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Subject - English Lang Comprehension

Chapter - 3 Achilles and Roger

Good morning students

Today we will take up the passage 'Achilles and Roger' as a part of your English Language Comprehension assignment which will be submitted to you on dated 18th April, 2022. All the students are requested to open book page number 13 ch-3 of English Comprehension titled 'Friday Afternoon'. Students, keep your practice notebook ready as during this lesson you will be asked a few questions in order to check your understanding of the passage.

Students, this passage 'Achilles and Roger' is an extract from 'My Family and other Animals' written by Gerald Durrell. This passage is written about the new pets in the family. The pets were Achilles, the tortoise and Roger the dog. The narrator tells that when the tortoise was brought in the family, he was given the name Achilles. He was a lovable and an intelligent pet. He had a good sense of humour. Earlier he was tethered by a leg in the

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garden but when he grew tamer, he was left free in the garden. So that he could go where he pleased. Achilles was an intelligent animal so he learned his name in a very short time. Whenever he was called by his name Achilles, he appeared before them after a while, moving slowly on narrow rough path. Roger, the dog always wanted to have Achilles' share whenever grapes were given to them. There was a great competition between Roger and Achilles for grapes as they both loved grapes. When Achilles mumbled his share of grapes in his mouth, the juice running down his chin. Roger continuously looked at Achilles eating grapes after finishing his share and he always wanted to lick the juice drooling from Achilles mouth. When the feeding was over and there was nobody to keep an eye on Roger, he would quickly lick Achilles mouth to get the grape-juice. But Achilles did not like his

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mouth to be licked by Roger. He always felt disrespect when he was licked by Roger.

— Students, now let us take a short break in order to check your understanding. You will be asked a few questions, after listening to the questions you may write your answers.

- Q1. From which book the passage 'Achilles and Roger' has been extracted?
- Q2. Who was Roger?
- Q3. Describe Achilles.
- Q4. Why was Achilles left free in the garden?
- Q5. What did Achilles and Roger love to eat?
- Q6. Why did Roger lick Achilles' mouth?
- Q7. Did Achilles like Roger's habit of licking?

— Students break is over we will continue with the passage.
So, he hid his mouth in his shell and denied to come out

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until Roger was removed from the place. But the fruit that Achilles liked the most were wild strawberries. So when he saw strawberries he couldn't stop himself. and he stretched his head and tried to see his with his tiny eyes to get strawberries. When strawberries were given to Achilles he could easily eat the small strawberries but if he got a big one piece, he held it in his mouth and hid it in a safe place to eat it later at leisure and he returned for another one.

Alright students you have been given a brief summary of the passage. Now you all are required to read the content carefully and attempt exercise - A given in your book on page number 14, 15, as a part of your home assignment. Thank you

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