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**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH [2022– 2023]**

**TOPIC: READING COMPREHENSION**

**WORKSHEET-**

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**I. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

If there is an occasion that Elsa looks forward to with great delight, it has to be her birthday. On that day, she will receive many messages from her friends. Her parents will prepare her favourite food for dinner. On top of all that, she will receive many presents. They make her feel loved. While she appreciates her friends very much for giving her presents, she has recently realised that the presents pose a problem. Year after year, the presents from her friends only accumulated in a pile in her room. She does not have a chance to use many of her items either because the ones she is currently using are still in good condition or because she simply does not need them. For instance, she has many pairs of socks over the years. Yet, she does not need so many pairs. In fact, many of those pairs of unused socks will no longer fit her in few years as she grows.

Elsa thinks that it is not necessary for her friends to buy her any birthday presents. She has enough clothes to wear and enough toys to prevent her from feeling bored. It is difficult to find uses for new items in her daily life. To her, giving presents is a way for her friends to express how much they appreciate their friendship. However, that is not only the way. Having her friends take our precious time from their lives to attend her yearly birthday party shows enough about the value of their friendship.

They can play and have fun at a birthday party, forging bonds and creating lasting memories. These are more precious than any new items which she might receive as birthday presents. Furthermore, buying presents cost money. Elsa knows that not all her friends come from well-to-do families. She will feel happier if her friends could save the money on presents for other necessities in their lives.

Yet, many of Elsa’s friends think otherwise. They like giving presents to her. In order to find her the perfect gift, they need to think about her likes and dislikes. They also have to go through the process of going from one store to another to get that gift, which they enjoy a lot. Wrapping the presents fills them with great amusement as they visualize Elsa’s likely reaction unwrapping it in their minds. When they finally see Elsa’s needs and which items will help to make her life better, they feel a great sense of achievement. A birthday present is a gift for the birthday girl to lead to more fulfilling life in the coming year. Hence, it should still be given.

This year, Elsa has decided to inform her friends whom she has invited for her birthday party that presents will not be necessary. Despite that, her friends have gone ahead to shop for gifts for her birthday as soon as they received her invitation.

**Answer the following questions based on the passage.**

1. List two reasons, beside the one given, why Elsa likes her birthday very much.

<b>Reason 1</b>	She will receive many presents.
<b>Reason 2</b>	
<b>Reason 3</b>	

2. What happened to many of the presents which Elsa has received over the years? Choose the correct option.

- a. The presents that Elsa received on her previous birthdays have been accumulated in a pile in her room.
- b. The presents that Elsa received on her previous birthdays have diminished over a period of time.
- c. The presents that Elsa received on her previous birthdays have been donated by her parents.

3. State a word from paragraph 2 which refers to being rich.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answer in the column on the right.

<b>Word(s) from the passage</b>	<b>What the word(s) refer(s) to</b>
process (paragraph 3)	
achievement (paragraph 3)	

5. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

<b>Statement</b>	<b>True/False</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Elsa is a thrifty person.</b>		
<b>Elsa is a thoughtful person.</b>		
<b>Elsa's friends put in a lot of effort into her birthday present.</b>		

6. Do you think that birthday gifts are necessary? Explain.

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