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BASIC EXERCISE

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อ่านเรื่องราวต่อไปนี้แล้วตอบคำถาม

A wise man was travelling through a forest one night when he suddenly came face to face with a terrible giant. The giant told him that he was going to **eliminate** him. The wise man calmly said, "Very well, try if you may, but I can defeat you, for I am more powerful than you think."



"Nonsense!" said the giant.

"You cannot defeat me because I am ten times larger than you."

"If you want a test of strength, take this stone and squeeze liquid out of it," said the wise man as he picked up a small piece of rock and handed it to the giant. The giant tried very hard but he could not.

"It is impossible; there is no water in this stone. Show me how," the giant demanded. In the darkness, the wise man took an egg out of his pocket and squeezed the stone and the egg together, holding his hand over them. The giant was impressed when he saw liquid oozing out of the stone.

"I must think this over," the giant said. "Come to my cave and you can spend the night there." The wise man accompanied him to a huge cave. The giant told him where to sleep and immediately, he fell asleep himself.

As soon as the giant was asleep, the wise man got up. He knew the giant would kill him in the middle of the night. Quietly, he arranged his bed to give the impression that he was still in it. After doing so, he hid himself at a place some distance from the giant.

No sooner had he hidden himself than the giant woke up. He picked up a tree trunk with one hand and struck seven heavy blows on the dummy in the wise man's bed. Then he lay down again and went to sleep. The wise man returned to his bed, lay down and called out to the giant, "Oh giant! This cave of yours is comfortable but I have been bitten seven times by a mosquito. You really should do something about it."

This shocked the giant so much that he dared not attempt a further attack. The giant immediately went down on his knees and begged the wise man for forgiveness.

กากบาทหับตัวเลขหน้าคำตอบที่ถูกต้อง (ข้อละ 1 คะแนน)

- 1 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'eliminate' in the first paragraph?
 - (1) kill
 - (2) spend
 - (3) defeat
 - (4) attempt
- 2 From the picture, the wise man spoke calmly to the giant so that _____.
 - (1) he could convince the giant that he was more powerful than the giant
 - (2) he could become more powerful than the giant
 - (3) the giant would lose his strength
 - (4) he could hit the giant with a tree trunk
- 3 The wise man showed the giant that he could _____.
 - (1) squeeze liquid out of a stone
 - (2) become ten times bigger than the giant
 - (3) break an egg with a stone
 - (4) perform magic tricks

- 4 The egg-and-stone trick proved that the wise man was _____.
 (1) smarter (3) faster
 (2) braver (4) stronger
- 5 Why did the giant invite the wise man to his cave?
 (1) He befriended the wise man.
 (2) He took pity on the wise man.
 (3) He wanted to kill the wise man.
 (4) He was afraid to stay in his cave alone.
- 6 Thinking that the wise man was in bed, the giant _____.
 (1) covered him with a blanket
 (2) used a tree trunk to strike him
 (3) provided him with a dummy
 (4) helped to arrange his bed
- 7 The giant was greatly surprised when the wise man told him that _____.
 (1) he hid at some distance
 (2) his cave was comfortable
 (3) he had been bitten by a mosquito
 (4) the dummy was not him
- 8 The wise man was able to defeat the giant through _____.
 (1) flattery (3) strength
 (2) obedience (4) trickery

คำศัพท์น่ารู้

face to face (idm) : เป็นการส่วนตัว

The human resource manager called and arranged to meet me face to face next Monday.

eliminate (v) : กำจัด, ถอนรากถอนโคน

The king ordered the assassin to eliminate all those who stood in his way.

defeat (v) : ปราม, ทำลาย, ทำให้พ่ายแพ้

Our school football team managed to defeat the team from Greenview Primary School.

BASIC EXERCISE

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อ่านข้อความต่อไปนี้แล้วตอบคำถาม

The social weaver bird is a close relative of the common house sparrow. Unlike the common sparrow which makes a small, untidy nest on a window ledge or on a tree branch, the weaver bird makes a huge apartment-like nest by tightly weaving together leaves, grass, twigs and so on.

The social weaver birds live on the dry, flat lands of southern Africa. They live in large colonies of thirty or more pairs of birds. The birds work together in building their huge nests. However, two weaver birds have their own 'apartment' or nesting chamber.

The huge nests are often located among the thorny branches of an acacia tree. The nests may be three or four metres long and two to three metres wide. Some nests have been known to house more than one hundred weaver bird families.

There are many other kinds of weaver birds that build unusual nests. While none are as large as the nests of the social weaver birds, some are quite interesting. Some kinds of tropical weaver birds build nests that look like wine flasks. The nests hang down from tree branches or tall grass. The male weaver birds usually do most of the nest building.

Most kinds of weaver birds are excellent nest builders but there are a few exceptions. Widowbirds, members of the weaver bird family, do not build nests at all. Instead, the females lay their eggs in the nests of other birds. The host birds do not seem to be able to spot the difference. They hatch the widowbirds' eggs and raise the young.

- 1 The statement below compares the difference between the nests built by the weaver bird and the sparrow. Fill in the blanks correctly. (3 คะแนน)

The weaver bird makes a (1) _____ apartment-like nest whereas the sparrow makes a (2) _____, (3) _____ nest.

- 2 How many weaver birds are there in a regular flock? (1 คะแนน)

- 3 How many weaver birds live in a single nesting chamber? (1 คะแนน)

- 4 Why do you think weaver birds are called social birds? (1 คะแนน)

- 5 Based on the passage, fill in the blanks with information about the weaver birds' nests. (4 คะแนน)

(1) Where they are located : _____

(2) Length : _____

(3) Width : _____

(4) Materials used to make the nests : _____

- 6 What is so unusual about some of the weaver birds' nests? (1 คะแนน)

- 7 Why are the nests of some tropical weaver birds unusual? (1 คะแนน)

- 8 Which weaver birds do not build nests? (1 คะแนน)

9 Where do the widowbirds lay their eggs? Who looks after their eggs?

(2 คะแนน)

10 Fill in the blanks with words from the passage that are opposites of the following words. (5 คะแนน)

- | | | |
|------------|---|-------|
| (1) rare | x | _____ |
| (2) small | x | _____ |
| (3) uneven | x | _____ |
| (4) dull | x | _____ |
| (5) lousy | x | _____ |

คำศัพท์น่ารู้

window ledge (n) : แนวชั้นที่ยื่นออกมาจากใต้หน้าต่าง เช่น บริเวณหน้าต่างที่ใช้วางแจกันดอกไม้

The little bird hopped along the window ledge outside my bedroom before it spread its wings and flew off.

weave (v) : ถัก, สาน, ถักทอ

The women had been weaving these straw baskets since morning.

colony (n) : กลุ่ม, หมู่, เหล่า, พวก

The colony of seals swam in the clear Arctic water.

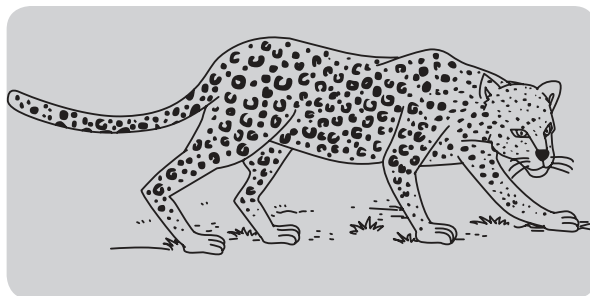
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อ่านบทความต่อไปนี้แล้วตอบคำถาม

The leopard is a small animal compared to the lion and the tiger but many people think that it is the most dangerous of the big cats. For its weight, the leopard is one of the strongest of



the cats. It is an excellent climber and can run up a tree with **astounding** speed. It can even climb a tree while carrying prey which is twice its own weight. It can leap up more than three metres in the air and jump down on its prey from a height of fifteen metres.

The leopard's skin of greyish gold with dark spots or rings provides excellent camouflage among the branches of a tree. Although the leopard may be seen during the day, it is most active at night.

The leopard is particularly dangerous because it hunts near towns and villages for dogs. Leopards sometimes can turn into deadly human-eaters. **They** terrorize large areas for years. A leopard can easily carry a fully-grown person off into the bushes or up a tree.

The late hunter, Jim Corbett, wrote about a leopard that killed four hundred people before he shot it in 1910. Corbett said that human-eating leopards are rare but very difficult to stop because they are smart and wary. Such leopards still appear from time to time in India and Africa. However, most leopards will not attack people unless provoked or wounded.

กากบาททับตัวเลขหน้าคำตอบที่ถูกต้อง (ข้อละ 1 คะแนน)

- 1 Why do many people consider the leopard as the most dangerous?
 - (1) It is smaller than a tiger.
 - (2) It can leap high into the air.
 - (3) It is one of the strongest of the cats.
 - (4) It can jump down from a great height.
- 2 What does the word 'astounding' in the first paragraph mean?
 - (1) thrilling
 - (2) effortless
 - (3) backbreaking
 - (4) amazing
- 3 How strong is the leopard?
 - (1) It can run up a tree with great speed.
 - (2) It can carry prey that is twice its own weight.
 - (3) It can leap very high up in the air.
 - (4) It is an excellent climber.
- 4 What advantage does the leopard's skin offer?
 - (1) It frightens away all the other animals.
 - (2) It keeps the leopard warm at night.
 - (3) It makes the animal very beautiful.
 - (4) It hides the leopard well among the trees.
- 5 From the second paragraph, we know that leopards are _____.
 - (1) diurnal
 - (2) nocturnal
 - (3) carnivorous
 - (4) omnivorous

6 Leopards roam near towns and villages because _____.

- (1) they are attracted by the dogs
- (2) they want to be particularly dangerous
- (3) they enjoy the company of humans
- (4) they like the meat of humans

7 What does 'They' in the third paragraph refer to?

- (1) bushes
- (2) leopards
- (3) human-eaters
- (4) fully-grown people

8 Most leopards will attack humans when _____.

- (1) they are disturbed or injured
- (2) they are fully grown
- (3) they are in danger of extinction
- (4) they terrorize large areas for years

คำศัพท์น่ารู้

camouflage (n) : การพรางตัวให้เข้ากับธรรมชาติเพื่อหลบซ่อนตัว, การปลอมตัว, การพรางตา, การซ่อนตัว

The fur of the arctic fox changes to white during winter, which acts as camouflage so that it will not be easily spotted in the wintry landscape.

terrorize (v) : ทำให้ตกใจกลัว, คุกคาม, ข่มขู่

The delinquent teenagers terrorized the villagers so much that an urgent meeting was held to discuss what to do with them.

wary (adj) : ระมัดระวัง, รอบคอบ

I am wary of people who call and tell me that I have won a prize in a lucky draw which I do not even remember entering for.

BASIC EXERCISE

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อ่านข้อความต่อไปนี้แล้วตอบคำถาม

A young man walks barefoot for three kilometres under the blazing sun, carrying a heavy metal canopy held in position by dozens of steel spikes which pierce the flesh of his chest and back. A dagger-like skewer passes through both cheeks and another through his tongue. The sharp points of the spikes tear his skin and bite into delicate flesh with every jerking movement. However, devotees who participate in this extraordinary experience say they do not feel a thing!

There are no blood and no pain. Is it a miracle? One thing is for certain. There is nothing else in the whole wide world quite like Thaipusam. Held in January or February each year, the Thaipusam festival is observed by the Hindu Tamil community. Those who carry the vast ornate steel canopy covered with peacock feathers called the 'kavadi' do so in worship of a Hindu god, Lord Subramaniam.

Participants begin their preparations a week before the procession itself. They abstain from eating meat, drinking alcohol and having impure thoughts in order to cleanse their souls for the ordeal ahead. On the eve of the procession, the devotees sleep on the floor of the Perumal Temple on Serangoon Road. Just before dawn, the families and friends of the kavadi carriers gather in the temple courtyard to assist them.

According to a legend, Thaipusam is the celebration of Lord Subramaniam's victory over a demon. The skewer represents the sacred javelin Lord Subramaniam is said to have used to slay the demon. The battle came about because the demon attempted to steal two sacred Himalayan mountains and was **caught red-handed** by Lord Subramaniam. The sweeping curves of the kavadi symbolize this pair of sacred mountains.

- 1 Why does the extraordinary ritual of carrying the kavadi seem miraculous?
Give a reason for your answer. (1 คะแนน)

- 2 Which sentence from the passage tells us that this festival is unique? (1 คะแนน)

- 3 Why do devotees carry the kavadi? (1 คะแนน)

- 4 What three things do the kavadi carriers have to avoid one week before the ritual? (3 คะแนน)

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

- 5 The procession begins at the Perumal Temple. How far away is the destination? (1 คะแนน)

- 6 Fill in the boxes with information that can be found in the passage. If the information is not stated clearly, write 'Not stated' in the boxes. (4 คะแนน)

What is the colour of the skewer that passes through the cheeks of the kavadi carrier?	
Who are the people who celebrate Thaipusam?	
Why do the kavadi carriers abstain from certain things before the ritual?	
How many family members are allowed to enter the Perumal Temple to assist the kavadi carrier on Thaipusam?	