

## Passages from 'A Triumph of Surgery'. (SR)

Read the following passages carefully.

12.

I was really worried about Tricki this time. I had pulled up my car when I saw him in the street with his mistress and I was shocked at his appearance. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner. His eyes, bloodshot and rheumy, stared straight ahead and his tongue lolled from his jaws. Mrs Pumphrey hastened to explain, "He was so listless, Mr Herriot. He seemed to have no energy. I thought he must be suffering from malnutrition, so I have been giving him some little extras between meals to build him up, some malt and cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night to make him sleep — nothing much really."

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. How did Tricki appear when the narrator saw him? ( )
  - a) Thin and weak
  - b) Extremely fat and bloated
  - c) Active and energetic
2. What did Mrs Pumphrey think was wrong with Tricki? ( )
  - a) He was suffering from malnutrition
  - b) He had an infection
  - c) He was too active
3. What did Mrs Pumphrey give Tricki to 'build him up'? ( )
  - a) Only his regular meals
  - b) Fresh vegetables and fruits
  - c) Malt, cod-liver oil, and Horlicks
4. How were Tricki's eyes? ( )
  - a) pale and dry
  - b) yellow and sticky
  - c) bloodshot and rheumy
5. Which word in the passage means 'swollen and puffed up'? ( )
  - a) Listless
  - b) Rheumy
  - c) Bloated

### ANSWERS

1. b    2. a    3. c    4. c    5. c

13.

I tried to sound severe: "Now I really mean this. If you don't cut his food right down and give him more exercise he is going to be really ill. You must harden your heart and keep him on a very strict diet." Mrs Pumphrey wrung her hands. "Oh I will, Mr Herriot. I'm sure you are right, but it is so difficult, so very difficult." She set off, head down, along the road, as if determined to put the new regime into practice immediately. I watched their progress with growing concern. Tricki was tottering along in his little tweed coat; he had a whole wardrobe of these coats — for the cold weather and a raincoat for the wet days. He struggled on, drooping in his harness.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What did Mr Herriot warn Mrs Pumphrey about? ( )
  - a) Tricki needed a new coat
  - b) Tricki needed a strict diet and exercise
  - c) Tricki needed more food
2. How did Mrs Pumphrey react to Mr Herriot's advice? ( )
  - a) She ignored it
  - b) She found it very difficult but agreed
  - c) She was excited to start a new diet for Tricki
3. What was Tricki wearing while walking? ( )
  - a) A tweed coat
  - b) A woollen sweater
  - c) A raincoat
4. How did Tricki look while walking? ( )
  - a) Energetic and happy
  - b) Drooping and struggling
  - c) Fast and playful
5. What does 'wrung her hands' suggest about Mrs Pumphrey? ( )
  - a) She was feeling nervous and worried
  - b) She was feeling happy and excited
  - c) She was feeling proud and confident

### ANSWERS

1. b

2. b

3. a

4. b

5. a

1. I thought it wouldn't be long before I heard from Mrs Pumphrey. The expected call came within a few days. Mrs Pumphrey was distraught. Tricki would eat nothing. Refused even his favourite dishes; and besides, he had bouts of vomiting. He spent all his time lying on a rug, panting. Didn't want to go for walks, didn't want to do anything. I had made my plans in advance. The only way was to get Tricki out of the house for a period. I suggested that he be hospitalised for about a fortnight to be kept under observation. The poor lady almost swooned. She was sure he would pine and die if he did not see her every day. But I took a firm line.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What did Tricki refuse to do at home? ( )
  - a) Eat his food
  - b) Play with other dogs
  - c) Sleep in his bed
2. What symptoms did Tricki show? ( )
  - a) He became aggressive
  - b) He had vomiting and lay panting on a rug
  - c) He started running around
3. What solution did Mr Herriot suggest for Tricki's condition? ( )
  - a) To give him more food
  - b) To send him to a hospital for observation
  - c) To buy him new coats
4. How did Mrs Pumphrey react to the suggestion? ( )
  - a) She was relieved
  - b) She was worried he would pine and die
  - c) She agreed happily
5. What does 'took a firm line' mean in the passage? ( )
  - a) Mr Herriot let Mrs Pumphrey keep Tricki at home
  - b) Mr Herriot called another doctor for help
  - c) Mr Herriot stood his ground and did not change his decision

### ANSWERS

1. a    2. b    3. b    4. b    5. c

15.

Tricki was very ill and this was the only way to save him; in fact, I thought it best to take him without delay and, followed by Mrs Pumphrey's wailings, I marched out to the car carrying the little dog wrapped in a blanket. The entire staff was roused and maids rushed in and out bringing his day bed, his night bed, favourite cushions, toys and rubber rings, breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl. Realising that my car would never hold all the stuff, I started to drive away. As I moved off, Mrs Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. How was Tricki taken to the hospital? ( )
  - a) He walked there himself
  - b) Mr Herriot carried him in a blanket
  - c) Mrs Pumphrey drove him there
2. What did Mrs Pumphrey's staff bring for Tricki? ( )
  - a) Only his food bowls
  - b) His beds, cushions, toys, and food bowls
  - c) Just his favourite blanket
3. Why did Mr Herriot leave quickly? ( )
  - a) He did not want to take Tricki
  - b) His car could not fit all of Tricki's belongings
  - c) Mrs Pumphrey changed her mind
4. What did Mrs Pumphrey do as Mr Herriot drove away? ( )
  - a) She waved happily
  - b) She threw an armful of Tricki's coats into the car
  - c) She called another vet
5. What was the emotional state of everyone as Mr Herriot left? ( )
  - a) Everyone was in tears
  - b) Everyone was celebrating
  - c) Everyone was excited

**ANSWERS**

1. b    2. b    3. b    4. b    5. a

## Passages from 'The Thief's Story' (SR)

Read the following passages carefully.

8. After this introduction, Anil talked about the well-oiled wrestlers who were grunting, lifting and throwing each other about. I didn't have much to say. Anil walked away. I followed casually. "Hello again," he said. I gave him my most appealing smile. "I want to work for you," I said. "But I can't pay you." I thought that over for a minute. Perhaps I had misjudged my man. I asked, "Can you feed me?" "Can you cook?" "I can cook," I lied again. "If you can cook, then may be I can feed you." He took me to his room over the Jumna Sweet Shop and told me I could sleep on the balcony. But the meal I cooked that night must have been terrible because Anil gave it to a stray dog and told me to be off. But I just hung around, smiling in my most appealing way, and he couldn't help laughing.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What were the wrestlers doing when Anil talked about them? ( )
  - a) Lifting and throwing each other
  - b) Sleeping
  - c) Eating
2. What was the speaker's request to Anil? ( )
  - a) To give him some money
  - b) To give him food
  - c) To work for Anil
3. Where did Anil take the speaker? ( )
  - a) To a restaurant
  - b) To his house
  - c) To his room over the Jumna Sweet Shop
4. Why did Anil give the meal to a stray dog? ( )
  - a) He was allergic to the food
  - b) The meal was terrible
  - c) He didn't like the speaker
5. How did Anil react when the speaker continued smiling? ( )
  - a) He got angry
  - b) He laughed
  - c) He ignored him

### ANSWERS

1. a      2. c      3. c      4. b      5. b

9. Later, he patted me on the head and said never mind, he'd teach me to cook. He also taught me to write my name and said he would soon teach me to write whole sentences and to add numbers. I was grateful. I knew that once I could write like an educated man there would be no limit to what I could achieve. It was quite pleasant working for Anil. I made the tea in the morning and then would take my time buying the day's supplies, usually making a profit of about a rupee a day. I think he knew I made a little money this way but he did not seem to mind. Anil made money by fits and starts. He would borrow one week, lend the next. He kept worrying about his next cheque, but as soon as it arrived he would go out and celebrate. It seems he wrote for magazines — a queer way to make a living!

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What did Anil teach the speaker to do? ( )  
a) Cook and write      b) Swim and dance      c) Drive and repair
2. How did the speaker make a little money each day? ( )  
a) By selling newspapers  
b) By making a profit while buying supplies  
c) By working as a cleaner
3. What did Anil do with his money when he received his cheque? ( )  
a) He saved it  
b) He went out and celebrated  
c) He invested it
4. What did the speaker realise about writing like an educated man? ( )  
a) It would help him get a job  
b) It would make him famous  
c) There would be no limit to what he could achieve
5. How did Anil make a living? ( )  
a) By teaching  
b) By writing for magazines  
c) By working in a factory

### ANSWERS

1. a

2. b

3. b

4. c

5. b

10.

I could live like an oil-rich Arab for a week or two. When I reached the station I did not stop at the ticket office (I had never bought a ticket in my life) but dashed straight to the platform. The Lucknow Express was just moving out. The train had still to pick up speed and I should have been able to jump into one of the carriages, but I hesitated — for some reason I can't explain — and I lost the chance to get away.

When the train had gone, I found myself standing alone on the deserted platform. I had no idea where to spend the night. I had no friends, believing that friends were more trouble than help. And I did not want to make anyone curious by staying at one of the small hotels near the station. The only person I knew really well was the man I had robbed.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. How long could the speaker live like an oil-rich Arab with the money? ( )
  - a) For a few days
  - b) For a week or two
  - c) For a month
2. Why did the speaker not stop at the ticket office? ( )
  - a) He did not have enough money
  - b) He had never bought a ticket in his life
  - c) He was in a hurry
3. What train was the speaker planning to catch? ( )
  - a) The Delhi Express
  - b) The Mumbai Express
  - c) The Lucknow Express
4. Why did the speaker lose the chance to get away on the train? ( )
  - a) The train had already left
  - b) He hesitated
  - c) The train was full
5. What dilemma did the speaker face after missing the train? ( )
  - a) He didn't know where to spend the night
  - b) He lost the money
  - c) He was caught by the police

### ANSWERS

1. b

2. b

3. c

4. b

5. a

I awoke late next morning to find that Anil had already made the tea. He stretched out his hand towards me. There was a fifty-rupee note between his fingers. My heart sank. I thought I had been discovered.

"I made some money yesterday," he explained. "Now you'll be paid regularly."

My spirits rose. But when I took the note, I saw it was still wet from the night's rain.

"Today we'll start writing sentences," he said.

He knew. But neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything. I smiled at Anil in my most appealing way. And the smile came by itself, without any effort.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. 'My heart sank'. What does the sentence mean? ( )
  - a) He jumped up and down.
  - b) He became disappointed.
  - c) He felt fear of being caught
2. 'He stretched out his hand'. Who does 'He' refer to? ( )
  - a) The publisher
  - b) The writer
  - c) The thief
3. 'He knew'. What did 'he' know? ( )
  - a) He knew that it rained.
  - b) He knew that he studied well.
  - c) He knew that Hari tried to steal.
4. 'The smile came by itself'. Why? ( )
  - a) His thoughts were clean.
  - b) So far, he held the smile back.
  - c) The incident was amusing.
5. What will the narrator probably do after this? ( )
  - a) He will help the poor.
  - b) He will change his behaviour.
  - c) He will go from there at once.

### ANSWERS

1. c

2. b

3. c

4. a

5. b

## Passages from 'The Midnight Visitor' (SR)

Read the passages and answer the questions.

13. For halfway across the room, a small automatic pistol in his hand, stood a man. Ausable blinked a few times. "Max," he wheezed, "you gave me quite a start. I thought you were in Berlin. What are you doing here in my room?" Max was slender, a little less than tall, with features that suggested slightly the crafty, pointed countenance of a fox. There was about him — aside from the gun — nothing especially menacing. "The report," he murmured. "The report that is being brought to you tonight concerning some new missiles. I thought I would take it from you. It will be safer in my hands than in yours." Ausable moved to an armchair and sat down heavily. "I'm going to raise the devil with the management this time, and you can bet on it," he said grimly. "This is the second time in a month that somebody has got into my room through that nuisance of a balcony!"

Now, answer the following questions.

1. How did Ausable react when he saw Max in his room? ( )  
a) He was surprised  
b) He was happy to see an old friend  
c) He was angry
2. What did Max want from Ausable? ( )  
a) A weapon  
b) A report concerning missiles  
c) To make a phone call
3. How did Ausable describe the security issue in his room?  
a) A minor inconvenience  
b) No issue at all  
c) A serious problem with the balcony
4. How would you describe Max's appearance? ( )  
a) Tall and muscular  
b) Slender with fox-like features  
c) Short and bulky
5. Ausable was sitting \_\_\_\_ ( )  
a) on the floor                      b) on a bench                      c) in an armchair

### ANSWERS

1. a

2. b

3. c

4. b

5. c

14.

Fowler's eyes went to the single window of the room. It was an ordinary window, against which now the night was pressing blackly. "Balcony?" Max said, with a rising inflection. "No, a passkey. I did not know about the balcony. It might have saved me some trouble had I known." "It's not my balcony," Ausable said with extreme irritation. "It belongs to the next apartment." He glanced explanatorily at Fowler. "You see," he said, "this room used to be part of a large unit, and the next room — through that door there — used to be the living room. It had the balcony, which extends under my window now. You can get onto it from the empty room two doors down — and somebody did, last month. The management promised to block it off. But they haven't." Max glanced at Fowler, who was standing stiffly not far from Ausable, and waved the gun with a commanding gesture.

Now, answer the following questions.

1. How did Max react when Ausable mentioned the balcony? ( )
  - a) He was surprised
  - b) He was not interested in the balcony
  - c) He was confused
2. What did Ausable explain about the room's balcony? ( )
  - a) It was part of the room's original design
  - b) It belonged to the next apartment
  - c) It was a new addition
3. What had the hotel management promised Ausable? ( )
  - a) To block off the balcony
  - b) To fix the door
  - c) To move him to another room
4. What did Max do after looking at Fowler? ( )
  - a) He made a threatening gesture with the gun
  - b) He lowered the gun
  - c) He walked towards the window
5. What did Ausable's irritation indicate about his feelings? ( )
  - a) He was amused
  - b) He was frustrated with the security issue
  - c) He was pleased with the situation

**ANSWERS**

1. a

2. b

3. a

4. a

5. b

15.

"Please sit down," he said. "We have a wait of half an hour, I think." "Thirty-one minutes," Ausable said moodily. "The appointment was for twelve-thirty. I wish I knew how you learned about the report, Max." The little spy smiled evilly. "And we wish we knew how your people got the report. But no harm has been done. I will get it back tonight. What is that? Who is at the door?" Fowler jumped at the sudden knocking at the door. Ausable just smiled. "That will be the police," he said. "I thought that such an important paper as the one we are waiting for should have a little extra protection. I told them to check on me to make sure everything was all right." Max bit his lip nervously. The knocking was repeated. "What will you do now, Max?" Ausable asked. "If I do not answer the door, they will enter anyway. The door is unlocked. And they will not hesitate to shoot." Max's face was black with anger as he backed swiftly towards the window. He swung a leg over the sill. "Send them away!" he warned. "I will wait on the balcony. Send them away or I'll shoot and take my chances!"

1. What was Ausable's mood while waiting for the report? ( )  
a) Happy                      b) Nervous                      c) Moody
2. How did Max respond to the question about how he learned about the report? ( )  
a) He was confused  
b) He smiled evilly  
c) He avoided answering
3. What did Ausable suggest the knocking at the door was? ( )  
a) The police                      b) A guest arriving                      c) A hotel worker
4. How did Max react to the knocking at the door? ( )  
a) He ignored it  
b) He opened the door  
c) He felt nervous and backed toward the window
5. What did Max threaten to do if Ausable did not answer the door? ( )  
a) Leave the room  
b) Call for help  
c) Shoot and take his chances

**ANSWERS**

1. c

2. b

3. a

4. b

5. c

## Passages from 'A Question of Trust' (SR)

Read the passages.

8. Fifteen years ago, Horace had served his first and only sentence in a prison library. He loved rare, expensive books. So he robbed a safe every year. Each year he planned carefully just what he would do, stole enough to last for twelve months, and secretly brought the books he loved through an agent.

Now, walking in the bright July sunshine, he felt sure that this year's robbery was going to be successful as all the others. For two weeks he had been studying the house at Shotover Grange, looking at its rooms, its electric wiring, its paths and its garden. This afternoon the two servants, who remained in the Grange while the family was in London, had gone to the movies.

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Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What kind of books did he love ? ( )
  - a) Story books
  - b) Rare and expensive books
  - c) Adventurous books
2. Where did he serve his first and only sentence ? ( )
  - a) In a school library
  - b) In a college library
  - c) In a prison library
3. Why did he buy the books secretly ? ( )
  - a) Because he bought them to donate others
  - b) Because he bought them with stolen money
  - c) Because he bought them for prize distribution
4. He was preparing himself for a robbery at ( )
  - a) Shotover Grange
  - b) Rocksby Grange
  - c) Thrushcross Grange
5. Where had the two servants gone that afternoon ? ( )
  - a) London
  - b) Movies
  - c) Garden

### ANSWERS

1. b    2. c    3. b    4. a    5. b

9. Now, walking in the bright July sunshine, he felt sure that this year's robbery was going to be as successful as all the others. For two weeks he had been studying the house at Shotover Grange, looking at its rooms, its electric wiring, its paths and its garden. This afternoon the two servants, who remained in the Grange while the family was in London, had gone to the movies. Horace saw them go, and he felt happy in spite of a little tickle of hay fever in his nose. He came out from behind the garden wall, his tools carefully packed in a bag on his back. There were about fifteen thousand pounds' worth of jewels in the Grange safe. If he sold them one by one, he expected to get at least five thousand, enough to make him happy for another year. There were three very interesting books coming up for sale in the autumn. Now he would get the money he wanted to buy them. He had seen the housekeeper hang the key to the kitchen door on a hook outside.

*Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :*

1. **What made Horace confident about the robbery?** ( )
  - a) His previous success
  - b) The servants' absence
  - c) The presence of the housekeeper
2. **How long had Horace been studying the house at Shotover Grange?** ( )
  - a) One week
  - b) Two weeks
  - c) Three weeks
3. **How did Horace know that the servants were gone?** ( )
  - a) He heard them leave
  - b) He saw them go to the movies
  - c) He checked the kitchen door
4. **What was the value of the jewels in the Grange safe?** ( )
  - a) Five thousand pounds
  - b) Ten thousand pounds
  - c) Fifteen thousand pounds
5. **Where are the keys?** ( )
  - a) Hung to the kitchen door on a hook outside
  - b) Tied at one of the servants' waist
  - c) Kept under the door mat

### ANSWERS

1. a    2. b    3. c    4. b    5. a

10. Horace said, "I would, of course, cut the telephone wires first and then..." he hesitated, a smile on his face, "I would make sure that you could do nothing for some time. A few hours would be enough." She looked at him seriously. "You'd hurt me?" Horace paused, and then said, "I think I was trying to frighten you when I said that." "You didn't frighten me." Horace suggested, "It would be nice if you would forget you ever saw me. Let me go." The voice was suddenly sharp. "Why should I? You were going to rob me. If I let you go, you'll only rob someone else. Society must be protected from men like you." Horace smiled. "I'm not a man who threatens society. I steal only from those who have a lot of money. I steal for a very good reason. And I hate the thought of prison." She laughed, and he begged, thinking that he had persuaded her, "Look, I have no right to ask you for anything, but I'm desperate.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What did Horace initially suggest he would do if the woman tried to stop him? ( )
  - a) Call for help
  - b) Cut the telephone wires
  - c) Leave the house quietly
2. How did the woman react when Horace said he would hurt her? ( )
  - a) She was scared
  - b) She was surprised
  - c) She was not frightened
3. What did Horace ask the woman to do after their conversation? ( )
  - a) Call the police
  - b) Forget she ever saw him and let him go
  - c) Help him escape
4. What reason did Horace give for stealing? ( )
  - a) He needed the money for his business
  - b) He only stole from the rich and hated prison
  - c) He had no choice
5. What was the woman's response to Horace's plea for her to let him go? ( )
  - a) She agreed to help him escape
  - b) She mocked him for his meekness
  - c) She said society must be protected from people like him

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**ANSWERS**

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1. b    2. c    3. b    4. b    5. c

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## Passages from 'Footprints without Feet'. (SR)

Read the following passages carefully.

10.

Finally, he swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became as transparent as a sheet of glass — though it also remained as solid as glass. Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money, and quite invisible — until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked! He escaped easily enough from the boys who followed his footprints in London. But his adventures were by no means over. He had chosen a bad time of the year to wander about London without clothes. It was mid-winter. The air was bitterly cold and he could not do without clothes.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What rare action did Griffin take to make his body transparent? ( )
  - a) Performed black magic
  - b) Swallowed certain rare drugs
  - c) Injected himself with bleach
2. How did Griffin's landlord react to him? ( )
  - a) He disliked him and tried to eject him
  - b) Wanted to change him for good
  - c) Wanted to get him arrested by the police
3. What extreme act did Griffin commit in revenge against his landlord? ( )
  - a) He stole his belongings
  - b) He set fire to the house
  - c) He moved away quietly
4. What challenge did Griffin face after becoming invisible? ( )
  - a) He lost his memory and address
  - b) He could not find food
  - c) He became homeless and wandered without clothes
5. Why was the time of year particularly bad for Griffin to wander about London without clothes? ( )
  - a) It was mid-winter and bitterly cold
  - b) It was raining heavily
  - c) It was too hot

### ANSWERS

1. b    2. a    3. b    4. c    5. a

11.

So once more he found himself invisible but naked in the chill January air. This time he decided to try the stock of a theatrical company in the hope of finding not only clothes but also something that would hide the empty space above his shoulders. Shivering with cold he hurried to Drury Lane, the centre of the theatre world. He soon found a suitable shop. He made his way, invisible, upstairs and came out a little later wearing bandages round his forehead, dark glasses, false nose, big bushy side-whiskers, and a large hat. To escape without being seen, he callously attacked the shopkeeper from behind, after which he robbed him of all the money he could find.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. **What predicament did Griffin find himself in once again?** ( )
    - a) He was invisible but naked in the chill January air
    - b) He lost his leg in the fire accident
    - c) He was arrested by the police
  2. **What was Griffin hoping to find at the theatrical company's stock?** ( )
    - a) To find a suitable costume and a fine knife
    - b) To find clothes and something to hide the empty space above his shoulders
    - c) To find some food and a nice dress
  3. **Where did Griffin go to search for clothing?** ( )
    - a) Oxford Street
    - b) Drury Lane
    - c) Piccadilly Circus
  4. **What disguise did Griffin use to hide his identity?** ( )
    - a) Bandages, dark glasses, false nose, and side-whiskers
- b) A clown costume with ping-pong balls  
c) A complete tuxedo
5. **What desperate action did Griffin take to escape after getting the clothes?** ( )
    - a) He threatened the shopkeeper
    - b) He pretended to be a customer
    - c) He attacked the shopkeeper from behind and robbed him

### ANSWERS

1. a      2. b      3. b      4. a      5. c

2.

"The scientist was always quick-tempered; now he became furious. "You don't understand who or what I am!" he shouted. "Very well — I'll show you." Suddenly he threw off bandages, whiskers, spectacles, and even nose. It took him only a minute to do this. The horrified people in the bar found themselves staring at a headless man! Mr Jaffers, the constable, now arrived, and was quite surprised to find that he had to arrest a man without a head. But Jaffers was not easily prevented from doing his duty. If a magistrate's warrant ordered a person's arrest, then that person had to be arrested, with or without his head. There followed a remarkable scene as the policeman tried to get hold of a man who was becoming more and more invisible as he threw off one garment after another. Finally a shirt flew into the air, and the constable found himself struggling with someone he could not see at all. Some people tried to help him, but found themselves hit by blows that seemed to come from nowhere. In the end Jaffers was knocked unconscious as he made a last attempt to hold on to the unseen scientist. There were nervous, excited cries of "Hold him!" But this was easier said than done. Griffin had shaken himself free, and no one knew where to lay hands on him.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. **How did the scientist react when confronted by Mrs. Hall?** ( )
  - a) Griffin became furious and shouted at Mrs Hall
  - b) Griffin realised his mistake and apologised
  - c) Griffin instantly killed her and left the place
2. **What shocking transformation did the scientist perform to demonstrate his abilities?** ( )
  - a) The scientist turned into air and disappeared into the sky before the very eyes of the people
  - b) The scientist drank a potion and attained his original form
  - c) The scientist threw off his bandages, whiskers, spectacles, and even his nose, revealing a headless man
3. **How did the people in the bar react to the sight of the headless man?**
  - a) They remained calm
  - b) They were horrified
  - c) They cheered ( )
4. **What was Constable Jaffers' reaction upon arriving at the scene?** ( )
  - a) He was terrified and ran away
  - b) He was surprised but determined to do his duty
  - c) He ignored the situation entirely
5. **What challenges did Constable Jaffers face while trying to arrest the invisible scientist?** ( )
  - a) He struggled with a crowd of onlookers
  - b) He found himself fighting an unseen opponent
  - c) He was unable to find the scientist's hiding spot

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### ANSWERS

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1. a      2. c      3. b      4. b      5. b

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## Passages from 'The Making of a Scientist'. (SR)

8.

An only child, Ebright grew up north of Reading, Pennsylvania. "There wasn't much I could do there," he said. "I certainly couldn't play football or baseball with a team of one. But there was one thing I could do — collect things." So he did, and did he ever! Beginning in kindergarten, Ebright collected butterflies with the same determination that has marked all his activities. He also collected rocks, fossils, and coins. He became an eager astronomer, too, sometimes star-gazing all night. From the first he had a driving curiosity along with a bright mind. He also had a mother who encouraged his interest in learning.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. Where did Ebright grow up? ( )  
a) West of Reading, Pennsylvania  
b) North of Reading, Pennsylvania  
c) East of Reading, Pennsylvania
2. What was Ebright unable to play due to being an only child? ( )  
a) Football                      b) Basketball                      c) Tennis
3. What was one of Ebright's main hobbies as a child? ( )  
a) Drawing                      b) Collecting things                      c) Playing video games
4. Besides butterflies, which other items did Ebright collect? ( )  
a) Books and stamps  
b) Toys and cards  
c) Rocks, fossils, and coins
5. Who encouraged Ebright's interest in learning? ( )  
a) His mother                      b) His friends                      c) His father

### ANSWERS

1. b

2. a

3. b

4. c

5. a

9. "On everyday things he was just like every other kid," his mother said. By the time he was in the second grade, Ebright had collected all twentyfive species of butterflies found around his hometown. "That probably would have been the end of my butterfly collecting," he said. "But then my mother got me a children's book called *The Travels of Monarch X*." That book, which told how monarch butterflies migrate to Central America, opened the world of science to the eager young collector. At the end of the book, readers were invited to help study butterfly migrations. They were asked to tag butterflies for research by Dr Frederick A. Urquhart of the University of Toronto, Canada.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What was Ebright like in everyday situations? ( )
  - a) He was very different from other kids
  - b) He was just like every other kid
  - c) He was always serious
2. By second grade, how many species of butterflies had Ebright collected? ( )
  - a) All fifty species
  - b) Only ten species
  - c) Twenty-five species
3. What inspired Ebright to continue collecting butterflies? ( )
  - a) A trip to Central America
  - b) A children's book called *The Travels of Monarch X*
  - c) A documentary about butterflies
4. Who conducted research on butterfly migrations that Ebright was invited to assist? ( )
  - a) Dr Richard H. Skybright
  - b) Dr Frederick A. Urquhart
  - c) Dr Jane Goodall
5. What was the main theme of the book *The Travels of Monarch X*? ( )
  - a) The migration of monarch butterflies to Central America
  - b) How to catch butterflies
  - c) The lifecycle of butterflies

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### ANSWERS

1. b

2. c

3. b

4. b

5. a

10.

"Eventually I began to lose interest in tagging butterflies. It's tedious and there's not much feedback," Ebright said. "In all the time I did it," he laughed, "only two butterflies I had tagged were recaptured — and they were not more than seventy-five miles from where I lived." Then in the seventh grade he got a hint of what real science is when he entered a county science fair — and lost. "It was really a sad feeling to sit there and not get anything while everybody else had won something," Ebright said. His entry was slides of frog tissues, which he showed under a microscope. He realised the winners had tried to do real experiments, not simply make a neat display. Already the competitive spirit that drives Richard Ebright was appearing.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. **What did Ebright eventually lose interest in?** ( )  
a) Collecting rocks      b) Tagging butterflies      c) Stargazing
2. **How many butterflies that Ebright tagged were recaptured?** ( )  
a) Five      b) Two      c) Ten
3. **Why did Ebright lost interest in the butterflies?** ( )  
a) There wasn't much feedback  
b) The butterflies were dying  
c) The butterflies were lost
4. **What was Ebright's entry for the science fair?** ( )  
a) A model of a cell      b) A butterfly collection      c) Slides of frog tissues
5. **What realisation did Ebright come to after entering the science fair?** ( )  
a) That he should focus on collecting more butterflies  
b) That winners were doing real experiments  
c) That he preferred neat displays over experiments

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### ANSWERS

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1. b

2. b

3. a

4. c

5. b

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11.

The next year his science fair project was testing the theory that viceroy butterflies copy monarchs. The theory was that viceroys look like monarchs because monarchs don't taste good to birds. Viceroys, on the other hand, do taste good to birds. So the more they look like monarchs, the less likely they are to become a bird's dinner. Ebright's project was to see whether, in fact, birds would eat monarchs. He found that a starling would not eat ordinary bird food. It would eat all the monarchs it could get. (Ebright said later research by other people showed that viceroys probably do copy the monarch.) This project was placed first in the zoology division and third overall in the county science fair.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What was the main hypothesis of Ebright's science fair project? ( )
  - a) Viceroy butterflies are larger than monarchs
  - b) Viceroy butterflies mimic the appearance of monarchs
  - c) Monarchs are more colourful than viceroys
2. Why do viceroy butterflies mimic monarchs according to the theory? ( )
  - a) Birds are easily attracted to Monarchs.
  - b) Viceroys do not taste good to birds.
  - c) Monarchs do not taste good to birds
3. What did Ebright discover about starlings and their eating habits? ( )
  - a) They prefer viceroys to monarchs
  - b) They refuse to eat monarchs
  - c) They would eat all the monarchs they could find
4. What was the outcome of Ebright's project in the county science fair? ( )
  - a) It won first place overall .
  - b) It was placed first in the zoology division and third overall
  - c) It did not win any awards
5. What did Ebright say about later research on the theory of viceroy butterflies? ( )
  - a) It confirmed his findings
  - b) It contradicted his theory
  - c) It was irrelevant to his project

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**ANSWERS**

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1. b

2. c

3. c

4. b

5. a

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- 12.** In his second year in high school, Richard Ebright began the research that led to his discovery of an unknown insect hormone. Indirectly, it also led to his new theory on the life of cells. The question he tried to answer was simple: What is the purpose of the twelve tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa? "Everyone assumed the spots were just ornamental," Ebright said. "But Dr Urquhart didn't believe it." To find the answer, Ebright and another excellent science student first had to build a device that showed that the spots were producing a hormone necessary for the butterfly's full development. This project won Ebright first place in the county fair and entry into the International Science and Engineering Fair. There he won third place for zoology.

*Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :*

1. What significant research did Richard Ebright begin in his second year of high school? ( )
  - a) The study of butterfly migration patterns
  - b) The discovery of an unknown insect hormone
  - c) The classification of different butterfly species
2. What was Ebright aimed to answer regarding monarch pupae? ( )
  - a) Monarch butterflies' migration
  - b) Monarchs' survival in winter
  - c) The purpose of the twelve tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa
3. What assumption did most people have about the twelve gold spots on the monarch pupa? ( )
  - a) They were vital for survival
  - b) They were purely ornamental
  - c) They were used for communication
4. What did Ebright and another student have to build to conduct their research? ( )
  - a) A microscope to observe the spots on Monarchs
  - b) A device to measure temperature of Monarchs
  - c) A device that showed the spots were producing a hormone
5. What awards did Ebright receive for his project in the science fairs? ( )
  - a) First place in the county fair and third place in the International Science and Engineering Fair
  - b) Second place in both fairs
  - c) First place in the International Science and Engineering Fair

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**ANSWERS**

1. b                      2. c                      3. b                      4. c                      5. a

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## Passages from 'The Necklace'. (SR)

Read the following passages carefully.

8. She had neither frocks nor jewels, nothing. And she loved only those things. She had a rich friend, a schoolmate at the convent, who she did not like to visit — she suffered so much when she returned. She wept for whole days from despair and disappointment. One evening her husband returned elated bearing in his hand a large envelope. "Here," he said, "here is something for you." She quickly drew out a printed card on which were inscribed these words: The Minister of Public Instruction and Madame George Ramponneau ask the honour of M. and Mme Loisel's company. Monday evening, January 18, at the Minister's residence. Instead of being delighted, as her husband had hoped, she threw the invitation spitefully upon the table murmuring, "What do you suppose I want with that?" "But, my dearie, I thought it would make you happy.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What did the young lady lack that she desired? ( )  
a) Friends and family    b) Frocks and jewels    c) A good education
2. How did she feel after visiting her rich friend? ( )  
a) Happy and fulfilled  
b) Satisfied and content  
c) Disappointed and despairing
3. What did her husband bring home one evening? ( )  
a) A new dress  
b) A printed invitation  
c) A piece of jewellery
4. How did she react to the invitation from the Minister? ( )  
a) She was overjoyed  
b) She was unmoved  
c) She threw it spitefully on the table
5. What was her husband's intention in giving her the invitation? ( )  
a) To surprise her    b) To make her happy    c) To show off

### ANSWERS

1. b    2. c    3. b    4. c    5. b

9.

You never go out, and this is an occasion, and a fine one! Everybody wishes one, and it is very select; not many are given to employees. You will see the whole official world there." She looked at him with an irritated eye and declared impatiently, "What do you suppose I have to wear to such a thing as that?" He had not thought of that; he stammered, "Why, the dress you wear when we go to the theatre. It seems very pretty to me..." He was silent, stupefied, in dismay, at the sight of his wife weeping. He stammered, "What is the matter? What is the matter?" By a violent effort, she had controlled her vexation and responded in a calm voice, wiping her moist cheeks, "Nothing. Only I have no dress and consequently I cannot go to this affair. Give your card to some colleague whose wife is better fitted out than I." He was grieved, but answered, "Let us see, Matilda.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What occasion is being discussed in this extract? ( )
  - a) A minister's reception
  - b) A theatre performance
  - c) A birthday party
2. How does the woman feel about attending the event? ( )
  - a) Excited and eager
  - b) Indifferent and bored
  - c) Irritated and upset
3. What does her husband suggest she wear to the event? ( )
  - a) A new dress
  - b) The dress she wears to the theatre
  - c) A borrowed dress
4. How does she react to her husband's suggestion? ( )
  - a) She agrees and feels happy
  - b) She starts crying and feels upset
  - c) She laughs and thanks him
5. What does she ultimately decide regarding the invitation? ( )
  - a) To attend with a new dress
  - b) To give the invitation to someone else
  - c) To change her mind and go anyway

### ANSWERS

1. a    2. c    3. b    4. b    5. b

10.

How much would a suitable costume cost, something that would serve for other occasions, something very simple?" She reflected for some seconds thinking of a sum that she could ask for without bringing with it an immediate refusal and a frightened exclamation from the economical clerk. Finally she said, in a hesitating voice, "I cannot tell exactly, but it seems to me that four hundred francs ought to cover it." He turned a little pale, for he had saved just this sum to buy a gun that he might be able to join some hunting parties the next summer, with some friends who went to shoot larks on Sunday. Nevertheless, he answered, "Very well. I will give you four hundred francs. But try to have a pretty dress." The day of the ball approached and Mme Loisel seemed sad, disturbed, anxious. Nevertheless, her dress was nearly ready. Her husband said to her one evening, "What is the matter with you?"

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What is the woman asking her husband for in this extract? ( )
  - a) A new pair of shoes
  - b) A suitable costume for the ball
  - c) Money for groceries
2. How much does she estimate the costume will cost? ( )
  - a) Two hundred francs
  - b) Three hundred francs
  - c) Four hundred francs
3. How does her husband react to her request? ( )
  - a) He feels pale and worried
  - b) He agrees immediately
  - c) He refuses to give her any money
4. What had the husband saved the four hundred francs for? ( )
  - a) A hunting gun
  - b) A new outfit for himself
  - c) A holiday trip
5. How does Mme Loisel feel as the day of the ball approaches? ( )
  - a) Happy, eager and excited
  - b) Sad, disturbed, and anxious
  - c) Indifferent and calm

### ANSWERS

1. b    2. c    3. a    4. a    5. b

11. She went home towards four o'clock in the morning. Her husband had been half asleep in one of the little salons since midnight, with three other gentlemen whose wives were enjoying themselves very much. He threw around her shoulders the modest wraps they had carried whose poverty clashed with the elegance of the ball costume. She wished to hurry away in order not to be noticed by the other women who were wrapping themselves in rich furs. Loisel detained her, "Wait," said he. "I am going to call a cab." But she would not listen and descended the steps rapidly. When they were in the street, they found no carriage; and they began to seek for one, hailing the coachmen whom they saw at a distance. They walked along toward the river, hopeless and shivering. Finally they found one of those old carriages that one sees in Paris after nightfall. It took them as far as their door and they went wearily up to their apartment. It was all over for her.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What time did Madame Loisel go home from the ball? ( )
  - a) Midnight
  - b) Four o'clock in the morning
  - c) Two o'clock in the morning
2. How had Madame Loisel's husband spent his time while waiting for her? ( )
  - a) Sleeping in the car
  - b) Half asleep with other gentlemen
  - c) Dancing with other women
3. What did Madame Loisel wish to avoid on her way out? ( )
  - a) Being noticed by women in rich furs
  - b) Being seen by her husband
  - c) Paying for a cab
4. What did Monsieur Loisel try to do before they left the ball? ( )
  - a) Buy flowers for Madame Loisel
  - b) Call a cab
  - c) Find their friends
5. How did Madame Loisel feel at the end of the night? ( )
  - a) Excited and happy
  - b) Weary and exhausted
  - c) Depressed and down

### ANSWERS

1. b    2. b    3. a    4. b    5. b

## Passages from 'Bholi' (SR)

Read the following passages carefully.

8. Her name was Sulekha, but since her childhood everyone had been calling her Bholi, the simpleton. She was the fourth daughter of Numberdar Ramlal. When she was ten months old, she had fallen off the cot on her head and perhaps it had damaged some part of her brain. That was why she remained a backward child and came to be known as Bholi, the simpleton. At birth, the child was very fair and pretty. But when she was two years old, she had an attack of small-pox. Only the eyes were saved, but the entire body was permanently disfigured by deep black pock marks. Little Sulekha could not speak till she was five, and when at last she learnt to speak, she stammered.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What was Bholi's real name ? ( )  
a) Sunita                      b) Sulekha                      c) Sudha
2. Why did people start calling her Bholi ? ( )  
a) Because she was very clever  
b) Because she was a simpleton  
c) Because she liked the name
3. What happened when Bholi was ten months old ? ( )  
a) She fell off a cot and hurt her head  
b) She got a fever and became weak  
c) She stopped speaking entirely
4. How was Bholi's appearance affected by smallpox ? ( )  
a) Only her legs were affected  
b) Her entire body was covered in deep black pock marks  
c) Her hands were permanently damaged
5. When did Bholi finally learn to speak ? ( )  
a) At the age of five    b) At the age of two    c) At the age of ten

### ANSWERS

1. b                      2. b                      3. a                      4. b                      5. a

9.

The other children often made fun of her and mimicked her. As a result, she talked very little. Ramlal had seven children — three sons and four daughters, and the youngest of them was Bholi. It was a prosperous farmer's household and there was plenty to eat and drink. All the children except Bholi were healthy and strong. The sons had been sent to the city to study in schools and later in colleges. Of the daughters, Radha, the eldest, had already been married. The second daughter Mangla's marriage had also been settled, and when that was done, Ramlal would think of the third, Champa. They were good-looking, healthy girls, and it was not difficult to find bridegrooms for them.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. Why did Bholi talk very little? ( )
  - a) She was shy
  - b) Other children made fun of her and mimicked her
  - c) She was naturally quiet
2. How many children did Ramlal have? ( )
  - a) Seven
  - b) Five
  - c) Six
3. What kind of household did Bholi grow up in? ( )
  - a) A poor household
  - b) A prosperous farmer's household
  - c) A middle-class family
4. What was the educational situation for Ramlal's sons? ( )
  - a) They were sent to the village school
  - b) They were sent to the city to study in schools and colleges
  - c) They were not sent to school
5. Who was Ramlal planning to arrange a marriage for after Mangla? ( )
  - a) Radha
  - b) Bholi
  - c) Champa

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**ANSWERS**

1. b

2. a

3. b

4. b

5. c

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10.

Bholi was frightened. She did not know what a school was like. She remembered how a few days ago their old cow, Lakshmi, had been turned out of the house and sold. "N-n-n-n NO, no-no-no," she shouted in terror and pulled her hand away from her father's grip. "What's the matter with you, you fool?" shouted Ramlal. "I am only taking you to school." Then he told his wife, "Let her wear some decent clothes today, or else what will the teachers and the other schoolgirls think of us when they see her?" New clothes had never been made for Bholi. The old dresses of her sisters were passed on to her. No one cared to mend or wash her clothes. But today she was lucky to receive a clean dress which had shrunk after many washings and no longer fitted Champa. She was even bathed and oil was rubbed into her dry and matted hair. Only then did she begin to believe that she was being taken to a place better than her home! When they reached the school, the children were already in their classrooms.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. **Why was Bholi frightened?** ( )
  - a) She did not know what a school was like
  - b) She was afraid of her father
  - c) She thought she would be sold like the cow
2. **How did Bholi react when her father tried to take her to school?** ( )
  - a) She ran away from the house
  - b) She shouted in terror and pulled her hand away
  - c) She calmly followed him
3. **What was unusual about Bholi's clothes on the day she went to school?** ( )
  - a) She wore a new dress
  - b) She wore her mother's clothes
  - c) She wore clean clothes for the first time
4. **How did Bholi's family normally treat her clothing?** ( )
  - a) She received brand new dresses every year
  - b) She wore her sisters' old clothes that were not mended or washed
  - c) They family bought her expensive clothes
5. **What made Bholi finally believe that she was going to a better place than home?** ( )
  - a) She saw her sisters dressed well
  - b) Her father promised her gifts
  - c) She was bathed, her hair was oiled, and she was given clean clothes

**ANSWERS**

1. a

2. b

3. c

4. b

5. c

11.

And suddenly Bholi noticed that the teacher was standing by her side, smiling at her. "What's your name, little one?" "Bh-Bho-Bho-." She could stammer no further than that. Then she began to cry and tears flowed from her eyes in a helpless flood. She kept her head down as she sat in her corner, not daring to look up at the girls who, she knew, were still laughing at her. When the school bell rang, all the girls scurried out of the classroom, but Bholi dared not leave her corner. Her head still lowered, she kept on sobbing. "Bholi." The teacher's voice was so soft and soothing! In all her life she had never been called like that. It touched her heart. "Get up," said the teacher. It was not a command, but just a friendly suggestion. Bholi got up. "Now tell me your name."

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. **How did Bholi react when the teacher asked her name?** ( )
  - a) She stammered and started to cry
  - b) She confidently said her name
  - c) She remained silent
2. **What was Bholi afraid of while sitting in the corner?** ( )
  - a) The teacher would scold her
  - b) The other girls who were still laughing at her
  - c) Being punished for crying
3. **How did the teacher speak to Bholi?** ( )
  - a) In a loud and strict tone
  - b) In a hurried and impatient manner
  - c) In a soft and soothing voice
4. **What did Bholi do when the school bell rang?** ( )
  - a) She ran out of the classroom like the other girls
  - b) She remained in her corner, still sobbing
  - c) She asked the teacher for permission to leave
5. **How did the teacher ask Bholi to get up?** ( )
  - a) It was a friendly suggestion, not a command
  - b) It was a strict order
  - c) The teacher didn't ask her to get up at all

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### ANSWERS

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1. a

2. b

3. c

4. b

5. a

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12.

The little primary school became a high school. There were now a cinema under a tin shed and a cotton ginning mill. The mail train began to stop at their railway station. One night, after dinner, Ramlal said to his wife, "Then, shall I accept Bishamber's proposal?" "Yes, certainly," his wife said. "Bholi will be lucky to get such a well-to-do bridegroom. A big shop, a house of his own and I hear several thousand in the bank. Moreover, he is not asking for any dowry." "That's right, but he is not so young, you know — almost the same age as I am — and he also limps. Moreover, the children from his first wife are quite grown up." "So what does it matter?" his wife replied. "Forty-five or fifty — it is no great age for a man. We are lucky that he is from another village and does not know about her pock-marks and her lack of sense. If we don't accept this proposal, she may remain unmarried all her life." "Yes, but I wonder what Bholi will say." "What will that witless one say? She is like a dumb cow." "May be you are right," muttered Ramlal.

*Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :*

1. What changes happened in the village as it developed? ( )
  - a) The primary school became a high school
  - b) The village lost its railway station
  - c) The village became a tourist destination
2. What did Ramlal discuss with his wife one night? ( )
  - a) Their plans for a vacation
  - b) Accepting a marriage proposal for Bholi
  - c) Starting a new business
3. What was Bholi's prospective bridegroom's financial situation? ( )
  - a) He was in debt and in want of money
  - b) He was wealthy with a big shop and money in the bank
  - c) He was unemployed and in job trials
4. What concern did Ramlal have about the bridegroom? ( )
  - a) His age and limp
  - b) His education
  - c) His family background
5. How did Ramlal's wife perceive Bholi's chances of marriage? ( )
  - a) She believed Bholi would have many suitors
  - b) She felt Bholi was too young to marry
  - c) She thought Bholi might remain unmarried for life

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### ANSWERS

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1. a

2. b

3. b

4. a

5. c

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13.

On Bishamber's greedy face appeared a triumphant smile. He had gambled and won. "Give me the garland," he announced. Once again the veil was slipped back from the bride's face, but this time her eyes were not downcast. She was looking up, looking straight at her prospective husband, and in her eyes there was neither anger nor hate, only cold contempt. Bishamber raised the garland to place it round the bride's neck; but before he could do so, Bholi's hand struck out like a streak of lightning and the garland was flung into the fire. She got up and threw away the veil. "Pitaji!" said Bholi in a clear loud voice; and her father, mother, sisters, brothers, relations and neighbours were startled to hear her speak without even the slightest stammer. "Pitaji! Take back your money. I am not going to marry this man." Ramlal was thunderstruck.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What expression was on Bishamber's face after Ramlal gave him the money? ( )  
a) Anger filled face      b) A confused look      c) A triumphant smile
2. How did Bholi react when the veil was slipped back for the second time? ( )  
a) She looked down in shame  
b) She looked straight at Bishamber with contempt  
c) She started crying
3. What action did Bholi take against Bishamber during the ceremony? ( )  
a) She flung the garland into the fire  
b) She ran away  
c) She fainted
4. What did Bholi ask her father during the ceremony? ( )  
a) To kill Bishamber    b) To take back his money    c) To give her the money
5. How did Ramlal react to Bholi's declaration? ( )  
a) He was shocked    b) He was supportive    c) He was angry with her

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**ANSWERS**

1. c

2. b

3. a

4. b

5. a

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14.

Ramlal stood rooted to the ground, his head bowed low with the weight of grief and shame. The flames of the sacred fire slowly died down. Everyone was gone. Ramlal turned to Bholi and said, "But what about you, no one will ever marry you now. What shall we do with you?" And Sulekha said in a voice that was calm and steady, "Don't you worry, Pitaji! In your old age I will serve you and Mother and I will teach in the same school where I learnt so much. Isn't that right, Ma'am?" The teacher had all along stood in a corner, watching the drama. "Yes, Bholi, of course," she replied. And in her smiling eyes was the light of a deep satisfaction that an artist feels when contemplating the completion of her masterpiece.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. How did Ramlal feel after the ceremony? ( )
  - a) Rooted to the ground with grief and shame
  - b) Happy and relieved
  - c) Indifferent
2. What did Ramlal express concern about regarding Bholi? ( )
  - a) Her education
  - b) Her health
  - c) Her future marriage prospects
3. What was Bholi's response to her father's worries? ( )
  - a) She was angry and upset
  - b) She reassured him that she would take care of them
  - c) She planned to leave the village
4. What did Bholi intend to do after rejecting the marriage? ( )
  - a) Serve her parents and teach at the school
  - b) Travel the world
  - c) Start a business
5. How did the teacher feel about Bholi's decision? ( )
  - a) Satisfied and pleased
  - b) Disappointed
  - c) Uninterested

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**ANSWERS**

1. a

2. c

3. b

4. a

5. a

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## Passages from 'The Book That Saved the Earth'. (SR)

Read the following passages carefully.

7. NOODLE : (bowing) O Great and Mighty Think-Tank, most powerful and intelligent creature in the whole universe, what are your orders?
- THINK-TANK : (peevishly) You left out part of my salutation, Apprentice Noodle. Go over the whole thing again.
- NOODLE : It shall be done, sir. (in a singsong) O Great and Mighty Think-Tank, Ruler of Mars and her two moons, most powerful and intelligent creature in the whole universe — (out of breath) what-are-your-orders?
- THINK-TANK : That's better, Noodle. I wish to be placed in communication with our manned space probe to that ridiculous little planet we are going to put under our generous rulership. What do they call it, again?
- NOODLE : Earth, your Intelligence.
- THINK-TANK : Earth — of course. You see how insignificant the place is? But first, something important. My mirror. I wish to consult my mirror.
- NOODLE : It shall be done, sir. (He hands Think-Tank a mirror.)
- THINK-TANK : Mirror, mirror, in my hand. Who is the most fantastically intellectually gifted being in the land? OFFSTAGE VOICE : (after a pause) You, sir.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What did Noodle do before talking to Think-Tank? ( )  
a) He checked the equipment  
b) He bowed and recited a salutation  
c) He prepared a report
2. How did the Think-Tank refer to Earth? ( )  
a) A powerful planet  
b) A ridiculous little planet  
c) A valuable territory
3. What was the Think-Tank's opinion about his own intelligence? ( )  
a) He thought it was average  
b) He believed it to be the greatest  
c) He felt insecure about it
4. Who did Think-Tank wish to consult to know about his greatness?( )  
a) A crystal ball                      b) A mirror                      c) A map of the universe
5. Who did Think-Tank want to communicate with? ( )  
a) Their flight cabin crew  
b) Their citizens in Mars  
c) Their manned space probe crew

### ANSWERS

1. b    2. b    3. b    4. b    5. c

8. **THINK-TANK** : (smacking mirror) Quicker. Answer quicker next time. I hate a slow mirror. (He admires himself in the mirror.)  
 Ah, there I am. Are we Martians not a handsome race? So much more attractive than those ugly Earthlings with their tiny heads. Noodle, you keep on exercising your mind, and someday you'll have a balloon brain just like mine.
- NOODLE** : Oh, I hope so, Mighty Think-Tank. I hope so.
- THINK-TANK** : Now, contact the space probe. I want to invade that primitive ball of mud called Earth before lunch.
- NOODLE** : It shall be done, sir. (He adjusts levers on switchboard. Electronic buzzes and beeps are heard as the curtains open.)
- NOODLE** : (adjusting knobs) I have a close sighting of the space crew, sir. (Think-Tank puts on a pair of enormous goggles and turns towards the stage to watch.) They seem to have entered some sort of Earth structure.
- THINK-TANK** : Excellent. Make voice contact.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. Why did Think-Tank smack the mirror? ( )  
 a) It was slow      b) It spoke ill of him      c) It said he was not smart
2. What did the Think-Tank admire about Martians? ( )  
 a) Their intelligence      b) Their attractiveness      c) Their technology
3. What did the Think-Tank suggest Noodle would have someday? ( )  
 a) A vast knowledge      b) A balloon brain      c) A spaceship
4. What was the Think-Tank's intention regarding Earth? ( )  
 a) To study it      b) To invade it      c) To befriend its inhabitants
5. What phrase does Think-Tank use to refer to Earth? ( )  
 a) Planet of apes      b) Pool of water      c) Primitive ball of mud

### ANSWERS

1. a    2. b    3. b    4. b    5. c

9.

- OMEGA : That is correct, sir.  
THINK-TANK : To confirm my opinion, I order you to eat it.  
OMEGA : (gulping) Eat it?  
THINK-TANK : Do you doubt the Mighty Think-Tank?  
OMEGA : Oh, no, no. But poor Lieutenant Iota has not had her breakfast. Lieutenant Iota, I order you to eat this — this sandwich.  
IOTA : (dubiously) Eat it? Oh, Captain! It's a very great honour to be the first Martian to eat a sandwich, I'm sure, but — but how can I be so impolite as to eat before my Sergeant? (handing Oop the book and saying brightly) Sergeant Oop, I order you to eat the sandwich immediately.  
OOP : (making a face) Who, Lieutenant? Me, Lieutenant?  
IOTA and (saluting)  
OMEGA : For the glory of Mars, Oop!  
OOP : Yes, of course! (unhappily) Immediately. (He opens his mouth wide. Omega and Iota watch him breathlessly. He bites down on a corner of the book, and pantomimes chewing and swallowing, while making terrible faces.)  
OMEGA : Well, Oop?  
IOTA : Well, Oop? (Oop coughs. Omega and Iota pound him on the back.)  
THINK-TANK : Was it not delicious, Sergeant Oop?

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What did Think-Tank order Captain Omega to do with the sandwich?  
a) Throw it away      b) Eat it      c) Share it
2. How did Omega react to Think-Tank's order? ( )  
a) He was excited      b) He gulped in surprise      c) He refused
3. What concern did Lieutenant Iota express about eating the sandwich?  
a) She was afraid of tasting it ( )  
b) She thought it was too small  
c) She felt it was impolite to eat before Sergeant Oop
4. What did Sergeant Oop do when ordered to eat the sandwich? ( )  
a) He eagerly accepted to bite the sandwich  
b) He bit the sandwich unwillingly  
c) He refused to eat the sandwich
5. How did Omega and Iota react while Oop was eating the sandwich?  
a) They watched breathlessly ( )  
b) They laughed  
c) They looked away

### ANSWERS

1. b    2. b    3. c    4. b    5. b

10. OMEGA : Listen to them?  
 IOTA AND : (to each other, puzzled) Listen to them?  
 THINK-TANK : Do you have marbles in your ears? I said, listen to them.  
 (Martians bow very low.)  
 OMEGA : It shall be done, sir. (They each take two books from the  
 case, and hold them to their ears, listening intently.)  
 IOTA : (whispering to Omega) Do you hear anything?  
 OMEGA : (whispering back) Nothing. Do you hear anything, Oop?  
 OOP : (loudly) Not a thing! (Omega and Iota jump in fright.)  
 OMEGA AND  
 IOTA : Sh-h-h! (They listen intently again.)  
 THINK-TANK : Well? Well? Report to me. What do you hear?  
 OMEGA : Nothing, sir. Perhaps we are not on the correct frequency  
 IOTA : Nothing, sir. Perhaps the Earthlings have sharper ears  
 than we do.  
 OOP : I don't hear a thing. Maybe these sandwiches don't make  
 sounds.  
 THINK-TANK : What? Does somebody suggest the Mighty Think-Tank has  
 made a mistake?

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What did Omega suggest might be the reason they couldn't hear anything? ( )  
 a) They were not on the correct frequency  
 b) The sandwiches were broken  
 c) They were too far away
2. How did Iota respond to Omega's suggestion? ( )  
 a) She agreed it was a good idea  
 b) She suggested they try a different method  
 c) She speculated that Earthlings might have sharper ears
3. What did Oop say about the sandwiches? ( )  
 a) They are too noisy  
 b) They might not make sounds  
 c) They sound like music
4. How did Think-Tank react to the crew's inability to hear anything?  
 a) He encouraged them to try harder ( )  
 b) He suggested they eat the sandwiches  
 c) He questioned if he had made a mistake
5. From the extract, what was the crew's overall reaction to listening to the sandwiches? ( )  
 a) They were confused and puzzled  
 b) They were excited and eager  
 c) They were bored and uninterested

### ANSWERS

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. c 5. a

1. OMEGA : Oh, no, sir; no, sir. We'll keep listening.  
 NOODLE : Please excuse me, your Brilliance, but a cloudy piece of information is twirling around in my head.  
 THINK-TANK : Well, twirl it out, Noodle, and I will clarify it for you.  
 NOODLE : I seem to recall that the Earthlings did not listen to the sandwiches; they opened them and watched them.  
 THINK-TANK : Yes, that is quite correct, I will clarify that for you, Captain Omega. Those sandwiches are not for ear communication, they are for eye communication. Now, Captain Omega, take that large, colourful sandwich over there. It appears to be important. Tell me what you observe. (Omega picks up a very large volume of Mother Goose, holding it so that the audience can see the title. Iota looks over her left shoulder, and Oop peers over her right shoulder.)  
 OMEGA : It appears to contain pictures of Earthlings.  
 IOTA : There seems to be some sort of code.  
 THINK-TANK : (sharply interested) Code? I told you this was important. Describe the code.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What did Noodle suggest about how Earthlings used the sandwiches?
  - a) They listened to them
  - b) They opened them and watched them
  - c) They threw them away
2. What did Think-Tank clarify about the sandwiches? ( )
  - a) They were for tasting
  - b) They were for ear communication
  - c) They were for eye communication
3. What did Omega observe about the large, colourful sandwich? ( )
  - a) It contained pictures of Earthlings
  - b) It was empty
  - c) It was too heavy to hold
4. What did Iota notice about the contents of the sandwich? ( )
  - a) They were moving
  - b) There seemed to be some sort of code
  - c) They were difficult to see
5. How did Think-Tank react to the mention of a code? ( )
  - a) He seemed uninterested
  - b) He became sharply interested
  - c) He dismissed it as unimportant

### ANSWERS

1. b    2. c    3. a    4. b    5. b

12.

**IOTA** : (brightly) Oho!  
**OOP** : (bursting into laughter) Ha, ha, ha.  
**THINK-TANK** : What does it say? Tell me this instant. Transcribe, Omega.  
**OMEGA** : Yes, sir. (She reads with great seriousness.) Mistress Mary, quite contrary, How does your garden grow? With cockle shells and silver bells And pretty maids all in a row.  
**OOP** : Ha, ha, ha. Imagine that. Pretty maids growing in a garden.  
**THINK-TANK** : (alarmed) Stop! This is no time for levity. Don't you realise the seriousness of this discovery? The Earthlings have discovered how to combine agriculture and mining. They can actually grow crops of rare metals such as silver. And cockle shells. They can grow high explosives, too. Noodle, contact our invasion fleet.  
**NOODLE** : They are ready to go down and take over Earth, sir.  
**THINK-TANK** : Tell them to hold. Tell them new information has come to us about Earth. Iota, transcribe.  
**IOTA** : Yes, sir. (She reads very gravely.) Hey diddle diddle! The cat and the fiddle, The cow jumped over the moon, The little dog laughed to see such sport, And the dish ran away with the spoon.

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

1. What was the initial reaction of Oop to Iota's discovery? ( )  
a) He was confused      b) He burst into laughter      c) He was uninterested
2. What did Think-Tank believe the nursery rhyme indicated about Earthlings? ( )  
a) They can combine agriculture and mining  
b) They have a good sense of humour  
c) They enjoy storytelling
3. What did Think-Tank order Noodle to do after the discovery? ( )  
a) Contact the invasion fleet      b) Prepare a report      c) Gather more data
4. What was Iota's response when asked to transcribe the new rhyme?  
a) She read it with excitement      b) She read it very gravely      c) She refused to read it
5. What nursery rhyme did Iota read to Think-Tank? ( )  
a) Mary Had a Little Lamb      b) Hey Diddle Diddle      c) Jack and Jill

**ANSWERS**

1. b    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. b