Practice 1

Comprehension Multiple-choice

Read the passage carefully and then answer questions 1 to 4.

Farmer Richard worked very hard on his farm and took good care of the farm animals. He would wake up at six every morning to feed the animals. He would feed the chickens, turkeys and ducks first. Then, he would walk across the muddy fields to feed his beloved horses. Finally, he would feed the sheep, goats and cows.

It would be ten by the time Farmer Richard was done feeding the animals. He would then sit down at the kitchen table in his cottage and have his breakfast. After that, he would water his plants while greeting his neighbours.

1. Farmer Richard was a/an _____ farmer.
   (1) lazy (2) unkind
   (3) uncaring (4) hard-working ( )

2. The first thing Farmer Richard did each day was to _____.
   (1) have breakfast (2) water his plants
   (3) feed the animals (4) greet his neighbours ( )

3. The _____ were fed together.
   (1) turkeys and cows (2) chickens, horses and goats
   (3) horses and sheep (4) chickens, turkeys and ducks ( )

4. Farmer Richard would have his breakfast at _____.
   (1) 7 o'clock (2) 8 o'clock
   (3) 9 o'clock (4) 10 o'clock ( )

Practice 2

Comprehension Multiple-choice

Read the passage carefully and then answer questions 1 to 4.

Some countries experience four seasons—spring, summer, autumn and winter. Have you ever wondered how some animals survive winter? Have you also wondered what some animals do on a warm summer's day?

Some animals such as porcupines, chipmunks and squirrels hibernate during winter. They sleep to survive the cold winter days. Other animals such as sheep grow thick winter coats to keep themselves warm.

During summer, some animals like the bees get very busy. They fly from flower to flower to collect nectar. They use nectar to make honey in their hives.

1. To 'experience' means to '_____'.
   (1) allow (2) suffer
   (3) follow (4) undergo ( )

2. Why does an animal hibernate?
   (1) To keep busy (2) To grow a coat
   (3) To survive the cold (4) To survive the heat ( )

3. Which is **not** an animal that hibernates?
   (1) Sheep (2) Squirrel
   (3) Porcupine (4) Chipmunk ( )

4. Bees make honey with _____.
   (1) hives (2) leaves
   (3) nectar (4) flowers ( )

Practice 3

Comprehension Multiple-choice

Read the passage carefully and then answer questions 1 to 4.

Billy was running an errand. He had to buy a loaf of bread for his mother. As he was walking down the street to the bakery, he stepped on something hard. He was surprised when he looked down and saw that it was a wallet. He picked up the wallet and looked around him. There was no one around to claim the wallet.

Billy opened the wallet to see if there were any identification documents. He was shocked to find five 100-dollar notes in the wallet. He checked the card compartment and found an identity card. Billy took the wallet to the police post and handed it over to a police officer. The police officer praised Billy for his honesty.

1. Billy was running an errand for his _____.
   (1) sister (2) father
   (3) mother (4) brother ( )

2. Billy was going to the _____ when he found the wallet.
   (1) street (2) bakery
   (3) police post (4) police officer's home ( )

3. There were _____ in the wallet.
   (1) 10 dollars (2) 50 dollars
   (3) 100 dollars (4) 500 dollars ( )

4. Billy was _____ for his good deed.
   (1) rewarded (2) comforted
   (3) commended (4) remembered ( )

Practice 4

Comprehension Multiple-choice

Read the passage carefully and then answer questions 1 to 4.

There once lived a king who disliked showering. He could go without showering for months. Everyone in the castle was afraid to go near him. It was not because he was fierce or cruel. Rather, he was too dirty and smelly most of the time. Even the queen, the prince and the princess dared not go near him. Whenever the king wanted to give them a hug, they would shudder and run away. The king was upset and felt lonely.

It finally came to a point when the king could not stand it anymore. He wanted to be able to kiss his children goodnight. The king was determined to be clean and would shower every day from then on.

1. The king did not shower for _____.
   (1) days (2) years
   (3) months (4) weeks ( )

2. People avoided the king because he was _____.
   (1) cruel (2) filthy
   (3) fierce (4) lonely ( )

3. The prince _____ when the king wanted to hug him.
   (1) laughed (2) ran away
   (3) became upset (4) covered his nose ( )

4. Finally, the king decided to _____.
   (1) take a swim (2) talk to others
   (3) keep to himself (4) keep himself clean ( )

Practice 5

Comprehension Multiple-choice

Read the passage carefully and then answer questions 1 to 4.

Why do fish like goldfish, guppies and angelfish not sink when they are keeping still and not swimming? The secret lies in their swim bladder. This is a bag of air which works like a swimming float. When fish fill their swim bladder up, they tend to stay higher in the water. When they let out some air, they stay lower in the water.

Interestingly, not all fish have swim bladders to keep them afloat. Sharks, for example, have no swim bladders and cannot stop swimming. Otherwise, they will sink like a rock as they are big and heavy.

1. The swim bladder is a bag of _____.
   (1) air (2) rock
   (3) float (4) water ( )

2. A fish stays lower in the water because _____.
   (1) it is tired
   (2) it is not breathing
   (3) it does not like the water
   (4) it has less air in the swim bladder ( )

3. _____ do not have swim bladders.
   (1) Sharks (2) Guppies
   (3) Goldfish (4) Angelfish ( )

4. A shark will _____ if it stops swimming.
   (1) sink (2) become big
   (3) become a rock (4) turn upside down ( )