Read pages one and two of the literary text Behind the Clouds by Ifeoma Okoye and answer the following questions.

Questions

1. What problem do you think made Ije Apia go to Blest Clinic?
2. Why did she look around the hospital with silent approval?
3. Mention two things stated in the text that the herbalists suggested as the cause of her problems?
4. According to the text, Blest Clinic was seen as a ‘miracle’ clinic. Why do you think it was so?
5. Why did one of the herbalists refuse to pass on his knowledge of herbs and roots to his sons before his death?
6. Use another word to replace the following words as used in the text.
 - I. vividly
 - II. dejectedly
 - III. strutted
 - IV. consented

Structure

Section C: Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. Auntie Jessica..... (have) twins last year.
2. My sister and I (go) to school by car every day.
3. She (expect) her first baby in three months time.
4. I (grow) a lot in the last year.
5. I’m used to (read) all night.
6. This club is (call) the rotary club.
7. Everybody got up and (sing) the national anthem.
8. Fifteen minutes ago, I (weed) the garden when I saw a snake.
9. Onyinyechi(be) always serious with her studies.
10. Listen! The clock(strike) seven, eight, nine.

Section D: Supply the correct prepositions in the spaces provided.

1. Joanna was absentschool for two days.
2. The woman is an authorityflowers.
3. The students were shocked the extent of the devastation.
4. This is quite different what I expected.
5. Be surea friend before you share a secret.
6. My mother is an expertcooking.
7. Doctors say that Ebola patients have less than fifty percent chance.....survival?
8. The girl is my cousin.
9. According this recipe, you must melt the butter.
10. Are you angry me?

Section E: Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words in the following sentences.

1. The load is light
2. The moon gives us light
3. They light the candle when there is no power outage
4. We have a town hall in my village.
5. My town is near a hill.
6. Water is very useful to man.
7. The gardener waters the flowers every morning.....
8. When I was in primary school, I carried a water bottle every day.
9. The rich must be encouraged to help the poor.
10. Bill Gates is a very rich man.

Section F: Complete these sentences using the correct pronoun from each pair in the brackets.

1. She hurt (herself, itself) when she fell.
2. Rahma and (me, I) sat together in the exam hall.
3. I hope you appreciate (my, me) coming to see you.
4. Can you tell (he, him) that I am here?
5. (Your's, Yours) may be sent by post.
6. The principal summoned (us, we) prefects to a crucial meeting.
7. Dauda invited Aminu and (I, me) to his house.
8. To (whom, who) should I address this letter?
9. The bride and groom love (one another, each other).
10. Please (whose, who's) biro is this?

Section G: Give another word or phrase that is nearest in meaning to the underlined words.

1. He girl helped the old woman to carry her heavy load.
2. The lion consumed the young deer.
3. The croaking bullfrog leaped into the pool.
4. We have our prize-giving day annually.
5. Children tend to imitate their parents.

Section H: Give another word or phrase that is opposite from the underlined words.

1. John is always punctual to school.
2. The new students entered the classroom quietly.
3. That lady looks very familiar.
4. The president condemned the electoral body.
5. I often travel to Dubai during the holidays.

Section I: Identify the sounds underlined in each of the following words.

1. ball / /
2. cease / /
3. returned / /
4. journey / /
5. debtor / /
6. stomach / /
7. northern / /
8. receipt / /
9. cough / /
10. moth / /

Vocabulary

Section J: Use your dictionary to find out and write the meaning of these words that were used in pages one and two of the literary text Behind the Clouds by Ifeoma Okoye in your vocabulary notebooks.

1. oblivious
2. crestfallen
3. reluctance
4. optimism
5. pious
6. sceptical
7. rankle
8. machinations
9. counteract
10. predicament