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Comprehension Test Question CDS Exam

Comprehension Test Quiz 70

Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it in the context of the passage.

Our voyage was very prosperous, but I shall not trouble the reader with a journal of it. The captain called in at one or two ports and sent in his long-boat for provisions and fresh water, but I never went out of the ship still we came into the Downs, which was on the 3rd day of June, 1706, about nine months after my escape. I offered to leave my goods in security for payment of my freight, but the captain protested he would not receive one farthing. We took kind leave of each other, and I made him promise that he would come to see me at my house in Redriff. I hired a house and a guide for five shillings which I borrowed from the captain.

1. When the writer uses the word 'prosperous' to describe the voyage, he means that

- A. it made him rich
- B. it made him healthy
- C. it was very pleasant
- D. it was uneventful

2. On the voyage, the author

- A. left the ship at intervals
- B. was not able to leave the ship because it did not stop
- C. never left the ship at all
- D. never left the ship till they came into the Downs

3. In the context of the passage, the word 'provisions' means

- A. mainly food
- B. mainly security
- C. money
- D. mainly ammunition

4. For the payment of the author's freight, the captain

- A. kept his goods as security
- B. refused to accept any money
- C. protested against being paid only a farthing
- D. accepted a sum of money

5. From the passage, it is clear that the captain's attitude to the author was

- A. one of hostility
- B. one of indifference
- C. one of extreme friendliness and kindness
- D. one of disgust and irritation



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Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
C	D	A	B	C

Explanations:

1.

With regard to 'journey' it can be said that pleasant journey is being referred here. How can a journey be healthy for someone ? In passage as well there is no linkage of journey with the health of writer. So, option B can be rejected. Option D is also wrong as passage has no direct or indirect mention of eventless in the journey.

Option A is incorrect for the same reason.

2.

Author has mentioned in third line of passage 'I never went out of the ship till we came into the Downs' So, statement of option D is clearly written and hence the obvious choice.

3.

In a long ship journey which continues for months there is a need of fresh water and food. It can be inferred from the passage that Captain sent in his lifeboat for fresh water and foods. For food and related items word 'provisions' is used which means Cookery, the act of supplying or providing food, etc.

4.

'Farthing' is a unit of money and in the passage captain was not willing to receive any money from the author as a friendly gesture. Farthing means – A coin formerly used in Great Britain worth one fourth of a penny.

5.

Passage shows relationship of author and captain in a positive light. As captain refused to take 'single penny for the services', 'author's invitation to captain' and 'borrowing of money from captain for home' are some examples that show that captain's attitude for the author was friendly and kind.



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