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Passage No. 5

Directions: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are printed in bold to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.

The Sun, while going on his daily rounds saw a princess and fell in love with her. Whenever he could slip away from the heavens he would take human form and go down to the princess to spend some time with her. The princess too became quite fond of him and would wait for him to come. One day the Sun decided to send her a blood-red ruby as a token of his love for her. He put the gem in a silk bag, and calling a crow that was flying past, asked the bird to deliver the gem to his beloved. Crows had milky white feathers in those days and it was considered auspicious if a crow came anywhere near you. So the Sun was pleased that he had found a crow to deliver the gem. As the crow sped through the sky with the silken bag, the aroma of food lured him. Looking down, the crow saw that a wedding feast was in progress, and immediately it was distracted from its mission. Food was one thing it could never resist.

Alighting on a tree nearby, it hung the bag on a twig and went off to find some food. While the crow was feasting, a merchant passing by saw the bag on the tree, and knocked it down with a pole. When he opened the bag and saw its contents he almost swooned in joy. Quickly pocketing the ruby, he filled the bag with dry cow dung that was lying there, and then deftly returned the bag to the branch. It was all done so quickly that the crow missed all the action. After having its fill, it flew up to the tree, and picking up the bag and took it to the person it was intended for. The princess was in the garden. When the crow gave her bag, she took it eagerly, knowing that it was from the Sun. But when she saw its contents she reeled back in shock and anger. Believing that it was the Sun's way to telling her that he did not care for her, she flung the bag away, rushed to her

palace, and never came out again. When the Sun learnt of what had happened he was furious. So great was his anger that when he turned his scorching gaze on the crow, its feathers were burned black. Its feathers have been black ever since. The ruby did not stay with the man who stole it. It fell out of his pocket and rolled into a deep pit. Men have been trying to dig it out ever since. Many precious stones have been found in the process, making Myanmar one of the richest sources of rubies and sapphires, but the ruby that the Sun sent to the princess is yet to be found.

Question

1. What did the Sun send for the princess as a token of his love?

- A. He sent her the crow
- B. He sent her dry cow dung
- C. He sent her a red ruby
- D. He gifted her the city of Myanmar
- E. None of these

2. Why did the princess fling the gift away?

- A. She did not like rubies
- B. The crow was known to bring bad luck
- C. She had found cow dung in the bag
- D. She thought the Sun was playing a cruel joke on her
- E. She had wanted the Sun to personally deliver it

3. What led to the discovery of precious stones in Myanmar?

- A. Humans discovered the stones in their search for the lost ruby
- B. The crow spread the news of the lost ruby
- C. The princess went in search of the lost ruby and discovered other precious stones
- D. The merchant went in search of the ruby that fell off his pocket
- E. The merchant's clumsiness led to the discovery of precious stones

4. While on its way to the princess, the crow was distracted by:

- A. The merchant calling out to him
- B. The wedding that was taking place below
- C. The ruby that the Sun sent for the princess

D. The temptation of the smell of the food

E. The huge crowd at the wedding

5. Why did the Sun send his gift for the princess along with the crow?

A. The princess loved crows

B. The crow was the only bird available at the time

C. The crow was considered to be an auspicious bird

D. The crow knew where the princess lived

E. The Sun trusted the crow

6. The joy of the merchant on finding the ruby was short lived because

A. He did not succeed in stealing the ruby

B. The ruby fell out of his pocket

C. The crow returned just in time and caught him red handed

D. He soon discovered many more precious stones

E. None of these

7. How did the crow get its black colour?

A. The crow was punished by the Sun for its clumsiness

B. The crow was burned black by the scorching gaze of the angry Sun

C. The crow was not considered auspicious any more

D. The crow was cursed by the merchant

E. None of these

8. What could be an appropriate title for the story?

A. The careless black Crow

B. Myanmar and its rich minerals

C. The Sun and the Princess

D. The depressed Princess

E. The Sun and the lost Ruby

9. What was the crow's mission?

- A. To deliver the gift to the princess
- B. To attend the wedding
- C. To make the Sun angry
- D. To keep the princess in her palace
- E. To protect the princess from the harmful Sun

10. What message did the princess get after opening the bag?

- A. That the Sun truly loved her
- B. That the crow was an evil bird
- C. That the crow was playing a joke on her
- D. That the Sun did not love her anymore
- E. That the cow dung was a token of the Sun's love for her.

11. Choose the word that is most SIMILAR in meaning:

TOKEN

- A. Symbol
- B. Insurance
- C. Slip
- D. Assurance
- E. Investment

12. Choose the word that is most SIMILAR in meaning:

DEFTLY

- A. Skillfully
- B. Blindly
- C. Eagerly
- D. Rightfully
- E. Innocently

13. Choose the word that is most SIMILAR in meaning:

AUSPICIOUS

- A. Religious
- B. Lucky
- C. Fulfilling
- D. Charming
- E. Normal

14. Choose the word that is most OPPOSITE in meaning:

SCORCHING

- A. Cool
- B. Heated
- C. Warm
- D. Silent
- E. Composed

15. Choose the word that is most OPPOSITE in meaning:

FURIOUS

- A. Beaming
- B. Angry
- C. Forgiving
- D. Calm
- E. Sulking

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
C	C	A	D	C	B	B	C	A	D	A	A	A	A	D

Explanations:

1.

Kindly refer to the 4th sentence of the 1st paragraph.

2.

The answer can be inferred from the 8th sentence of the 2nd paragraph.

3.

The answer can be inferred from the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph.

4.

Kindly refer to the last 2 sentences of the 1st paragraph.

5.

The answer can be inferred from the 5th sentence of the 1st paragraph.

6.

Kindly refer to the 3rd last sentence of the last paragraph.

7.

The answer can be inferred from the 5th sentence from the last of the 2nd paragraph.

8.

With the help of elimination technique, we can say that the options other than 'The Sun and the princess' are not suitable as the title for the passage.

'The Sun and the princess', therefore, is the most suitable title.

9.

As we can infer from the passage that the crow's mission was to deliver the gift to the princess. So the right answer is option A.

10.

Kindly refer to the 8th sentence of the last paragraph.

11.

In the given context, the most similar word to 'Symbol' is 'Token'.

12.

In the given context, the most similar word to 'Deftly' is 'Skillfully'.

13.

In the given context, the most similar word to 'Deftly' is 'Skillfully'.

14.

In the given context, the most opposite word of 'Scorching' is 'Cool' or 'Calm'.

15.

In the given context, the most opposite word of 'Furious' is 'Calm' or 'Composed'.



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