

Bridge Course -Test No. 2

Std:8th (Marathi Medium)

Subject : English

Marks : 15

Q.1 Write an application to the principal of your school requesting him to grant leave due to sickness. 5 Marks

Q2. Rearrange the sentences to frame a story 5 Marks

- The young man sold his share of the property and left for another country.
- The father tried to dissuade his son, but he wouldn't listen to his father whom he regarded as old and ignorant.
- Years went by. The younger son began to get restless because he was unhappy with his lot.
- He led a luxurious life and spent a lot of money on gambling.
- They were living together happily.
- Soon all his money was gone and he became a pauper.
- Once there lived a rich farmer.
- He went to his father and asked for his share of the property.
- So the father gave him a third of his property.
- He had two sons.

Q3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 5 Marks

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his family. He would miss the pay cheque, but he needed to retire. The employer was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter said 'yes', but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior material. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer handed over the key of the house to the carpenter— "This is your house, my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently! Now he had to live in a poorly built house. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day, at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently. But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Someone once said, your attitude, and the choices you make today, help build the "house" you will live in tomorrow. Therefore, build wisely!

Questions:

- i. What did the carpenter tell his employer?
- ii. What favour did his employer ask from the carpenter?
- iii. What surprise did the employer have for the carpenter?
- iv. Why was the surprise a 'shame' for the carpenter?
- v. Which word in the first paragraph means the same as 'art of skill of a workman'?