

SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ

SUB: ENGLISH

CLASS - VIII

ASSIGNMENT

Lesson: 1: The Best Christmas Present In the World

Q1 – Q7: Given below are the four options against each question out of which select any one which you consider the most appropriate:

1. ----- waved the white flag?
(a) Jim Macpherson (b) Hans Wolf
(c) a German soldier (d) a British soldier

2. _____ was the favourite novelist of Hans Wolf.
(a) Charles Dickens (b) Thomas Hardy
(c) James Joyce (d) TS Eliot

3. ----- longed for peace?
(a) Jim Macpherson (b) Hans Wolf
© Tommies (d) both armies

4. House number _____ turned out to be nothing but a burned out shell.
(a) 12 (b) 13 (c) 14 (d) 15

5. Connie was of _____ years when the narrator went to meet her.
(a) 100 (b) 101 (c) 102 (d) 103

6. ----- offered a mince pie to the narrator?
(a) Connie (b) Jim
(c) the neighbours of Connie (d) the nurse

7. Connie stroked the letter tenderly with her _____.
(a) hand (b) palm (c) fingers (d) fingertips

Q8. After reading the lesson, identify the speaker who made the following statement.

- a. "I wanted to hear your voice in my head."
- b. "She has no family you know, no one visits."
- c. "I don't know who brought the football."

Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30 words.

- (a) Who is the author of this story?
- (b) Why does the narrator buy the roll-top desk from a junk shop?
- (c) What did the author find in the roll-top desk?
- (d) Why does he read the personal letter addressed to Connie Macpherson?
- (e) Why does he go to deliver the letter himself?
- (f) Why the English and German soldiers celebrated Christmas at War front?
- (g) Why did the author allow Connie believe that he was Jim Macpherson?

Q10. Answer the following questions in about 80 words.

- (a) Why is the lesson titled as 'The Best Christmas Present in the World'?
- (b) Suggest a different title to the lesson with a logical reason.
- (c) What is the most fascinating part of the story to you and why?
