

**Class 10 - English Language and Literature**  
**Reported speech Test 01**

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1. My father said, "Honesty is the best policy."  
**Reported speech:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) My father said that honesty is the best policy.
  - b) My father said that honesty was the best policy.
  - c) My father said that honesty has been the best policy.
  - d) My father stated that honesty was the best policy.
  
2. He said, "I shall go as soon as possible".  
**Reported speech:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) He said that he would go as soon as it was possible.
  - b) He said that he would go as soon as possible.
  - c) He said he would go as soon as it was possible.
  - d) He said that he will go as soon as it was possible.
  
3. Choose the correct reported speech of a given sentence:  
"Does she know Robert?" he wanted to know.
  - a) He wanted to know if she knows Robert.
  - b) He wants to know if she knew Robert.
  - c) He wanted to know if she knew Robert.
  - d) He wanted to know if she has known Robert.
  
4. Seeta said to me, "Can you give me your pen?"  
**Reported speech:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Seeta asked me if I could give her my pen.
  - b) Seeta asked me if I gave her my pen.
  - c) Seeta asked me can I give her my pen.
  - d) Seeta asked me if I can give me your pen.

5. He said to his son, "May you live long".  
**Reported speech:** \_\_\_\_\_
- a) He prayed that his son might live long.
  - b) He wished his son might live long.
  - c) He told his son that he might live long.
  - d) He prayed, his son may live long.
6. **Report the dialogue between a mother and her son, by completing the sentence:**  
**Son:** Can you give me some money, mom?  
**Mother:** Where have you spent your pocket money?  
On being asked for money, the mother questioned the son that \_\_\_\_\_.
7. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.**  
**Ranbir:** Where is my car? I remember parking it here.  
**Policeman:** The car has been towed away as you parked it in the 'no parking zone'.  
Looking for his car, Ranbir asked the policeman standing there where his was and that he remembered parking it there.  
To this, the policeman replied that \_\_\_\_\_.
8. **Report the dialogue between a mother and her daughter, by completing the sentence:**  
**Mother:** Why are you looking so worried?  
**Daughter:** My exams are approaching.  
In response to the question about being worried, the daughter said that \_\_\_\_\_.
9. **Report the dialogue between Dolly and Mrs Diaz, by completing the sentence:**  
**Dolly:** Have you seen Lee?  
**Mrs Diaz:** No, I haven't seen him since lunchtime.  
In response to the question about where Lee was, Mrs Diaz says that \_\_\_\_\_.
10. **Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.**  
**Liz:** Hey Mike, good to see you!  
**Mike:** What are you doing here, Liz?  
Liz greeted Mike when they met accidentally and said it was good to see him. Mike surprisingly asked Liz \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Solution**

- 1. (a) My father said that honesty is the best policy.  
**Explanation:** My father said that honesty is the best policy.
- 2. (a) He said that he would go as soon as it was possible.  
**Explanation:** He said that he would go as soon as it was possible.
- 3. (c) He wanted to know if she knew Robert.  
**Explanation:** He wanted to know if she knew Robert.

4. (a) Seeta asked me if I could give her my pen.
5. (a) He prayed that his son might live long.  
**Explanation:** He prayed that his son might live long.
6. where he had spent his pocket money.
7. the car had been towed away as he had parked it in the 'no parking' zone.
8. her exams were approaching.
9. she hasn't seen him since lunchtime.
10. what she was doing there?