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## COMPREHENSION TEST NO. 103

**Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Once upon a time, there lived a farmer who had a little land. His name was Tuan and he was a very kind and good-natured person. He lived in a hut on his land with his wife and children and earned by selling whatever crops he could produce on his small land.

Tuan loved to help others. Whenever someone fell ill or needed something badly, Tuan was there to help that person. If someone died in the village, Tuan assisted the family members of the deceased person in whichever way he could. If anyone fell ill at night, Tuan was right beside the village doctor to help him prepare the medicines and tend to the sick. There seemed to be none who hated this man. He appeared to be loved by one and all.

But there was one person who hated Tuan with all his heart. He was Juan, a neighbour of Tuan, who lived in the land next to him. A lazy person by nature, Juan hardly put in as much effort to cultivate his land as Tuan did to produce crops in his own. So when the harvest season arrived every year, Juan found that he had very few crops to sell. Tuan on the other hand, earned a handsome profit through the selling of his produces.

One year, Juan could no longer contain his jealousy. Just days before Tuan was to reap his harvest, Juan set fire to his crops at night. Tuan was asleep at this time and it was only the alertness of one of his other neighbors that saved much of his crops from being perished in the deadly flames of the fire that Juan had lighted.

When the flames were doused, Tuan saw which direction the fire had started from. Juan's animosity towards him was unknown to Tuan. But he let the matters rest and decided to take action only if he saw Juan repeating his dastardly act once again.

That year, Tuan managed to sell the rest of his crops at a good price but he could not make much profit for a good part of his produces had been burnt. He had a heavy heart but he did not like to tell anyone about it.

Only days later, Tuan was awakened by the sound of lamentations. He went out to find a crowd beside Juan's hut. He rushed to find that Juan's son had fallen ill. He found that the village doctor was unable to provide a cure to his illness. Tuan knew what he had to do. He untied his own horse and rode it. Then he rushed to the town that was ten miles away and fetched a more experienced doctor who lived there.

This doctor was able to guess the disease correctly and provided an exact cure for it. Within hours, the boy was found to sleep soundly and Tuan went with the doctor to take him back to the town.

A day later, Juan went to Tuan's hut and began to weep bitterly. He confessed to his sins but was surprised when Tuan told him that he knew about it all.

"You knew that I had set fire to your crops? And still you fetched the doctor for my son?" asked the astonished Juan. Tuan nodded and said, "I did what I knew was right. Could I do wrong just because you had done so?" Juan stood up and embraced Tuan. Both men were in tears and so were the others who stood by them.

From that day, Juan changed himself. Within a year, he could produce much crops in his land through his hard work. When the others asked him how he had changed so much, he only replied,

"It was the goodness and love of Tuan that transformed me."

**1. Which of the following is/are true about Tuan?**

**I. He was a doctor along with being a farmer.**

**II. He was a good natured and kind person.**

**III. He was a wealthy farmer who gave away his wealth to the needy.**

A. Only I

B. Only II

C. Only I and III

D. Only II and III

E. All of the above

**2. Which of the following is/are a/some ways in which Juan transformed himself?**

**I. He began to work hard on his crops.**

**II. He became more helpful towards people.**

**III. He started a small charity in Tuan's name.**

A. Only I

B. Only III

C. Only I and II

D. Only II and III

E. All of the above

**3. Why did Juan hate Tuan with all his heart?**

A. Juan wanted attention from people around him but all of them liked Tuan better.

B. Juan wanted to be more good natured and helpful than Tuan.

C. Juan was jealous of Tuan's harvest which earned him huge profits.

D. Juan did not want Tuan to work as hard as Tuan did.

E. Juan thought Tuan was lazy and did not put efforts to cultivate his land.

**4. Which among the following is similar in meaning to the word perished as used in the passage?**

A. Grew

B. Destroyed

C. Bore

D. Revived

E. None of the above

**5. What was the result of Juan setting fire to Tuan's crops?**

A. Majority of Tuan's harvest was lost in the fire

B. The neighbours came to Tuan's rescue and alerted the police.

C. One of the neighbour's saw Juan setting fire to Tuan's crops and he was arrested.

D. Some of Tuan's crops were damaged but the majority were saved.

E. None of the above

**6. Which of the following gave Tuan clues that Juan had set fire to his crops?**

- A. Juan had dropped a lighter with his initials in the fields.
- B. The direction from which the fire had started.
- C. Tuan had seen Juan carry kerosene earlier that evening.
- D. A neighbor saw Juan sneak out at night and set fire to the crops.
- E. Both B and D

**7. What did Tuan do when he discovered Juan's son was ill?**

- A. He called the village doctor who lived a few houses away.
- B. He rode to the nearest town to get a better doctor.
- C. He went back to his house thinking Juan deserved what he got.
- D. He rode out to the nearest hospital along with Juan's son to get him treated.
- E. He went back to his house to get some medicines which could help Juan's son.

**8. Which among the following is opposite in meaning to the word doused as used in the passage?**

- A. Saturated
- B. Deluged
- C. Wet
- D. Lighted
- E. None of the above

**9. Which among the following is similar in meaning to the word animosity as used in the passage?**

- A. Antipathy
- B. Empathy
- C. Sympathy
- D. Goodwill
- E. None of the above

**10. Which among the following is opposite in meaning to the word lamentations as used in the passage?**

- A. Greetings
- B. Sorrow
- C. Celebrations
- D. Siblings
- E. None of the above

### Correct answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	A	C	B	D	B	B	D	A	C

### Explanations:

- 1.** Refer to: 'Once upon a time, **there lived a farmer who had a little land. His name was Tuan and he was a very kind and good-natured person.**'

As per the passage, Tuan was a simple farmer who was very helpful and good natured. II is correct but I and III are incorrect.

Hence, option B is correct.

- 2.** Refer to: '**From that day, Juan changed himself. Within a year, he could produce much crops in his land through his hard work.** When the others asked him how he had changed so much, he only replied...'

Clearly, only I is correct while the rest have not been mentioned in the passage.

Hence, option A is correct.

- 3.** Refer to: 'A lazy person by nature, Juan hardly put in as much effort to cultivate his land as Tuan did to produce crops in his own. **So when the harvest season arrived every year, Juan found that he had very few crops to sell. Tuan on the other hand, earned a handsome profit through the selling of his produces.**'

As per the highlighted fragment above, only option C matches the context.

Hence, option C is correct.

- 4. Perished:** Suffered ruin or destruction.

*Grew* and *revived* can be used as the antonyms of the given word. *Bore* is out of context here.

Only *destroyed* implies the similar meaning to the given word and it can be the synonym of the word.

It makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

**5.** Refer to: 'Tuan was asleep at this time and it **was only the alertness of one of his other neighbor's that saved much of his crops from being perished in the deadly** flames of the fire that Juan had lighted...'

As per the highlighted fragment above, Option D is the best choice here.

Hence, option D is correct.

**6.** Refer to: 'When the flames were doused, **Tuan saw which direction the fire had started from. Juan's animosity towards him was unknown to Tuan. But he let the matters rest and decided to take action only if he saw Juan repeating his dastardly act once again.**'

This clearly shows option B is correct as none of the other statements are true.

Hence, option B is correct.

**7.** Refer to: 'Tuan was awakened by the sound of lamentations. He went out to find a crowd beside Juan's hut. He rushed to find that Juan's son had fallen ill. He found that the village doctor was unable to provide a cure to his illness. Tuan knew what he had to do. **He untied his own horse and rode it. Then he rushed to the town that was ten miles away and fetched a more experienced doctor who lived there.**'

As per the fragment, option B is the perfect fit.

Hence, option B is correct.

**8. Douse:** extinguish (a fire or light)

*Saturated, deluged* and *wet* are all synonyms of *doused*.

*Lighted* is an antonym.

Hence, option D is correct.

**9. Animosity:** strong hostility.

*Antipathy* means hostility/ animosity. It is the most similar in meaning to *animosity*.

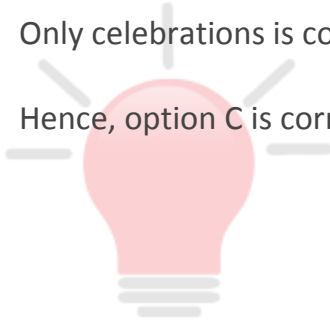
Hence, option A is correct.

**10. Lamentation:** the passionate expression of grief or sorrow; weeping.

Sorrow is the synonym of the given word. Greetings and siblings are out of context as the antonym of the given word.

Only celebrations is correct as the antonym of **lamentations**.

Hence, option C is correct.



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