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Passage No. 9

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.

In a small hill town there lived a thief. He was very smart and before breaking into houses for theft he used to **enquire about** the lifestyles of the people staying in that house. Then **at the dead of night** he used to commit theft.

Dhanpatrai was a moneylender living in the same town. He was **thrifty** and never wasted money. He had a daughter named Laxmi. The thief knew that Dhanpatrai was rich and he had a lot of jewellery with him. Smartly the thief found out the location of the house and designed the theft. One night, getting up to the roof of the house he started removing the roof-covering made of earthen tiles.

The moneylender heard the sound and was sure that a thief was on the roof of the house. Now he had to create some ploy. He **hit upon a plan**. "Laxmi, Laxmi" he called out to his daughter who was sleeping. "Laxmi, I hope our money-box and jewellery are kept in the ceiling." he asked cleverly.

Generally, in hill area, to keep house warm in winter, houses have a thatched roofing and below that, a wooden ceiling. Certain things used to be kept in the space between the roofing and wooden ceiling. So when the thief heard the question put by Dhanpatrai, he thought that there was a ceiling below the thatched roof. So he jumped down.

But actually in the house there was no wooden ceiling. So the thief fell to the floor of the house which was about fifteen feet below and **broke his leg**.

Immediately the moneylender called all the neighbours and they handed over the thief to the police. He saved his house from being burgled, with his ingenuity.

Question

1. What was the role of Laxmi in this episode?

- A. She called people and scared the thief
- B. Laxmi sent the people for police
- C. She asked Dhanpatrai to call the people
- D. Her name was used to misguide
- E. She got the idea of fooling the thief

2. How did the thief enter the house of Dhanpatrai?

I. By removing the tiled top of the house

II. By removing the wooden ceiling.

III. By opening the door with duplicate key.

- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Both I and II
- E. None of these

3. Where was the jewellery actually kept?

- A. Inside the bed on which Laxmi was sleeping
- B. On the thatched roof top
- C. Below the pillow of Dhanpatrai
- D. There is no mention of jewellery's location
- E. None of these

4. What was the quality of the thief?

- A. He was expert in removing roof tops
- B. Before theft he used to study the lifestyles of residents
- C. He was accurate in identifying his victim
- D. He was liked by the people and the police
- E. None of these

5. Which of the following statements best introduces Dhanpatrai?

- A. He was thief's father
- B. He was the moneylender who used to keep valuables on the roof
- C. He was a cunning and crafty man
- D. He was Laxmi's father
- E. He was the thief

6. Who called the police?

- A. Dhanpatrai's son B. Dhanpatrai's daughter C. Dhanpatrai himself
- D. Some one who provoked the thief for the act
- E. Not mentioned in the passage

7. Which quality of Dhanpatrai protected his house?

- A. His thrifty behaviour
- B. His deep affection for the daughter
- C. The cleverness with which he handled the situation
- D. His past decision of not thatching the roof top
- E. None of these

8. Why did the thief choose Dhanpatrai's house for the act?

- A. There was hardly any house left in the town for theft
- B. Dhanpatrai was living with his daughter
- C. The house did not have wooden ceiling
- D. He had the information that Dhanpatrai was rich
- E. None of these

9. Which of the following statements is TRUE in the context of the passage?

- A. The daughter of Dhanpatrai was too weak to handle the thief
- B. The people of the town did not like Dhanpatrai
- C. Dhanpatrai played a trick with the thief
- D. Dhanpatrai did not have money for wastage

E. Laxmi rushed out and gathered the people

10. The thief would have escaped unhurt had there been.

A. A dog in the house

B. A wooden ceiling below the thatched roof

C. Very few policemen to catch him

D. No alertness on the part of Dhanpatrai's son

E. Jewellery kept in the house

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

THRIFTY

A. Miser

B. Spendthrift

C. Extravagant

D. Prolific

E. Shameful

12. Which of the following word/phrase has the SAME meaning as the word/phrase printed in BOLD as used in the passage?

Broke his leg

A. Fell unconscious

B. Was shocked

C. Got a fracture at the back

D. Broke the thorn

E. None of these

13. Which of the following word/phrase has the SAME meaning as the word/phrase printed in BOLD as used in the passage?

At the dead of night

A. On death of night

B. In the afternoon

C. In the dawn

D. Early evening

E. During the middle of the night

14. Which of the following word/phrase has the SAME meaning as the word/phrase printed in BOLD as used in the passage?

Hit upon a plan

A. Got an idea

B. Quashed the plan

C. Lacked planning

D. Got no results

E. None of these

15. Which of the following word/phrase has the SAME meaning as the word/phrase printed in **BOLD** as used in the passage?

Enquire about

A. Keep pace with
informed

B. File a writ

C. Investigate into

D. Keep others

E. None of these



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Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

Kindly refer to the 4th sentence of the 3rd paragraph.

2.

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

3.

Location of jewellery has not been mentioned in the passage.

4.

Kindly refer to the 2nd sentence of the 1st paragraph.

5.

Kindly refer to the 4th sentence of the 3rd paragraph.

6.

In the last paragraph of the passage, it is not clearly mentioned as who actually called the police.

7.

In the given context, the most suitable answer is C as it was Dhanpatrai's cleverness with which he managed to get the thief caught.

8.

The answer can be inferred from the 1st and 2nd paragraphs.

9.

In the given context, option C is true as it can be inferred from 3rd sentence of the 3rd paragraph.

10.

Kindly refer to the 4th paragraph.

11.

In the given context, the most similar word to 'Thrifty' is 'Miser'.

12.

In the given context, the phrase 'Broke his leg' suggests that his leg got fractured. The answer, therefore, is none of these.

13.

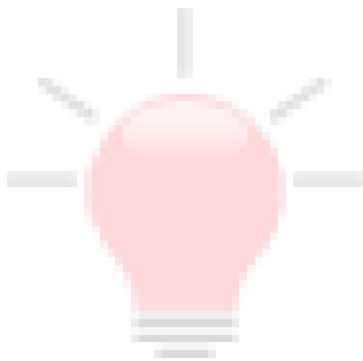
In the given context, the most similar word/phrase to 'At the dead of night' is 'During the middle of the night'.

14.

In the given context, the most similar phrase to 'Hit upon a plan' is 'Got an idea'.

15.

In the given context of the passage, the most similar phrase to 'Enquire about' is 'Investigate into'.



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