CLASS – 8

READING SKILL – 2

CH- 1   THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT IN THE WORLD

Read the seen passage and answer the following questions -

I spotted it in a junk shop in Bridport, a roll-top desk. The man said it was early nineteenth century, and oak. I had wanted one, but they were far too expensive. This one was in a bad condition, the roll-top in several pieces, one leg clumsily mended, scorch marks all down one side. It was going for very little money. I thought I could restore it. It would be a risk, a challenge, but I had to have it. I paid the man and brought it back to my workroom at the back of the garage. I began work on it on Christmas Eve. I removed the roll-top completely and pulled out the drawers. The veneer had lifted almost everywhere — it looked like water damage to me. Both fire and water had clearly taken their toll on this desk. The last drawer was stuck fast. I tried all I could to ease it out gently. In the end I used brute force. I struck it sharply with the side of   my fist and the drawer flew open to reveal a shallow space underneath, a secret drawer. There was something in there. I reached in and took out a small black tin box. Sello-taped to the top of it was a piece of lined notepaper, and written on it in shaky handwriting: "**Jim's last letter, received , January 25, 1915**."

    i.   **What did I spot in a junk shop ?**

    ii.   **Describe the features of the old desk.**

    iii.   **When did I start to begin work on?**

    iv.   **What was written on the notepaper ?**

    v.   **What did the author take out ?**

    vi.   **Write the antonyms of – i) shallow   ii) expensive   iii) early**

    vii.   **Complete the sentence – I removed the roll top completely _____.**

    viii.   **Write the verb form of – i) begin   ii) fly   iii) damage**

    ix.   **Write adverb – i) gentle   ii) clear   iii) complete**

    x.   **What was the challenge ?**

Q 2. Answer the following questions –

    i)   **Why did the author want to buy that desk ?**

    ii)   **What part of the desk was stucked?**

    iii)   **Was the letters written on the notepaper proper?**