

Curriculum Aligned Competency Based Test Items

English

Class 8 – Honeydew

Unit 1A – The Best Christmas Present in the World

SAS21E08HD01A01

- 1 How did the table most likely get scorch marks?

SAS21E08HD01A02

- 2 Which of these most clearly conveys the importance of the letter?

- A. It was locked in a tin box.
- B. It was written on Christmas eve.
- C. Jim stopped writing further letters.
- D. Connie wished to be buried with it.

SAS21E08HD01A03

- 3 Jim had been feeling upset before the Christmas eve of 1914.
Give evidence to support the statement.

SAS21E08HD01A04

- 4 'But the truth, I'm ashamed to say, is that Fritz began it.'
What does the statement show?

- A. Jim was wary of the Germans.
- B. Jim felt guilty about the whole incident.
- C. Jim admired the Germans' bold gesture.
- D. Jim regretted interacting with the Fritz officer.

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5 What do grey coats and khaki coats indicate?

SAS21E08HD01A06

6 Who are Batsheba, Gabriel Oak and Sergeant Troy?

- A. Hans's family
- B. Officers in the army
- C. Jim's neighbours in Dorset
- D. Characters from Hans's favourite book

SAS21E08HD01A07

7 What does Jim mainly do in the letter?

- A. Describe his longing to be home for Christmas
- B. Illustrate the struggles of soldiers during wartime
- C. Narrate an unlikely event of hope and compassion
- D. Explain how his army planned to put an end to the war

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8 Based on the events in the text, which statement is true?

- A. Jim's optimism about returning home was misplaced.
- B. Jim's army was being tricked by the Germans.
- C. Jim did not believe he would survive the war.
- D. Jim was proud of his achievements.

SAS21E08HD01A09

9 What was the best Christmas present, according to Connie?

- A. The letter's safe return
- B. Jim's presence during Christmas
- C. The visitor reading the letter for her
- D. Sharing the marzipan cake with the visitor

SAS21E08HD01A10

10 Which of these does the author do?

- A. Starts the story with an exciting event
- B. Ends with a revelation that changes the plot
- C. Teaches a life lesson through the characters
- D. Narrates events from the past to set the context

Answers

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Item Number	Question 1
Question Code	SAS21E08HD01A01
Grade & Unit Name	Grade 8 The Best Christmas Present in the World
Theme Sub -Theme	Universal Friendship & Empathy Brotherhood, Compassion
Competency	Integrate & Interpret
Item Type	Constructed Response
Full Credit (Full Score)	Any response that implies or states that the table was in Connie's house when it caught fire. Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was in the house that caught fire. There was fire in the house.
No Credit (No Score)	Any other response or missing response

Item Number	Question 2
Question Code	SAS21E08HD01A02
Grade & Unit Name	Grade 8 The Best Christmas Present in the World
Theme Sub -Theme	Universal Friendship & Empathy Brotherhood, Compassion
Competency	Integrate & Interpret
Item Type	Multiple Choice Question
Full Credit (Full Score)	D. Connie wished to be buried with it
No Credit (No Score)	Any other response or missing response

Item Number	Question 3
Question Code	SAS21E08HD01A03
Grade & Unit Name	Grade 8 The Best Christmas Present in the World
Theme Sub -Theme	Universal Friendship & Empathy Brotherhood, Compassion
Competency	Integrate & Interpret
Item Type	Constructed Response
Full Credit (Full Score)	Any answer that states or implies that the letter suggests he was unhappy earlier. Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim says in his letter that he is in a much happier frame of mind. He was in a happier frame of mind while writing the letter. His letter says he was not happy earlier.
No Credit (No Score)	Any other response or missing response

Item Number	Question 4
Question Code	SAS21E08HD01A04
Grade & Unit Name	Grade 8 The Best Christmas Present in the World
Theme Sub -Theme	Universal Friendship & Empathy Brotherhood, Compassion
Competency	Integrate & Interpret
Item Type	Multiple Choice Question
Full Credit (Full Score)	C. Jim admired the Germans' bold gesture
No Credit (No Score)	Any other response or missing response

Item Number	Question 5
Question Code	SAS21E08HD01A05
Grade & Unit Name	Grade 8 The Best Christmas Present in the World
Theme Sub -Theme	Universal Friendship & Empathy Brotherhood, Compassion
Competency	Access & Retrieve
Item Type	Constructed Response
Full Credit (Full Score)	Any response that indicates that the colour of the coats indicated the country the soldiers belonged to. Sample responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It refers to the German and British soldiers. • Germans wore grey coats and the British wore khaki coats.
No Credit (No Score)	Any other response or missing response

Item Number	Question 6
Question Code	SAS21E08HD01A06
Grade & Unit Name	Grade 8 The Best Christmas Present in the World
Theme Sub -Theme	Universal Friendship & Empathy Brotherhood, Compassion
Competency	Integrate & Interpret
Item Type	Multiple Choice Question
Full Credit (Full Score)	D. Characters from Hans's favourite book
No Credit (No Score)	Any other response or missing response

Item Number	Question 7
Question Code	SAS21E08HD01A07
Grade & Unit Name	Grade 8 The Best Christmas Present in the World
Theme Sub -Theme	Universal Friendship & Empathy Brotherhood, Compassion
Competency	Reflect & Evaluate
Item Type	Multiple Choice Question
Full Credit (Full Score)	C. Narrate an unlikely event of hope and compassion
No Credit (No Score)	Any other response or missing response

Item Number	Question 8
Question Code	SAS21E08HD01A08
Grade & Unit Name	Grade 8 The Best Christmas Present in the World
Theme Sub -Theme	Universal Friendship & Empathy Brotherhood, Compassion
Competency	Reflect & Evaluate
Item Type	Multiple Choice Question
Full Credit (Full Score)	A. Jim's optimism about returning home was misplaced
No Credit (No Score)	Any other response or missing response

Item Number	Question 9
Question Code	SAS21E08HD01A09
Grade & Unit Name	Grade 8 The Best Christmas Present in the World
Theme Sub -Theme	Universal Friendship & Empathy Brotherhood, Compassion
Competency	Access & Retrieve
Item Type	Multiple Choice Question
Full Credit (Full Score)	B. Jim's presence during Christmas
No Credit (No Score)	Any other response or missing response

Item Number	Question 10
Question Code	SAS21E08HD01A10
Grade & Unit Name	Grade 8 The Best Christmas Present in the World
Theme Sub -Theme	Universal Friendship & Empathy Brotherhood, Compassion
Competency	Reflect & Evaluate
Item Type	Multiple Choice Question
Full Credit (Full Score)	D. Narrates events from the past to set the context
No Credit (No Score)	Any other response or missing response