APPENDIX
QUESTIONNAIRE
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"Young Learner and the English Language"

1. Name of the Student : ...........................................................
2. Mother tongue : .........................................................
3. Class : ...........................(Science, Arts)
   Roll No. : ......................
4. Name of the School from which you passed the Madhyamik/I.C.S.E./or equivalent examination : ...........................................

Students are advised to read the questions carefully before answering them.

Q.1. Tick off the correctly spelt word in each of the following pairs:
   (a) beautifull/beautiful
   (b) skillfull/skilful
   (c) benefited/benefitted
   (d) admited/admitted
   (e) genius/genious
   (f) jealous/jealous
   (g) pronunciation/pronunciation
   (h) knock/nock
   (i) beginning/begining
   (j) dinning/dining
   (k) believe/beleive
(l) receive/recieved
(m) offered/offerred
(n) transferred/transferred
(o) debt/det

Q.2 Fill in the blanks with 'a' or 'an' or 'the' as may be suitable:

(a) Please give me _______ apple
(b) He is _______ honest man
(c) _______rich are not always happy
(d) He is _______ one-eyed man
(e) _______Ganges is a holy river
(f) English is _______ difficult language

Q.3 Fill in the blanks, using the prepositions listed below: by, of, at, to, with, on, from, in, for

(a) He was born _______ a small village
(b) He came to Calcutta _______ bus
(c) The child is afraid _______ the dog.
(d) My brother is senior _______ you
(e) He is angry _______ me
(f) This book is different _______ yours
(g) I congratulate you _______ your success
(h) He died _______ England.
Q.4. Read the following sentences and underline the correct alternatives within the brackets:

(a) The (home, house) was sold for Rs. 50,000.00
(b) He is learning a long (poetry, poem)
(c) The (air, wind) spoilt the game
(d) What is the (cost, price) of this pen?
(e) He had a nice (game, play) of football.
(f) His (leg, foot) swelled and he could not get his shoe on.
(g) He has no (rupees, money) with him.

Q.5. Choose the correct alternatives from those in the brackets and underline them:

(a) There isn't (many, much) food in the house
(b) Ram is (older, elder) than Shyam.
(c) My (older, elder) brother lives in Calcutta
(d) Bombay is the (Bigger, biggest) city in India
(e) Will you have (little, a little) milk?
(f) He is too (young, small) to go to School
(g) He knows (less, fewer) words than his brother
(h) Wash your hands if they are not (clear, clean)

Q.6. Choose the correct alternatives from those in the brackets and underline them:

(a) He scored as many goals as (they, them)
(b) Let (he, him) answer this question
(c) Please, wait for Ram and (I, me)
(d) He and me, I were friends
(e) Whom can I trust, if not (them, their)?
(f) He got whatever (he, him) wanted.
(g) My book is better than (him, his).

Q.7. Choose the appropriate alternatives from those in the brackets and underline them:

(a) Sam (goes/is going) to School everyday.
(b) Mita (has reached/reached) just now.
(c) I (have received/received) your letter yesterday.
(d) He said that he (saw, had seen) your brother last year.
(e) Ramala (is waiting, has been waiting) for you since 6 o'clock.
(f) I thought you (can, could) run faster.

Q.8. Complete the sentences, using the phrasal verbs given below: you may change the tense form of the verbs when necessary:

- go through, break out, set out, laugh at, run over, put out, put on, give up.

(a) Cholera .............. in Midnapore
(b) I .............. through these papers
(c) A boy was .............. by a car
(d) .............. your bad habit
(e) He .............. for Calcutta tomorrow
(f) We should not .............. the poor
(g) .............. your shoes
(h) .............. the lamp.
Q.9. Choose the appropriate alternatives from those in the brackets and underline them:
(a) He (refused, denied) to help me
(b) He (said, told) me that he would go home
(c) It (may, can) rain tomorrow
(d) The picture was (hanged, hung) on the wall
(e) The ship (sank, drowned) in the ocean
(f) I am (reading, studying) your letter.
(g) America was (discovered, invented) by Columbus
(h) The blind cannot (see, look)

Q.10. Rewrite the following sentences correctly, using the appropriate form of the verbs 'be', 'do' or 'have' where necessary.
(a) He went home yesterday?
(b) He absent today?
(c) He not likes me?
(d) They not happy?
(e) He gone to School?

Q.11. Choose the correct alternatives from those in the brackets and underline them:
(a) Sita ran (quick, quickly).
(b) He did his work (careful, carefully).
(c) It is (too, very) hot in the summer.
(d) He is (much, very) stronger than I
(e) I saw him two weeks (ago, before)
(f) The Policeman hit the thief (hard, hardly)
(g) Last night, I went to bed (late, lately)
(h) He drank (too much, very much) and became sick.
Q.12. Choose the correct alternatives from those in the brackets and underline them.

(a) He is a (fool, foolish).
(b) She is a (coward, cowardly) girl.
(c) I have (not, no) time for play.
(d) Forget the (passed, past).
(e) His grandfather is (dead/died).
(f) He is a (good/well) singer.
(g) This shop keeper does not (sell, sale) tea.

Q.13. Choose the appropriate alternatives from those in the brackets and underline them.

(a) I am glad that the news (is, are) good.
(b) The girl has beautiful (hair, hairs).
(c) Five (sheeps, sheep) are grazing in the field.
(d) The Committee (has, have) submitted its report.
(e) The class (is, are) divided in their opinions.
(f) Ham as well as Shyam (is, are) good.
(g) Jadu and Kadiu (work, works) sincerely.
(h) Every boy and girl (is, are) ready.
(i) Rice and curry (is, are) my favourite food.

Q.14. Change the following from Direct to Indirect form of speech.

(a) Ram said, "I am unwell".
(b) He said, "I shall go home tomorrow".

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(c) He said to me, "where are you going?"
(d) Anil said to me, "Please, wait here till I return"
(e) The teacher said to the boys, "Don't make a noise"
(f) He said, "Alas! I am undone"
(g) Mita said to her friend, "Let us go out for a walk"

Q.15. Correct the following sentences by rearranging the words in them.

(a) I last night went to the Cinema
(b) I can speak very well English
(c) He learnt by heart the poem
(d) I told him not to go there
(e) A gentleman has a dog to sell who wishes to go abroad.