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Passage No. 14

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.

One of the boys in a small village was sent out to the fields to look after some sheep. He was instructed by the villagers to mind the sheep and take care of them. "Don't let them stray", said the villagers to him. "And keep a good look out for the wolves. Don't go far away, and if you see a wolf coming near the sheep, shout out Wolf as loudly as you can and we will come at once to help you. "All right" said the boy, "I will be careful." So every morning he drove his sheep out to the hillside and watched them all day. And when evening came, he drove them home again. But after a few days he got rather tired of this lonely life. Nothing happened and no wolves came. So one afternoon he said to himself. "These villagers have given me a very **useless** job. I think I will play a trick on them, just for fun."

So he got up and began shouting as loudly as he could. "Wolf Wolf?" The people in the village heard him and at once they came running with their sticks. "Wolf, Wolf" shouted the boy, and they ran faster. At last they came up to him out of breath. "Where is the wolf?" they panted. But the boy only laughed and said; "There is no wolf?" I only shouted for fun. And it was fun to see you all running as **hard** as you could." The men were very angry. "You mischievous boy!" they said. "If you play a trick like that again, we will beat you instead of the wolf." And they went back to their work in the village. For some days the boy kept quiet. But he got restless again, and said to himself; "I wonder if they will come running again if I cry wolf once more. It was so much fun the last time.

So once more he began shouting, "Wolf, Wolf". The villager heard him. Some said, "That boy is up to his trick again", But other said, "It may be true this time,

and if there really is a wolf, we shall lose some of our sheep. “So they seized their sticks, and ran out of the village to the sheep.

“Where is the wolf?” they shouted, as they came up. “Nowhere” said the boy laughing. “It was fun to see you running up the hill as fast as you could”. “We will teach you to play jokes”, shouted the angry men, and they seized the boy and gave him a good beating, and left him crying instead of laughing.

A few days later a wolf really did come. When the boy saw it, he was very frightened and began shouting “Wolf! Wolf”. The villagers heard him, but they said, “We won’t make a fool of ourselves for a third time. You can’t believe a boy after you have caught him lying twice.” So no one went to help him, and the wolf killed **several** sheep and frightened the boy nearly out of his wits. But he learnt his lesson.

Question:

1. What was the task given to the boy in the village?

- A. The boy was asked to mind the sheep.
- B. The boy was instructed to play a prank on the villagers.
- C. The boy was asked to count the sheep on the hillside.
- D. The boy was instructed to capture the wolf.
- E. The boy was asked to feed the sheep to the wolf.

2. Why did the boy yell out ‘Wolf’ the first time?

- A. He was practising in case a wolf really appeared
- B. He wanted to scare the sheep.
- C. He wanted to play a trick on the villagers.

- D. He thought he saw a wolf.
- E. He wanted to call out to the wolf.

3. Why did the villagers beat the boy?

- 1. The boy refused to look after the sheep.
- 2. The boy made them run up the hill for fun.
- 3. He let the wolf eat some of the sheep.

- A. Only 1 B. Only 2 C. Only 3 D. Only 2 and 3 E. Only 1 and 3

4. Why did the villagers ignore the boy's shouts the third time?

- A. They were tired of playing games with the boy.
- B. They could not understand what the boy was saying
- C. The boy had lied to them twice earlier.
- D. They were tired of running after the boy.
- E. None of these

5. What could be an appropriate moral of the story?

- A. Never tell lies
- B. Never play with animals.
- C. Never shout 'Help'.
- D. Jokes do no harm

E. Never chase wolves.

6. What lesson did the boy learn from the villagers?

1. The boy learnt not to joke around about serious matters.

2. The boy learnt never to make people run unnecessarily.

3. The boy learnt how to mind the sheep.

A. Only 1 B. Only 2 C. Only 3 D. Only 2 and 3 E. Only 1 and 3

7. Why did the boy feel that he was given a useless job?

A. The sheep were always lethargic.

B. He could not play any tricks on the wolves.

C. There were no wolves in the area.

D. He felt he was wasting his time as no wolf came around.

E. The sheep never troubled him

8. Which of the following sentences is TRUE of the boy as given in the passage:

A. The boy was poor.

B. The boy was trustworthy.

C. The boy had no friends.

D. The boy was useless.

E. The boy was mischievous.

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

A. The boy who cried 'Wolf'

B. The Imaginary Wolf.

C. The Lost Sheep.

D. The boy was useless.

E. The Villain Villagers.

10. Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in BOLD as used in the passage.

Hard

A. Comfortably B. Calmly C. Tough D. Long E. Fast

11. Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in BOLD as used in the passage.

Several

A. Limited B. Large C. Few D. Many E. Unlimited

12. Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in BOLD as used in the passage.

Useless

A. Carefree B. Easy C. Fun D. Secure E. Futile

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

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

Hence, option A is correct

2.

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

Hence, option C is correct

3.

Kindly refer to the 4th paragraph of the passage.

Hence, option B is correct

4.

The answer can be inferred from the 3rd sentence of the last paragraph.

Hence, option C is correct

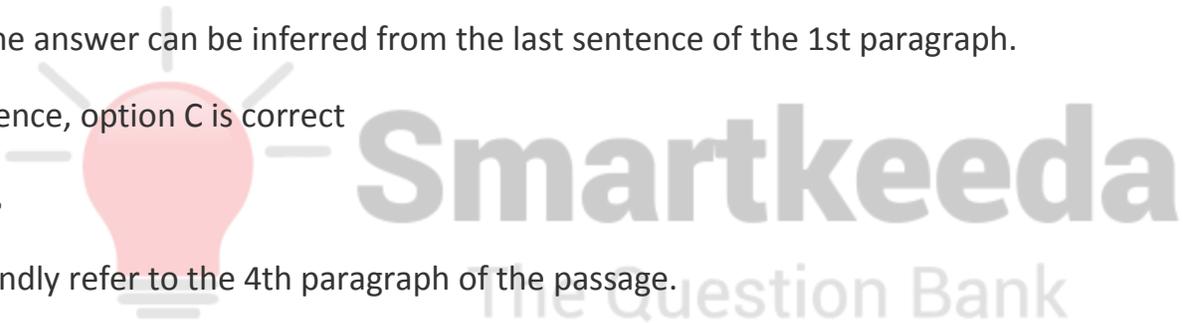
5.

The most appropriate moral of the story will be "Never tell lies".

hence, option A is correct

6.

Kindly refer to the last paragraph of the passage.



Hence, option A is correct

7.

The answer can be inferred from the last few sentences of the 1st paragraph.

Hence, option D is correct

8.

In the context of the passage, the boy was mischievous as he used to joke around about the wolf.

Hence, option E is correct

9.

As the story about the boy who played pranks on people and later learnt a lesson, the most suitable title amongst the given option is - The boy who cried "Wolf".

Hence, option A is correct

10.

In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Hard' is 'Fast'.

Hence, option E is correct

11.

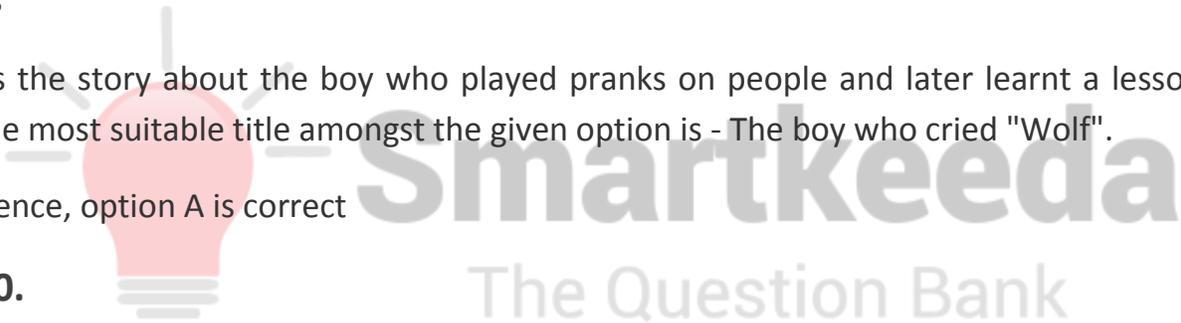
In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Hard' is 'Fast'.

Hence, option E is correct

12.

In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Useless' is 'Futile' or 'Frivolous'.

Hence, option E is correct





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