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Passage No. 36

Directions: Read the following passage to answer the given questions based on it. Some words/phrases are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

My own recollection is that I had not any high regard for my ability. I used to be astonished whenever I won prizes and scholarships. But I very jealously guarded my character. The least little blemish drew tears from my eyes. When I merited, or seemed to the teacher to merit, a rebuke, it was unbearable for me. I remember having once received corporal punishment.

I did not so much mind the punishment, as the fact that it was considered my desert. I wept piteously. That was when I was in the first or second standard.

There was another such incident during the time when I was in the seventh standard. Dorabji Edulji Gimi was the headmaster then. He was popular among boys, as he was a disciplinarian, a man of method and a good teacher. He had made gymnastics and cricket compulsory for boys of the upper standards. I disliked both. I never took part in any exercise, cricket or football, before they were made compulsory.

My shyness was one of the reasons for this aloofness, which I now see was wrong. I then had the false notion that gymnastics had nothing to do with education.

Today I know that physical training should have as much place in the curriculum as mental training.

Questions:

1. Why did the author say that he did not have any high regard for his ability?

- A. He was a dunce
- B. He always used to miss his classes
- C. .He never did well in studies or sports
- D. He was full of humility

2. The author's idea that character is treasure is revealed in which of the statements?

- A. I won the prizes and scholarships
- B. When I merited, or seemed to the teacher to merit, a rebuke, it was unbearable for me
- C. I very assiduously guarded my character
- D. I wept piteously

3. Why did the author weep piteously?

- A. He felt insulted
- B. Punishment was considered his due
- C. He felt the physical pain
- D. He took the punishment to heart

4. Why did author dislike gymnastics and cricket?

- A. They cut into his study time
- B. He had to spend money in buying bats, ect.
- C. He felt that physical education could cause injury
- D. He was shy

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4
D	C	A	D

Explanations:

1.

Other three options are clearly inappropriate.

2.

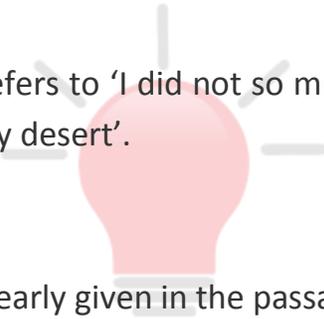
Easy choice from among the given options.

3.

Refers to 'I did not so much mind the punishment, as the fact that it was considered my desert'.

4.

Clearly given in the passage.



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