Workbook Practice Tests
2nd Year Secondary
Gulliver's Travels

Practice Test 1

A) Answer the following questions:
1- Where was Lemuel Gulliver born?
   He was born (on a farm) in the middle of England.
2- How many brothers did Gulliver have?
   He had four brothers.
3- What did Mr Bates teach Gulliver to do?
   Mr Bates taught him to be a surgeon.
4- Why was Gulliver keen on learning how to sail in his free time?
   He wanted to travel and explore the world.

B) Read the following quotation, then answer the questions:
"I don't want you to go, but if that's the only way we can earn enough to live well, then so be it."
1- Who said this?
   Gulliver's wife Mary said this.
2- To whom was it said?
   It was said to Gulliver.
3- Do you agree with what this person said? Explain why or why not.
   Yes, I agree with her as he had to work to earn money for them.

C) Find the mistake in each of the following sentences and correct it:
1- When Gulliver had finished his studies, he went to work as a surgeon on a ship called The Shadow.
   When Gulliver had finished his studies, he went to work as a surgeon on a ship called The Swallow.
2- Gulliver reached a country called Blefuscu after The Antelope sank.
   Gulliver reached a country called Lilliput after The Antelope sank.

Practice Test 2

A) Answer the following questions:
1- How were the people of Lilliput able to make Gulliver a bed?
   They fit together 600 of their beds.
2- What rule did the King of Lilliput make to stop so many people from going to see Gulliver?
   The rule said that no one could see him without a licence.
3- Who was assigned to help Gulliver learn the language of Lilliput?
   Six of the King's advisers were assigned to teach Gulliver the language.
4- Why did Gulliver's watch puzzle the King greatly?
   The King didn't understand what it was or why it made a continuous noise.
B) Read the following quotation, then answer the questions:

"Your King wants to keep me tied up, but I don't mind if you're free."

1. To whom does Gulliver say this?
   He says this to one of the men who had shot arrows at him.

2. What do you think is the real message Gulliver is trying to express?
   He is trying to tell them and the King that he wants to be free.

3. What is the result of this kind behaviour later on?
   Gulliver’s situation improves and the King has a bed made for him.

C) Find the mistake in each of the following sentences and correct it:

1. In Lilliput, people who opened an egg at the larger end would be awarded.
   In Lilliput, people who opened an egg at the larger end would be punished.

2. People who took part in rebellions at Lilliput always ran away to Blefuscu, where they were killed.
   People who took part in rebellions at Lilliput always ran away to Blefuscu, where they were welcomed.

Practice Test 3

A) Answer the following questions:

1. What is Gulliver’s plan to help the Lilliputians when he discovers that Blefuscu is going to attack Lilliput?
   His plan is to take their ships so that Blefuscu can’t attack.

2. How does the King of Lilliput reward Gulliver for his help?
   The King gives Gulliver the most important medal.

3. Why does a group of six officials from Blefuscu come to meet the King of Lilliput?
   They want to end the war peacefully and they want to see Gulliver.

4. Why do the officials thank Gulliver?
   They thank him for not hurting any of their people.

B) Read the following quotation, then answer the questions:

"I'm sorry, I can't help you with these ambitions."

1. Who says this?
   Gulliver says this.

2. To whom is it said?
   It is said to the King of Lilliput.

3. What are "these ambitions"?
   The ambitions are to attack Blefuscu and put its people (and the rebels from Lilliput) in prison.

C) Find the mistake in each of the following sentences and correct it:

1. Since the King of Lilliput did not want to kill Gulliver, it was agreed that Gulliver would not be given any money.
   Since the King of Lilliput did not want to kill Gulliver, it was agreed that Gulliver would not be given any food.

2. Before leaving Blefuscu, Gulliver was given a gold locket by the King of Blefuscu.
   Before leaving Blefuscu, Gulliver was given a painting of the King by the King of Blefuscu.
a Answer the following questions:
1 How did Captain John Nicholas of The Adventure know that there was a storm coming up?
2 Why did the sailors of The Adventure row back quickly to the ship without Gulliver?
3 Why did the captain of The Adventure order twelve men to go towards the shore in a small boat?
4 How was Gulliver able to stop the giant cat from attacking him?

b Read the following quotation, then answer the questions:
"I'm pleased to meet you, kind sir. I can offer you some of these coins if you'll keep me safe."
1 To whom did Gulliver say these words?
2 Did the "kind sir" agree to Gulliver's offer?
3 What did the "kind sir" do to Gulliver afterwards?

c Find the mistake in each of the following sentences and correct it:
1 The Adventure stopped in Asia for water and repairs.
2 Of all the giants, the cat was the one that Gulliver feared the most.

Practice Test 5

a Answer the following questions:
1 Why didn't Gulliver break his neck after the giant baby dropped him?
2 The giant farmer and his wife were kind to Gulliver after the fall. What did they do with him?
3 In the land of the giants, Gulliver dreamt of his family and felt very sad when he woke up. Do you think the bed he was sleeping on made him feel even more sad and lonely? Explain.
4 How was Gulliver able to hurt the giant rat that attacked him?

b Read the following quotation, then answer the questions:
"They'll want to pick him up and play with him. They might break his arms or drop him! I don't want him to perform to strangers."
1 Who said this?
2 To whom was it said?
3 What do these words tell us about the speaker's feelings towards Gulliver?

c Find the mistake in each of the following sentences and correct it:
1 Glumdalclitch was the name given to Gulliver.
2 The King bought Gulliver from the farmer.

Practice Test 6

a Answer the following questions:
1 Why were the walls of Gulliver's house made soft?
2 Why was it important for Gulliver to be able to lock his door from inside?
3 Why didn’t Gulliver want to keep his key with Glumdalclitch?
4 How did the Queen punish the servant who threw Gulliver in the bowl of cream?

b Read the following quotation, then answer the questions:
"It seems my scholars are wrong and what you tell me about your own country is true."
1 Who said this?
2 To whom was it said?
3 What did the scholars say that was wrong?

c Find the mistake in each of the following sentences and correct it:
1 A servant carried Gulliver up onto the roof of the palace.
2 Gulliver’s shoes were the smallest thing ever made in the palace.