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Passage No. 4

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.

Once upon a time there was a royal elephant which used to reside in the premises of the king's palace. Elephant was very dear to the king, so he was well-fed and well-treated. There was also a dog who lived near the elephant's shed. He was very weak and skinny. He was always fascinated by the smell of rich sweet rice being fed to the royal elephant.

One day, the dog could no longer **resist** the aroma of the rice and somehow managed to sneak into the elephant's mouth. He liked the rice so much, that he started going there daily to eat the rice. For days, the huge elephant didn't notice the small dog as he was busy enjoying the delicious food. Gradually, the dog grew bigger and stronger eating such rich food. Finally the elephant noticed him and allowed him access to the food.

The elephant enjoyed the company of the dog and started sharing his food with him. They also started spending time with each other and soon became good friends. They ate together, slept together and played together. While playing, the elephant would hold the dog in his trunk and swing him back and forth. Soon neither of them was happy without the other. They became great friends and didn't want to be **separated** from each other.

Then one day, a man saw the dog and asked the elephant-keeper, "I want to buy this dog. What price do you want for it?" The elephant-keeper didn't own the dog but sold it and **extracted** a sum of money from this deal. The man took the dog to his home village, which was far away. The king's elephant became very sad after this incident. He missed his friend a lot and started neglecting everything. He didn't want to do anything without his dear friend, so he stopped eating, drinking and even bathing.

Finally, the elephant-keeper reported this to the king; however he didn't mention anything about the dog. The king had a wise minister, who was known for his **keen** understanding of animals. The king ordered the minister, "Go to the elephant's shed and find out the reason for the elephant's condition". The intelligent minister went to the elephant's shed and found the

elephant very sad. He examined the elephant and asked the elephant-keeper, "there is nothing wrong with this elephant's body, then why does he look so sad? I think this elephant is grief stricken, possibly due to the loss of a dear friend. Do you know if this elephant shared a close friendship with anyone?"

The elephant-keeper said, "There was a dog who used to eat, sleep and play with the elephant. He was taken by a stranger three days ago". The minister went back to the king and said, "Your majesty, in my opinion, the royal elephant is not sick, but he is lonesome without his dear friend, the dog". The king said, "You're right, friendship is one of the most wonderful things of life. Do you know where that dog is?"

The Minister replied, "elephant-keeper has informed me that a stranger took him away and he doesn't know his whereabouts". The king asked, "How can we bring back my elephant's friend and make him happy again?" The minister suggested, "Your Majesty, make a **declaration**, that whoever has the dog that used to live at the royal elephant's shed will be penalized". The king did the same and the man who had taken the dog, instantly turned him loose when he heard the proclamation.

As soon as he was freed, the dog ran back as fast as he could to the elephant's shed. The elephant was so delighted to see the dog that he picked his friend up with his trunk and swung him back and forth. The dog wagged his tail, while the elephant sparkled with happiness. The king was content to see the elephant happy once again and rewarded the minister for his wise judgment.

Questions

1. What was the minister's diagnosis of the elephant's condition?

- A. The elephant hated his keeper
- B. The elephant was lonely
- C. The elephant was starving
- D. The elephant had hurt his leg and was in pain
- E. None of these

2. What method did the Minister suggest to king to get back the dog?

- A. To declare that whoever had that particular dog would be punished

- B. To keep a bowl of rice for the dog in the elephant's shed so that he could be lured back to the place
- C. To command the elephant-keeper to look for the dog in the village
- D. To persuade the elephant to call out to the dog e. none of these
- E. None of these

3. Why had the elephant become very sad?

- A. He no longer got his daily bowl of rice
- B. He was unhappy with the king for having sold the dog
- C. He missed his friend, the dog
- D. He was sold to an unknown man by his keeper
- E. None of these

4. What did the elephant-keeper do to the dog?

- A. He sold the dog to an unknown man for a price
- B. He hit the dog as the dog was eating the elephant's food
- C. He killed the dog
- D. He complained to the king about the dog
- E. None of these

5. Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for the passage?

- A. Friends and enemies B. The playful Dog C. The king and the minister
- D. The elephant-keeper E. The bond of Friendship

6. Why was the elephant taken care of?

- A. He was a very special elephant as he could talk to dogs
- B. He was a very loyal elephant
- C. He was the strongest elephant in the kingdom
- D. He was weak and the king had a lot of sympathy for him
- E. The elephant was very dear to the king

7. Why did the dog start going to the elephant's shed every day?

- A. He liked the elephant a lot and wanted to become friend with him
- B. He was being fed by the king everyday
- C. He was fond of the elephant's shed
- D. He liked the taste of the rice being fed to the elephant
- E. None of these

8. What did the dog do as soon as he was set free?

- A. He ate rice to his heart's content
- B. He thanked the king for his kindness.
- C. He ran away from the kingdom to a place far away.
- D. He ran back to his friend, the elephant.
- E. None of these

9. What of the following can definitely be said about the elephant-keeper?

I. He was greedy.

II. He was insensitive.

III. He was brave.

- A. Only I B. Only I C. Only I and II D. Only II and III E. All of above

10. Which of the following can definitely be said about the king?

I. He was compassionate.

II. He was deceitful.

III. He loved animals.

- A. Only I B. Only I and III C. Only I and II D. only B E. All of above

11. Choose the most SIMILAR word in meaning:

EXTRACTED

- A. Pulled B. Inserted C. Wring D. Dug out E. Received

12. Choose the most SIMILAR word in meaning:

DECLARATION

- A. Pact B. Praise C. Announcement D. Writ E. Resolve

13. Choose the most SIMILAR word in meaning:

KEEN

- A. Shallow B. Urgent C. Concentrated D. Deep E. Eager

14. Choose the most OPPOSITE word in meaning:

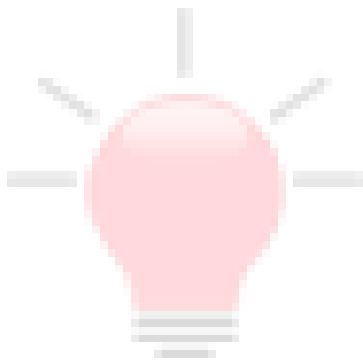
RESIST

- A. Give in B. Please C. Struggle D. Try out E. Defy

15. Choose the most OPPOSITE word in meaning:

SEPARATED

- A. Stuck B. United C. Estranged D. Bound E. Joined



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Correct Answers:

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Explanations:

1.

Kindly refer to the 3rd sentence of the 6th paragraph.

2.

The answer can be inferred from the 3rd sentence of the 7th paragraph.

3.

From the 3rd paragraph it can be inferred that the elephant and the dog had become friends and when the dog was sold, the elephant became sad.

4.

Kindly refer to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sentences of the 3rd paragraph.

5.

In the given context of the passage, the most suitable title of the passage is 'The bond of Friendship'.

6.

The answer can be inferred from the 2nd sentence of the 1st paragraph.

7.

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

8.

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

9.

It is evident from the 4th paragraph that the elephant-keeper sold the dog to a stranger inspite of it did not belong to him and at the same time, he was not at all concerned about the friendship between the elephant and the dog.

The elephant-keeper, hence, was both greedy and insensitive.

10.

As it can be inferred from the passage that the king was compassionate and concerned about the elephant but we definitely cannot say that he was an animal lover.

11.

In the given context, the most similar word to 'Extracted' is 'Gained' or 'Received'.

12.

In the given context, the most similar word to 'Declaration' is 'Announcement' or 'Public Communication'.

13.

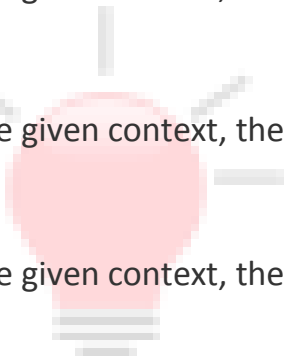
In the given context, the most similar word to 'Keen' is 'Deep' or 'Discerning'.

14.

In the given context, the most opposite word to 'Resist' is 'Give in' that means to cease opposition.

15.

In the given context, the most opposite word to 'Separated' is 'United'.





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