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Passage No. 17

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.

Raju was a lonely farmer and had an ox with which he worked all day. Raju would share every problem with the ox as he regarded it to be his friend. One day, Raju was walking home with the ox. When he felt tired and could walk no more, he tied the ox to a tree and sat down to rest for a while. There was a school nearby. Raju overheard a teacher scolding the students, "Here I am, trying to turn you donkeys into human beings, but you just won't study!"

As soon as Raju heard these words, his ears pricked up. A man could actually turn donkeys into humans! Perhaps, it may also be possible for him to turn an ox into a human! Impatiently, he waited for school to be over that day. When everyone had gone home, and only the teacher remained behind to check some papers, Raju entered the classroom.

"How can I help you?" asked the teacher. Raju scratched his head and said, "I heard what you said to the children. Will it be possible for you to turn my companion ox into a human? If you made it human, we could have such good times together." The teacher decided to trick Raju. He pretended to think for a while and then said, "Give me six months and it will cost you a thousand rupees." The farmer agreed and rushed home to get the money. He then left the ox in the teacher's care.

After the six months had passed, Raju went to school to meet the teacher. The teacher had been using the ox for his own work. Not wanting to give it up, he said, "Oh, your ox became so clever that it ran away. He is the headman of the nearby village-Pokhar." When Raju reached Pokhar he found the elderly sitting under a tree, discussing serious problems. They were taken aback when Raju

marched up to the headman, grabbed his arm and said, "How dare you? You think you are so clever that you run away? Come home at once!"

The headman was indeed a very wise man. He immediately understood that someone had played a dirty trick on the poor farmer. "I am not your companion!" he said. "Go and find the sage in the forest." Raju found the sage sitting under a tree. Raju stared at the sage. The sage did not notice Raju, as he had closed his eyes, deep in meditation. Raju crept up and grabbed the sage's beard. "Come back home now!" he shouted. The startled sage somehow calmed Raju.

When he heard what had happened, he had a good laugh. Then he told the farmer kindly, "The teacher made a fool of you. Your ox must still be with him. Go and take it back from him. Try to make some real friends, who will talk with you and share your troubles, no animal will ever be able to do that!" Raju returned home later that day with his ox, sadder and wiser.



Questions:

1. Choose the word which is most SIMILAR in meaning to the word printed in BOLD as used in the passage.

TRICK

A. Befriend B. Welcome C. Deceive D. Humiliate E. Advise

2. Choose the word which is most SIMILAR in meaning to the word printed in BOLD as used in the passage.

REMAINED

A. Allowed B. Balanced C. Continued D. Survived E. Stayed

3. Choose the word which is most **SIMILAR** in meaning to the word printed in **BOLD** as used in the passage.

CARE

- A. Charge B. Residence C. Consideration D. Hospital E. Contradiction

4. Choose the word which is most **SIMILAR** in meaning to the word printed in **BOLD** as used in the passage.

CLEVER

- A. Respectable B. Domestic C. Loveable D. Shrewd E. Awake

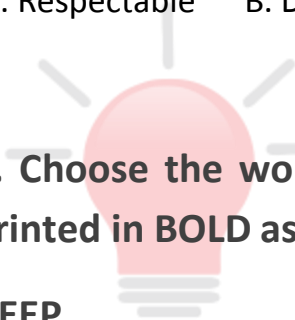
5. Choose the word which is most **SIMILAR** in meaning to the word printed in **BOLD** as used in the passage.

DEEP

- A. Sleep B. Fear C. Engrossed D. Superficial E. Certain

6. **Why did the farmer talk to the ox?**

- A. He felt lonely and his work was monotonous.
B. He wanted to entertain himself.
C. He believed that the ox was a human in disguise.
D. He regarded the ox as his friend.
E. None of these



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7. Which of the following can be said about the teacher?

- A. He had the ability to transform animals into human beings.
- B. He plotted with village men to trick the farmer.
- C. He tried to take advantage of the farmer's innocence.
- D. He was honest to his students.
- E. None of these

8. Which of the following is NOT TRUE as per the passage?

- A. Raju was a naive farmer.
- B. Raju misbehaved with the headman of a village.
- C. The sage had hidden Raju's ox.
- D. The headman advise Raju to meet the sage.
- E. The teacher was cunning by nature.

9. What was the teacher's intention for asking Raju to leave the ox with him for six months?

- A. The teacher wanted to reduce Raju's dependency on animals.
- B. The teacher wanted to rescue the ox from Raju's trap.
- C. The teacher needed six months to convert the ox to human.
- D. The teacher presumed that the ox will forget Raju in six months.
- E. None of these

10. What made Raju pull the sage's beard?

- A. He believed that all sages were cheats.
- B. He was irritated, and hungry.
- C. He was angry at the sage who resembled the teacher.
- D. The ox had instructed him to do so.
- E. None of these



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Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Trick' is 'Decieve'.

Hence, option C is corect

2.

In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Remained' is 'Stayed'.

Hence, option E is corect

3.

In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Care' is 'Charge'.

Hence, option A is corect

4.

In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Clever' is 'Shrewd'.

Hence, option D is corect

5.

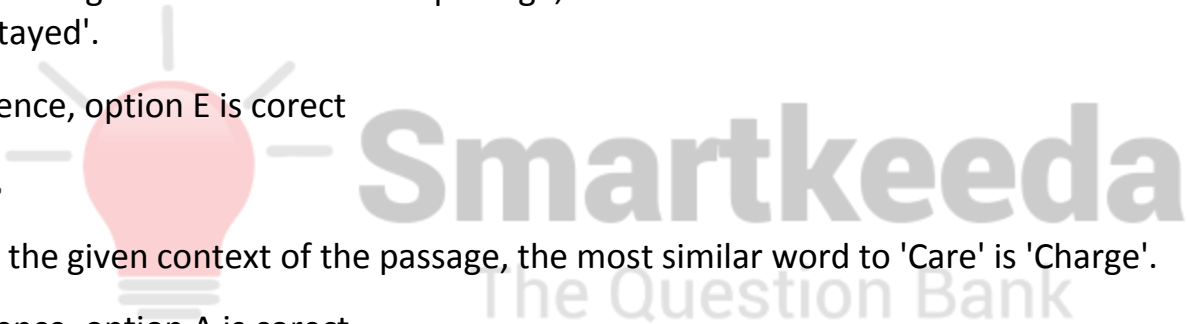
In the given context of the passage, the most similar word to 'Deep' is 'Engrossed'.

Hence, option C is corect

6.

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

Hence, option D is corect



7.

The answer can be inferred from the 5th sentence of the 3rd paragraph.

Hence, option C is correct

8.

In the given context of the passage, the false statement is option C as the sage had not hidden the ox.

Hence, option C is correct

9.

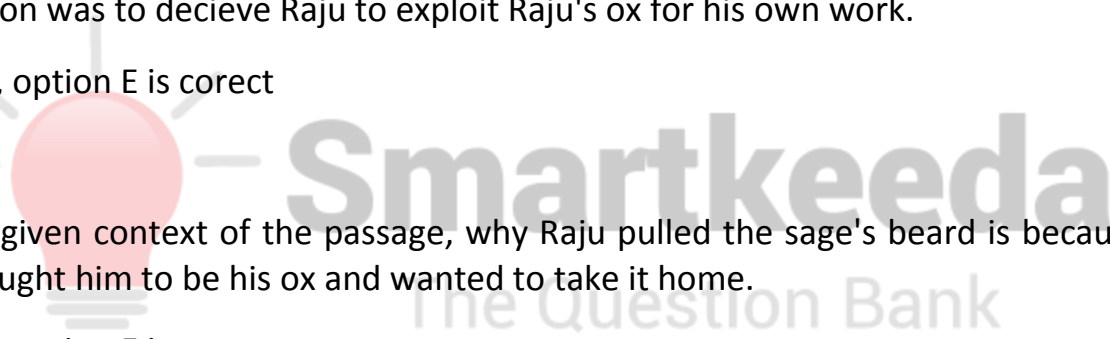
In the given context of the passage, what we can infer is that the teacher's intention was to deceive Raju to exploit Raju's ox for his own work.

Hence, option E is correct

10.

In the given context of the passage, why Raju pulled the sage's beard is because he thought him to be his ox and wanted to take it home.

Hence, option E is correct





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