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HOLIDAY HOMEWORK 2020

Class – VIII (Eight) || English Language

The Sentence

A. Identify whether the following sentences are assertive or interrogative change the assertive sentences to interrogative and the interrogative sentences to assertive.

1. *We visited Goa last year.*

2. *The bottle is half filled with water.*

3. *Do you face difficulties travelling alone?*

4. *The train left on time.*

5. *Do you prefer tea to coffee?*

6. *Does Meera dance better than Sahana?*

7. *Manpreet goes to school everyday.*

8. *Would you like your coffee black?*

9. *Is she of any help?*

10. *The factory workers went on a strike.*

B. Change the assertive sentences exclamatory and the exclamatory sentences to assertive.

1. *How lovely this painting is!*

2. *Tamanna is an extraordinary singer.*

3. *Isn't it a wonderful afternoon!*

4. *It was very nice of you to come.*

5. *Avik works very hard to support his family.*

6. *What a horrible day I had!*

7. *Aarohi has injured herself badly.*

8. *How small the buildings look from up here!*

9. *The President's speech was very inspiring.*

10. *The Royal Bengal Tiger is a majestic creature.*

C. Change the following sentences into the negative.

1. I have several cousins.

2. That black dupatta is mine.

3. The arrow hit the bull's eye.

4. The balls of wool were layered with dust.

5. Some children in the class were naughty.

6. I had a hard time solving the arithmetic problems.

7. Most of the urban areas are polluted.

8. Are old songs melodious?

9. I threw the paper in the dustbin.

10. I like you, David!

Sentence Analysis

A. Separate the subject and the predicate in the following sentences.

1. *The President was impeached.*

2. *Our microwave oven stopped working.*

3. *I was using a red pen.*

4. *Kartikeya got a new job.*

5. *Mr Dixit is very protective about his family.*

6. *The laboratory was reeking of acid.*

7. *The sky grew dark, but there was no rain.*

8. *Father bought me a Titan watch.*

9. *The rich man was never happy about his son's career as a singer.*

10. *Pride and condescension may lead one to failure.*

B. Point out the complete subject in the following sentences, and separate the subject word from its attribute.

1. *My friend, Nikhil, was bored at the concert.*

2. *Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was a patriot.*

3. *The eccentric professor used to teach well.*

4. *The purpose of the visit was not fulfilled.*

5. *The ugly duckling was always left alone.*

6. *The state government is responsible for taxation on agricultural income.*

7. *Lady Gaga, the singer, is very experimental.*

8. *The nervous lady left behind her luggage in the train.*

9. *Unruly children grow up into irresponsible adults.*

10. *The chocolate cake turned out to be better than we expected.*

C. Point out the following from the sentences –

a) the subject word and its attributes

b) the verb and its adverbial qualification.

1. *The teacher acted promptly when the child fainted.*

2. *The tiger walked uneasily after hurting his hind leg.*

3. *Our conversation was stopped abruptly by the sound of the bomb blast.*

4. *The old man was too weak to get up from his bed.*

5. *Indian revolutionaries were brutally killed by the British.*

6. *The farmers walked back home wearily.*

7. *The red kite flew briskly through the strong wind.*

8. *His book was left unnoticed.*

9. *Meera has been working hard since morning.*

10. This is the tenth sentence written diligently.

D. Underline the verbs and their objects in the following sentences. Identify the direct and the indirect objects if the verbs have two objects.

1. *You have promised to buy me a bucket of sweets.*

2. *Tagore reached out to the international audience through his compositions.*

3. *My mother taught me Mathematics.*

4. *4. Divya has a charming smile.*

5. *5. The young man gave the thief a good beating.*

E. Underline the complement in each sentence below and say what kind it is (noun, adjective, pronoun, participle, infinitive, adverb, clause).

1. *The audience shot restless glances as the curtains rolled down mid-way through the play.*

2. *Vinay Kumar is talented.*

3. *Miss Fathima feels better now.*

4. *Christ died to wash our sins away.*

5. *The puppies are healthy.*

Countable and Uncountable Nouns

A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners from the box to complete the following sentences. Put (×) where no determiner is needed.

too much	a little	any	a	some
few	enough	many	a few	a lot of

1. *It is _____ festive season.*

2. *There is _____ water in the glass.*

3. *Give me _____ rice.*

4. *Is there _____ sugar in the tea?*

5. *He is a man of _____ words.*

6. There were _____ exercises in the workbook.
7. She showed _____ interest in the topic, but Annu showed none.
8. We need _____ torch for the night trip.
9. There is no _____ electricity in the neighbourhood.
10. I cannot work here. There is _____ noise.

B. In the following sentences, state whether the italicized nouns are countable or uncountable.

1. Give me some *time*, I will be ready. _____
2. I danced in the *rain* and was happy to get drenched. _____
3. We had a lot of *luggage* to carry. _____
4. Have a nice *day*! _____
5. There is a *hair* in my food. _____
6. You have got long *hair*. _____
7. We could see *smoke* churning out of the houses. _____
8. He spend time giving me *advice*. _____
9. Last year I had to purchase several pieces of *equipment* for my office. _____
10. Make sure your paper includes all your *sources* and citations for your quotes. _____

Articles

A. Check whether the articles used in the sentences are correct. Rewrite the incorrect sentences correctly.

1. *Ranbeer was offered the role of a MLA in the play.*

2. *Ramu lost his arm in an accident.*

3. *The umbrella I was using stood strong against the wind.*

4. *A preposition tells us the relation of its object to other words in the sentences.*

5. *Why am I not being able to connect a cable to a socket?*

6. *They built up an wall around the compound.*

7. *An apple a day keeps an doctor away.*

8. *There is a hourly bus service in this route.*

9. *A book you asked is out of print.*

10. *I met an one-eyed man yesterday.*

B. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. Put a cross (×) where no article is required.

1. *They offered me _____ job because I was experienced.*

2. *Meera is looking for _____ work.*

3. *Rita took _____ dead cat away.*

4. _____ elephant is _____ animal that has _____ long trunk.

5. *We bought _____ loaf of bread and had it with _____ milk.*

6. *Selvaraghavan plays _____ guitar well.*

7. _____ Titanic sank into the bottom of _____ Atlantic Ocean.

8. *Can you give me _____ glass of water?*

9. _____ wedding ring of Umasankar is made of _____ platinum.

10. *Meera can speak _____ French well.*

Adjectives

A. Underline the adjectives in the following sentences and write what kind of adjectives they are.

1. *I asked father to buy some fresh exercise books for me. _____*

2. *His uncle lived on the third floor of the tallest building in his locality. _____*

3. *Do you have any solution to the problem? _____*

4. *She had a brilliant accent but it often sounded fake. _____*

5. *We had enough food to offer our neighbours. _____*

6. *Raju pointed out to the hard-bound book and said, 'That is a good book. I want it for my brother.'*

7. *Chinese mythology is an interesting read. _____*

B. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words given in brackets.

1. *She is _____ enough to get admission in a fully funded American University. (fortune)*

2. *I am _____ yet _____ of India's win in today's match. (hope, suspicion)*

3. *One should be _____ while using someone else's books. (care)*

4. *The _____ mountain ranges shone brightly when the sunlight fell on them. (north)*

5. *Children, these days, are _____ to their elders. (disobey)*

6. Amisha is a _____ child. (*love*)
7. The bomb blast created _____ fear among my friends. (*terror*)
8. The students found Miss Zarine's method _____. (*logic*)
9. _____ clothes are useful only in winter. (*wool*)
10. Tresa was not only a _____ child, but was _____ too. (*study, adventure*)

C. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the adjectives given in brackets.

1. Akbar was the _____ of all Indian Kings. (*great*)
2. Moti's father is a _____ man. (*wise*)
3. She talked _____ than she usually does. (*fast*)
4. That is the _____ excuse I had ever heard. (*silly*)
5. This film is _____ than the previous one we have watched. (*good*)
6. I could not have been _____ with my performance today. (*perfect*)
7. She is a _____ girl, so we knew she would achieve her goal. (*smart*)
8. We had to live in a place as _____ as Norway for three months. (*cold*)
9. I showed _____ interest in their discussion about television serials. (*less*)
10. The sea was _____ at night. (*calm*)

D. Give the comparative and superlative forms of the following adjectives.

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| 1. immense | _____ | _____ |
| 2. curly | _____ | _____ |
| 3. famous | _____ | _____ |
| 4. old | _____ | _____ |
| 5. pleasant | _____ | _____ |
| 6. adorable | _____ | _____ |
| 7. thoughtful | _____ | _____ |
| 8. big | _____ | _____ |
| 9. lazy | _____ | _____ |
| 10. obnoxious | _____ | _____ |

E. Change the degree of comparison and rewrite the sentences without changing the meaning.

1. Mount Kangchenjunga is higher than many other peaks in the Himalayan range.

2. Nagarjun is the most interesting person I have ever met.

3. He is one of the renowned scholars.

4. *Very few Indian kings were as great as Asoka.*

5. *Sohail is wiser than his brother.*

F. Underline the participle in each of the following sentences and state whether it is an adjective or a verb.

1. *I think Majeed is excited to go to Australia.* _____

2. *The movie we saw yesterday had a thrilling chase sequence.* _____

3. *Lekha was shocked to hear the news.* _____

4. *Vidyut is repairing a broken window.* _____

5. *Tinu hasn't finished his assignment yet.* _____