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Comprehension Test Quiz 56

Directions (Q. 1 to 10) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are printed in bold to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.

The yearly festival was close at hand. The store room was packed with silk fabrics, gold ornaments, clay bowls full of sweet curd and platefuls of sweetmeats. The orders had been placed with shops well in advance. The mother was sending out gifts to everyone.

The eldest son, a government servant, lived with his wife and children in far off lands. The second son had left home at an early age. As a merchant he travelled all over the world. The other sons had split up over petty squabbles, and they now lived in homes of their own. The relatives were spread all across the world. They rarely visited. The youngest son, left in the company of a servant, was soon bored, left her and stood at the door all day long, waiting and watching. His mother, thrilled and excited, loaded the presents on trays and plates, covered them with colourful kerchiefs, and sent them off with maids and servants. The neighbours looked on.

The day came to an end. All the presents had been sent off.

The child came back into the house and dejectedly said to his mother, "Maa, you gave a present to everyone, but you didn't give me anything !"

His mother laughed, "I have given all the gifts away to everyone, now see what's left for you." She kissed him on the forehead.

The child said in a tearful voice, "Don't I get a gift ?"

"You'll get it when you go far away."

"But when I am close to you, don't I get something from your own hands ?"

His mother reached out her arms and drew him to her. "This is all I have in my own hands. It is the most precious of all."

Questions:

1. Why did the woman's second son travel ?

- A. He was restless by nature
- B. He did not want to stay at home
- C. He was rich and could afford to travel
- D. His job was such that he had to travel
- E. None of these

2. Why did the woman's eldest son not attend the festival ?

- A. He was not on good terms with his youngest brother who lived at home
- B. He had quarrelled with his mother
- C. His wife did not allow him to return home
- D. His job prevented him from taking leave
- E. None of these

3. How did the woman prepare for the festival ?

- I. She bought expensive gifts for her children and neighbours.
- II. She ordered her servants to prepare sweets and food well in advance.

III. She made sure that her youngest child was looked after well so that he wouldn't be bored.

- A. None B. Only I C. Only II D. Both I and II E. All I, II and III

4. What did the youngest child do while his mother was busy ?

I. He waited for a chance to steal some sweetmeats.

II. He pestered his mother to give him a present.

III. He stood at the door waiting and watching.

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

5. Which of the following can be said about the woman ?

A. She was a widow who had brought up her children single handedly

B. She was not a good mother since her children had left home at an early age

C. She enjoyed sending her family gifts at festival time

D. She gave expensive presents to show that she was wealthy

E. She rarely visited her grandchildren because they all lived abroad

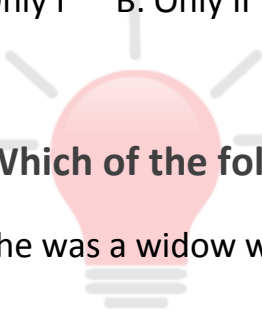
6. What did the boy receive from his mother ?

A. She taught him the value of patience

B. She encouraged him to grow up and live independently like his brother

C. She showed him the importance of giving expensive gifts

D. She gave him a hug to express her love



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E. None of these

7. Which of the following is TRUE in the context of the passage ?

- A. The woman somehow ignored her youngest son
- B. The woman's eldest son lived abroad
- C. The members of the woman's family did not care about her
- D. The woman made all the preparations herself since she did not want to burden the servants
- E. The woman sent gifts to her children to ensure that they visited her

8. Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

Left

- A. Gone B. Quit C. Remaining D. Disappeared E. Forgot

9. Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

Packed

- A. Filled B. Squeezed C. Crowd D. Collected E. Untidy

10. Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word dejectedly as used in the passage.

- A. Calmly B. Happily C. Willingly D. Fortunately E. Softly

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

The eldest son, a government servant, lived with his wife and children in far off lands. **The second son had left home at an early age. As a merchant he travelled all over the world.**

Kindly refer to the 2nd and 3rd sentences of the 2nd paragraph. The 3rd sentence clearly states that he travelled all over the world because he was a merchant.

2.

The eldest son, a government servant, lived with his wife and children in far off lands.

The above reference has been taken from the 1st sentence of the 2nd paragraph and nothing has been mentioned here as to why the eldest son had not attended the festival.

The correct option hence is 'None of these.'

3.

From the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph '**...The neighbours looked on.**' it is clearly inferred that the mother did not buy gifts for her neighbours. The statement I hence is not correct.

The second last sentence of the 1st paragraph says, '**... The orders had been placed with shops well in advance.**' which means the mother did not order any of the servants to prepare sweets or food. The statement II is also false here.

The third last sentence of the 2nd paragraph which states, '**... The youngest son, left in the company of a servant, was soon bored, left her and stood at the door all day**

long, waiting and watching.' clearly contradicts what's being stated in the statement III. The statement III hence is not true as well.

The correct option hence is A.

4.

In the third last sentence of the 2nd paragraph, '**... The youngest son, left in the company of a servant, was soon bored, left her and stood at the door all day long, waiting and watching.**' it is clearly stated that the youngest son stood at the door while his mother was busy.

The other two given statements are nowhere mentioned in the passage.

Option 'D' hence is correct here.

5.

His mother, thrilled and excited, loaded the presents on trays and plates, covered them with colourful kerchiefs, and sent them off with maids and servants.

We can clearly infer from the above sentence taken from the 2nd paragraph of the passage that the mother really enjoyed sending gifts to her family members at festival time.

Option C hence is correct

6.

His mother reached out her arms and drew him to her. "This is all I have in my own hands. It is the most precious of all."

The above sentence is the last sentence of the passage and we can clearly infer from it that the child's mother hugged him with love and affection,

Option D hence is correct.

7.

From the passage we can infer that the mother was busy sending gifts to her family members she somehow ignored her youngest son who later felt dejected seeing no gift left for him.

But when in the end the mother hugged him with love which shows that she hadn't ignored her son intentionally.

Option A hence is correct.

8.

In the given context of the passage the most appropriate synonym to the word 'Left' is 'Remaining'.

Ex. Oh! I am late. Is there any sandwich left for me?

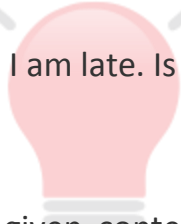
Ex. Oh! I am late. Is there any sandwich remaining for me?

9.

In the given context of the passage the most appropriate synonym to the word 'Packed' is 'Filled'

Ex. The room was packed with us guests.

Ex. The room was filled with us guests.



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