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## **ALL QUESTIONS WORTH 4 POINTS**

## The Cloud Swallower

Long time ago, when the rain used to fall, the orchards, gardens and the fields had rich crops and people lived a carefree life. But one day, there came a giant who loved to swallow clouds from the sky. Soon, without rain, the earth dried up. People began to suffer from hunger and thirst.

Isi and Elsu were 12-year-old twin brothers. Seeing that the people in the village could hardly find any dry roots to reduce their hunger, the boys decided to set out in search of the giant.

Adapted after a Maya story



On their way, Isi and Elsu met Spider King and they became friends. Spider King told them that the giant had an eye always lurking. Then he showed them the cave where the giant had been hiding.

The twin brothers sneaked the spider into the cave where he began to spin a sticky web which, in the end, covered the giant's eye. Since then, the giant had been sleeping almost all the time.

Sometimes he would wake up, get out of the cave and eat clouds.

But when he came back, the spider spun the sticky web on his eye again.



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| 1. The Cloud Swallower is adapted from a story.                                  |  |          |                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|----------|-----------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| A)<br>D)   | French<br>Pakistani  | B)<br>E) | Chinese<br>English          |          | <b>C)</b> Maya                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. People live a carefree life when  |  |          |                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A)<br>C)<br>E)   | they have enough to eat<br>they are always hungry<br>they don't have rains   |          |                             | 3)<br>O) | , , ,                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Long time ago, when there was no rain, people used to                         |  |          |                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A)<br>C)<br>E)   | get lots of fruit<br>harvest grains<br>drink lot of water  |          |                             | 3)<br>)) | 3  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. According to the story, it hadn't been raining since a giant                  |  |          |                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A)<br>C)<br>E)   | ate the sun<br>hid the clouds<br>became friends with peop  | ole      |                             | 3)<br>O) | ate all the clouds<br>brought the clouds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. The Maya used to adorn their headdresses with feathers. Who has red feathers? |  |          |                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A)<br>D)   | lsi<br>both brothers   | B)<br>E) | Elsu's fathe<br>Elsu        | er       | C) The giant                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. According to the story, the drought finished because                          |  |          |                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A)<br>B)<br>C)<br>D)<br>E)   | The giant started sleeping not the spider killed the giant. Isi and Elsu killed the giant. People found a big river. Isi and Elsu became friends |          |                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Isi and Elsu were   |  |          |                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A)<br>D)   | of the same age<br>sisters   | B)<br>E) | of different<br>twins' pare | •        | · ·                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Isi and Elsu decided to   |  |          |                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A)<br>D)   | move the clouds find the giant   | B)<br>E) | pick up fru                 |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 9. Acc  | cording to the story, because           | se o     | f the droug                          | ht,      | lsi received                |       | per week.      |  |  |  |
|---|---|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------|--|--|--|
| A)<br>C)<br>E)  | fourteen cups of water                  |          |                                      | 3)<br>)) | seven cups o<br>more fruits | of Wa | ater           |  |  |  |
| 10. Isi's family consists of two parents and four grandparents. How many cups of water does the whole family drink every week during the drought? |   |          |                                      |          |                             |       |                |  |  |  |
| •   | 14 cups<br>26 cups                      | B)<br>E) | 16 cups<br>56 cups                   |          |                             | C)    | 32 cups        |  |  |  |
| 11. Isi and Elsu became friends with  |   |          |                                      |          |                             |       |                |  |  |  |
| A)<br>C)<br>E)  | •                                       |          |                                      | 3)<br>O) | the king of th<br>the giant | ie sp | oiders         |  |  |  |
| 12. WI  | nat do spiders eat?                     |          |                                      |          |                             |       |                |  |  |  |
| A)<br>D)  | Birds<br>Fish                           | B)<br>E) | Clouds<br>Insects                    |          |                             | C)    | Giants         |  |  |  |
| 13. What do spiders do in order to catch their prey?  |   |          |                                      |          |                             |       |                |  |  |  |
| A)<br>D)  | They fish<br>They spin webs             | B)<br>E) | They fly<br>They use th              | heii     | r long tail                 | C)    | They dig holes |  |  |  |
| 14. <mark>In</mark>   | times of drought, also                  | suff     | er.                                  |          |                             |       |                |  |  |  |
| A)<br>D)  | insects<br>whales                       | B)<br>E) | pyramids<br>houses                   |          |                             | C)    | mountains      |  |  |  |
| 15. In  | picture $oldsymbol{1}$ , the earth is . |          |                                      |          |                             |       |                |  |  |  |
| A)<br>D)  | cracked<br>covered with water           | B)<br>E) | covered with grass<br>of blue colour |          |                             | C)    | wet            |  |  |  |
| 16. When we go to the mountains, we can drink water from  |   |          |                                      |          |                             |       |                |  |  |  |
| A)<br>D)  | the ocean<br>clean streams              | B)<br>E) | the sea<br>plants                    |          |                             | C)    | ponds          |  |  |  |

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World Water Day is celebrated annually on March 22. On Earth, there is fresh water in rivers, lakes, glaciers, groundwater, precipitation (rain and snow). There is salty water in seas and oceans. The water which is safe to be used as drinking water is called potable water.

Water can be found in three states on Earth: liquid (seas, rivers, lakes, rain), solid (snow, ice, hail) or gas (water vapor).







### Tips to keep in mind!

Water is a natural wealth. Respect it! Don't waste it! Don't pollute it!

- **♦**Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth!
- **△** Don't waste water in the shower or bathtub!
- **♦ Don't pour oil down the drain or toilet!**
- ♦Don't throw plastic bags, jars, paper in lakes, rivers or seas!
- **♦** Recycle paper, glass, plastic, metal!
- Sometimes, water puts people's lives in danger.

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- 17. The water we drink is in the ..... state.
  - A) hard

B) solid

C) steam

D) gas

- E) liquid
- 18. Water is used to produce electricity in ......
  - A) hydroelectric plants 7
- B) fishermen's boats 5
- C) sinks 6

- D) Gardens 8
- E) snow 1
- 19. At our residence place we use water for......
  - A) producing electricity
  - B) food preparation, washing, watering plants
  - c) plowing the field
  - D) assembling furniture
  - E) cutting woods
- 20. Look at picture 5! What are people doing?
  - A) They're drinking water.
- - **C)** They're fishing.
  - **E)** They are drowning.

- B) They're on a boat ride.
- **D)** They're washing their hands.

- 21. Picture 10 illustrates .......
  - A) a person in danger of fire.
  - **C)** a snowy street.
  - E) people on vacation.

- B) a flooded street.
- **D)** two fishermen.

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## 22. Picture 11 illustrates people who are ......

A) washing their car

B) playing cricket

C) playing snowballs

D) watering their garden

E) cleaning snow

#### 23. Water may not be dangerous when ......

- A) a person swims in big waves.
- B) a river has strong current.
- **C)** there are storms.
- D) children drink it clean.
- E) there are floods.

### 24. The tips from page 4 teach us .......

- A) not to pollute or waste water.
- B) to use more water when washing dishes.
- C) not to wash our hands, so we can save water.
- D) wash the car in the river.
- **E)** never to take shower.

