

## Class 9. Holiday homework[2023-24 ] English

**Read the following passage and answer the questions [ write in your English notebook]**

1 Cardamom, the queen of all spices, has a history as old as the human race. It is the dried fruit of a herbaceous perennial plant. Warm humid climate, loamy soil rich in organic matter, distributed rainfall and special cultivation and processing methods all combine to make Indian cardamom truly unique in aroma, flavour, size and it has a parrot green colour.

2. Two types of cardamom are produced in India. The first type is the large one, which has not much significance as it is not traded in the future market. It is cultivated in north-eastern area of the country. The second type is produced in the southern states and these are traded in the future market. These are mainly cultivated in Kerala, Tamilnadu and Karnataka. As per the future market rules, only 7 mm quality was previously traded in exchanges. But later, it relaxed its norms and now 6 mm quality is also traded in the exchanges.

Cardamom is an expensive spice, secondly to saffron. Indian cardamom is known in two main varieties : Malabar cardamom and Mysore cardamom. The Mysore variety contains leaves of cineol, limonene and hence is more aromatic. India is the world's largest producer and exporter emerged as the leading producer and exporter of cardamom.

4. The main harvest season of cardamom in India is between August-February. Cardamom reaches at yielding stage two years after the plantation. The primary physical markets of cardamom are Kumily Vandenmodu, Jhekkady, Puliarmala in Kerala and Bodynakkaur and Cumbum in Tamilnadu.

5. Kerala is the main producer of cardamom and contributes upto 60% in total production. Karnataka produces around 25% of the total production cardamom. Ooty is the main producer of cardamom in Tamilnadu and contributes around 10-15% of the total production. Besides India, Guatemala also produces around 1,000-2,000 ton cardamom per year. Due to low quality of cardamom from Guatemala, it remains available at cheaper rates.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any eight out of ten questions by choosing the correct option.

Mysore variety contains leaves of :

- (a) Limonene
- (b) Cineol
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of these

Indian Cardamom is:

- (a) Poor in quality
- (b) Average in quality
- (c) Better in quality
- (d) None of these

Guatemala produces cardamom :

- (a) More but poor in quality (b) Less but good in quality
- (c) More and good in quality
- (d) Less and poor in quality

Main harvest season of cardamom in India is :

- (a) August-February
- (b) August-March
- (c) November
- (d) February-April

Cardamom reaches at its yielding stage in :

- (a) Immediately after plantation
- (b) Depends upon the plantation
- (c) One year after plantation
- (d) Two years after plantation

India produces cardamom of :

- (a) One type
- (b) Two types
- (c) Three types
- (d) None of the above

Which of the following is the variety of Indian cardamom?

- (a) Malabar cardamom
- (b) Mysore cardamom
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of the above

Which of the following production of cardamom produces by Karnataka?

- (a) 25% (b) 10%
- (c) 15%
- (d) 60%

Find the synonym of the word 'distributor' given in the passage 3.

- (a) Expensive
- (b) Known
- (c) Producer
- (d) Exporter

The synonym of the word 'fragrance' given in the passage 3.

- (a) Aroma
- (b) Variety
- (c) Contain
- (d) Hence

**Read the chapters and answer the questions**

**A. Answer the following questions in about 40 -50 words.**

1. Why couldn't Margie concentrate on the Arithmetic lesson?
2. why does Margie feel that learning was fun in the schools of the past?
3. .What was Tommy's opinion about the 'real book'?
4. .Who was the Country Inspector? What was his work?
5. .Why did Tommy pronounce the word 'centuries ago' carefully?
6. .Who wiped Evelyn to continue with music? What did he do and say?
7. Which qualities of character enabled Evelyn to move ahead in life?
8. What is Evelyn's contribution to percussion?
9. .How did Bismillah Khan bring the 'shehnai' onto the classical stage?

10. .Who were the people in Kezia's family?
11. .Why did Kezia feel that her father was like a giant?
12. : Why did Father come to Kezia's room with a ruler?
13. .Why did Kezia suddenly grow afraid when Alice put her to bed?
14. .How can you say that the child was scared of his father?
15. What plea did the child finally make to his parents? Was his plea heard?

**B. Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words.**

1. Give in brief the message of the story 'The Little Girl'.
2. "A child longs for toys, sweets and other things but not at the cost of his parents." Comment.
3. How will the e-books be different from the old books that existed centuries ago?
4. Describe the condition of the child after he had lost his parents at the fair.

**C. Diary entry**

1. A group of fifteen students from your class recently went to Rashtrapati Bhavan to meet the President. Write your joyous experience through a diary entry in 100-150 words.

2. You recently lost an expensive wristwatch belonging to your grandfather. You are now feeling afraid to confess. Express your feelings of anguish through a diary entry in 100- 150 words.

**D. Subject-Verb Agreement**

**Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb.**

1. Each of the girls \_\_\_\_ her own dress. (has/have)
2. Five miles \_\_\_\_ long distance. (is/are)
3. Many a man \_\_\_\_ tried hard to climb the treacherous mountain range. (have/has)
4. The furniture of the house \_\_\_\_ quite impressive. (is/are)
5. Few students \_\_\_\_\_ coming to the party. (is, are)
6. Uma, my childhood friend \_\_\_\_ leaving for Delhi next month. (is/are)
7. Most of my friends \_\_\_\_\_ government employees. (is/are)
8. The level of pain tolerance \_\_\_\_ from person to person. (vary/varies)

9. Either Tina or Rohit \_\_\_\_ telling lies. (is/are)
10. A number of people \_\_\_\_ reported to have fallen sick after drinking the water from the tube well. (was/were)
11. The government \_\_\_\_ criticized by the Supreme Court for their actions. (was/were)
12. No one \_\_\_\_ a greater collection of books than my friend Reeshav. (has / have)
13. Somebody \_\_\_\_ waiting at the door for you. (is / are)
14. Two \_\_\_\_ ago, here is the place where the accident took place. (year/years)
15. Fast food, like burgers and street food, \_\_\_\_ harmful to our health. (is/are)

### E . Tense

**Go through the sentences and change their tenses as directed.**

Amy went to school yesterday. ( Future Continuous Tense)

The baby cried for hours. (Present Perfect Continuous Tense)

**Go through the sentences provided below and identify the type of tenses.**

1. Damon drinks coffee every morning.
2. The boy got up late and missed the bus.
3. My mother goes to pray in the temple.
4. The team is playing very well.
5. The school will be closed for winter break.
6. Leonard graduated from college last year.
7. The baby has eaten all the chips.
8. Have you read Pride and Prejudice?
9. The train has just left the station.
10. The sick child has been sleeping for three hours.