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Passage No. 38

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.

Last year I suffered a stroke I had to be hospitalized. I was put in a general ward for there was no room in the intensive coronary care unit.

Not far from my bed was a patient in obvious indigent circumstances and on hospital diet. For breakfast he used to get two eggs, besides other things.

The man was regularly visited by a twelve year old boy, perhaps his son, dressed in worn-out cloths. The man always kept one egg for that boy when he arrived soon after the doctors had done their rounds.

One day was a shortfall in the supply of eggs to the hospital and our man got only one egg. He looked at it for a long time, turning it over in his hands and then put it away. He thought the boy's need was greater than his perhaps.

Questions:

1. What does 'indigent circumstances', as used in the passage mean?

- A. Miserable condition
- B. Miserly personality
- C. Very poor condition
- D. Rich background

2. Why was the author hospitalized?

- A. He wanted a medical check-up

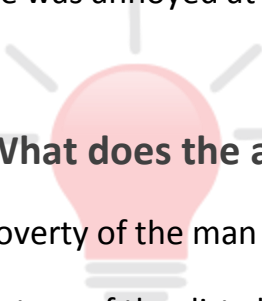
- B, He wishes to experience hospital life
- C. .He wanted to interact with other patients from a sociology angle
- D. He fell seriously ill

3. Why did the sick man look at the egg for a long time?

- A. He thought the egg was bad
- B. He could not decide whether he should eat it or keep it for the boy
- C. He wished to really enjoy eating it
- D. He was annoyed at being given only one egg

4. What does the above passage focus on?

- A. Poverty of the man
- B. Nature of the dirty hospital
- C. Paternal affection of the man
- D. Poor condition of the boy



Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4
A	D	B	C

Explanations:

1.

Generally the adjective 'indigent' means poor or needy but in the given context of the passage, Option 'A' becomes the most appropriate choice.

2.

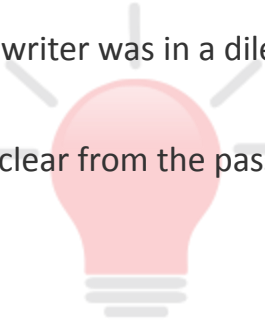
It is clear from the first sentence of the passage that the writer suffered a stroke and was hospitalized.

3.

The writer was in a dilemma and it's evident from the last paragraph.

4.

It is clear from the passage that the father is showing his affection towards his son.





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