

# **SUPERKIDZ CHAMPIONSHIP**

## **SPEED HANDWRITING**

**Max. Time: 15 Mins.**

**For Class 6 to 8**

**Max. Marks: 50**

### **Important Instructions**

1. Copy the following paragraph in the answer sheet provided you separately.

**Name** .....

**Roll No.** .....

### **New Hare and Tortoise Story**

Once upon a time a Tortoise and a Hare had an argument about who was faster. They decided to settle the argument with a race. They agreed on a route and started off the race. The Hare shot ahead and ran briskly for some time. Then seeing that he was far ahead of the Tortoise. He thought he'd sit under a tree for some time and relax before continuing the race. He sat under the tree and soon fell asleep. The Tortoise plodding on overtook him and soon finished the race. He sat under the tree and soon fell asleep. The Tortoise plodding on overtook him and soon finished the race, emerging as the undisputed champ. The Hare woke up and realized that He'd lost the race.

The moral of the story is that slow and steady wins the race. This is the version of the story that we've grown up with. But a more interesting version of this story continues as:

The Hare was disappointed at losing the race and he did some soul searching. He realized that he'd lost the race only because he had been over confident, careless and lax. If he had not taken things for granted, there is no way the Tortoise could have beaten him. So, he challenged the Tortoise to another race. The Tortoise agreed. This time, The Hare went all out and ran without stopping from start to finish. He won by several miles.

The moral of the story? Fast and consistent will always beat the slow and steady. If you have two people in your organization, one slow, methodical and reliable, and the other fast and still reliable at what he does, the fast and reliable chap will

consistently climb the organizational ladder faster than the slow, methodical chap. It's good to be slow and steady; but it's better to be fast and reliable.

But the story doesn't end here. The Tortoise did some thinking this time and realized that there is no way he can beat the Hare in a race the way it was currently formatted. He thought for a while, and then challenged the Hare to another race, but on a slightly different route. The Hare agreed.

They started off. In keeping with his self-made commitment to be consistently fast, the Hare took off and ran at top speed until he came to be a broad river. The finishing line was a couple of kilometers on the other side of the river. The Hare sat there wondering what to do. In the meantime the Tortoise trundled along, got into the river, swam to the opposite bank, continued walking and finished the race.

The moral of the story? First identify your core competency and then change the playing field to suite your core competency. In an organization, if you are a good speaker, make sure you create opportunities to give presentations that enable the senior management to notice you.

If your strength is analysis, make sure you do some sort of research, make a report and send it upstairs. Working to your strengths will not only get you noticed, but will also create opportunities for growth and advancement.

The story still hasn't ended. The Hare and the Tortoise, by this time, had become pretty good friends and they did some thinking together, both realized that the last race could have been run much better.

So they decided to do the last race again.

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