

S.2 ENGLISH HOLIDAY WORK

Read the passage below and answer the questions which follow.

SALIFU THE DETECTIVE

‘Did you recognize the Frafra, Gariba? Asked sergeant Selifu, ‘No, it was quite dark. A tree had fallen across the road, and when I got out of the lorry to move it, I was hit from behind and I remembered nothing till Salifu gave me water on the river-bank.

‘Then it is a woman’s **instinct** that tells Kasuwa that it was the Frafra who attacked you; smiled the sergeant. She may be right, but the police must have proof. Do you know that this Frafra has his right toe missing?’ ‘No’ said Gariba. We only know that the cutlass fell on his foot and wounded him so that the blood poured out, but I think it is possible that the toe was so badly cut that he lost it. His head, too, should bear the mark of my stick, but I would know him at once if I saw him. He is small and ugly, and his eyes are evil and do not look the same way?

The sergeant smoked his pipe silently for a while. Then he said, ‘We will do as follows: tomorrow I will arrange for a lorry and we will go to the town. Gariba will go to the hospital until his leg is healed, and Kasuwa will live in the police barracks with my wife, and I will show myself in the town on duty. The Frafra, if it is he, will come. Secretly, on the day after, I will come back here and watch for him;

‘May I watch for him tomorrow night while you are still in the big town’ asked Salifu eagerly. ‘The news of my return to duty will not have reached the Frafra by tomorrow night and he will not come so there is no need for you to watch. Besides, the night is full of strange noises and you will fear to sit alone when dark comes, replied the sergeant, I will take my bow and arrows and I will not fear at all’, said Salifu, please let me watch, I will sit in the old lorry-shed and I shall see and hear anyone coming to the house. Sergeant Salifu shook his head. Salifu decided on one last try ‘News travels very fast in the bush, he said, and the Frafra may easily hear at once that you have gone, and come to look for Kasuwa tomorrow.!

‘Very well, said the sergeant’. You may as well learn that watching is very **Tedious** and seldom exciting, but you are not to use your bow and arrow, or it will be Salifu Konkomba I shall be charging for attempted murder! Thank you; said Salifu, and a delighted grin spread over his face.

Questions.

1. Why could Gariba not see the person who attacked him? (2marks)

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2. Why did Gariba get out of the lorry? (2marks)

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3. What happened between Gariba and the Frafra on a previous occasion?

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4. For what purpose would the Frafra return to the village? (2marks)

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5. What do the following words mean?

(i). Tedious(2marks)

(II).Instinct(2marks)

(iii). Besides(2marks)

(iv). Attempted(2marks)

(v). Delighted (2marks)

6. For what would the Frafra return to the village? (2marks)

SECTION B.

Rewrite the following sentences as instructed without changing the meaning.

1. As soon as they entered the train it started raining. (Begin. No sooner)

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2. Peter eats a lot of food but he does not want to work. (Use despite)

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3. He will get a job whether he is experienced or not (Begin: no matter)

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4. 'They do not know us 'explained the little girl. (change into a reported speech)

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5. The grass is soon exhausted, so the cattle have to be driven from pasture to pasture. (Rewrite beginning; As.....)

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6. If you had paid him, he would (help you). Rewrite using the correct tense of the verb in bracket)

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7. William Shakespeare wrote over thirty plays. Many people regard him as the greatest author of all. (Rewrite using: who)

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8. Kate sings beautifully whenever we have Inter house Music, Dance and Drama competitions,.....?(Supply a suitable question tag)

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9. I am poor but I can afford a balanced diet (use in spite)

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10. James did not go to school as well as Sarah. (Use neither)
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SECTION C

Circle the most correct answer.

11. The teacher and his studentsin the classroom

A. are B. was C. were D. them

12. The teacher sent both.....to the shop.

A. me and him B. I and he C. him and I D. he and I

13. Let us talk the problem

A. about B. over C. up D. around

14. The headmaster told the students to avoid drinking waterdirty cups.

A. from B. at C. in D. around

15. His father is ill.....malaria

A. from B. with C. in D. by

16. I have little confidencehim

A. for B. to C. in D. over

17. Being tired, grace On the way.

A. laid down B. had lain C. lay down D. lied down.

18. Hein that school for the last three years.

A. was working B. is working C. had work D. has been working

19. While crossing the railway line, his car broke.....

- A. down B. up C. off D. apart.**

20.teachers take interest in their pupils' work, they will not pass.

- A. if B. since C. unless D. though.**

