Unseen Passage for Class 3 with Answers

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A. Passage 1 (a story)

Read the story and answer the questions.

Riya's Kite

1 It was the day of Makar Sankranti, and the sky over Ahmedabad was full of colourful kites. Riya ran up to the terrace with her new yellow kite. Her grandfather held the spool of thread for her.

2 The wind was strong, and the kite flew higher and higher. Suddenly a big red kite came close and cut Riya's thread. Her yellow kite floated away over the roofs. Riya felt like crying.

3 Grandfather smiled and said, "Don't be sad, Riya. Let us make a new kite together." They used coloured paper, two thin sticks and some glue. By the afternoon the new kite was ready, and it was even more beautiful than the first one. Riya laughed as it danced in the sky.

1. Which festival was it? (a) Diwali (b) Makar Sankranti (c) Holi

2. What colour was Riya's new kite?

3. Who held the spool of thread for Riya?

4. True or false: The wind was very weak that day.

5. What cut Riya's thread?

6. How did Riya feel when her kite floated away?

7. Name two things they used to make the new kite.

8. Fill in the blank: The new kite was even more _____ than the first one.

9. Find a word in paragraph 3 that is the opposite of "old".

10. What do you learn about Riya's grandfather from this story?

B. Passage 2 (facts)

Read the passage and answer the questions.

The Busy Honeybee

1 Honeybees are small insects that live together in a large home called a hive. A hive can have thousands of bees, but only one queen bee. The queen lays all the eggs. The worker bees do all the other work.

2 Worker bees fly from flower to flower to collect a sweet juice called nectar. They carry it back to the hive and turn it into honey. While they visit flowers, they also carry pollen from one flower to another. This helps plants make fruits and seeds.

3 Bees “talk” to each other by dancing. When a bee finds a field of flowers, it does a special dance in the hive to show the other bees where to go. Without bees, we would have much less fruit to eat.

1. What is the home of honeybees called?

2. How many queen bees live in a hive? (a) one (b) ten (c) thousands

3. Who lays all the eggs?

4. What is nectar?

5. True or false: Bees turn nectar into honey.

6. How do bees help plants?

7. How do bees tell other bees where the flowers are?

8. Fill in the blank: Without bees, we would have much less _____ to eat.

9. Find a word in paragraph 1 that means "very big".

10. Write the plural of "bee" and of "flower".

Answer Key

A. Passage 1 (a story)

1. (b) Makar Sankranti
2. Riya's new kite was yellow.
3. Her grandfather held the spool of thread for her.
4. False. The wind was strong.
5. A big red kite cut Riya's thread.
6. She felt sad. She felt like crying.
7. They used coloured paper and two thin sticks (and some glue).
8. beautiful
9. new
10. He is kind and helpful. He cheered Riya up and helped her make a new kite.

B. Passage 2 (facts)

1. The home of honeybees is called a hive.
2. (a) one
3. The queen bee lays all the eggs.
4. Nectar is a sweet juice that bees collect from flowers.
5. True
6. They carry pollen from one flower to another, which helps plants make fruits and seeds.
7. They do a special dance in the hive.
8. fruit
9. large
10. bees, flowers

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