

# comprehension text

**Read the following passage, then answer the question:**

طريقة الإجابة علي هذا السؤال :

- 1- قراءة الأسئلة وترجمة ما تعرفه من كلمات وتخمين الكلمات الأخرى ولذلك لمعرفة الفكرة العامة التي تدور حولها القطعة.
- 2- قراءة القطعة كاملة أول مرة وترجم ما تعرفه من كلمات وخمن الأخرى.
- 3- يعاد قراءة القطعة مرة أخرى ولكن هذه المرة عليك تقسيم القطعة إلى مجموعة قطع صغيرة كل قطعة أربعة أو ثلاث اسطر .
- 4- إقراء الثلاث اسطر بعناية واستنتج معاني بعض الكلمات التي تفيدك في الإجابة على الأسئلة .
- 5- بعد قراءة الفقرة الأولى مثلاً لابد أن ترجع إلى الأسئلة فمن المؤكد أن تجد إجابة احد الأسئلة في هذه الفقرة.
- 6- اتبع نفس الطريقة في باقي الفقرات " تقرا الفقرة ثم تعود إلى الأسئلة لإيجاد حل هذه الأسئلة "

**Read the following passage and then answer the question :**

It is true that men have invented a lot of useful things, the alphabet, machines, rockets and so many. But scientists and archeologists now agree that woman invented one very important thing, which has changed history. They went out every day. Same times they killed animals, sometimes animals killed them. Life was difficult and dangerous. Women had to go out every day, too. They collected roots fruit and grass. Then one day, more than 10,000 years ago, a woman dropped some grass seeds. She dropped them near her home. They grew and the first wheat was born. The idea grew, too women planted roots and fruit trees. Then they could stay at home and look after their children and their animals. Archeologists think that women kept the first domestic animals. Then their husbands did not have to go hunting for meat. They stayed at home. They built villages and cities. Civilization began. Men began civilization after women had invented agriculture.

**A) Answer the following questions:**

- 1- How do we know that women invented agriculture?
- 2- How did the early man get his food?
- 3- What were the early women's duties?

**B) Choose the correct from a, b, c, or d:**

5- Domestic animals are that we .....

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| a- keep at home      | b- don't keep at home |
| c- hunt from forests | d- use for hunting    |

**Read the following passage and then answer the question**

What will man be like in the future? We can only make a guess but we can be sure that he will be different, as man is slowly changing all the time. He will have to use his brain more and more-eventually, he will need a large one! This is likely to bring about a physical change too; the head, in particular the forehead, will grow large.

Nowadays our eyes are in constant use. In fact, we use them so much that very often they become weaker and we have to wear glasses. But over a very long period of time, it's likely that man's eyes will grow stronger. But what about hair? This will probably disappear because it does not serve a useful purpose any longer. In the future, then, both sexes are likely to be bald. Perhaps all this gives the impression that future man will not be a very attractive creature to look at! This may well be true. All the same, in spite of all these changes, future man will still have a lot in common with us. He will still be a human being, with thoughts and emotions similar to our own.

**A) Answer the following questions:**

- 1- In what way will the future man be similar to us?
- 2- How will the future man be different from us?
- 3- What does the underlined word “this” refer to?

**B) Choose the correct answer:**

- 5- Future man will be .....

a- less attractive	b- attractive
c- more attractive	d- the same as he looks now

- 6- In future,..... will be hairless.

a- women	b- men	c- men and women	d- the bold
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**Read the following passage and then answer the question:**

There are more ants than any other kind of land animal in the world. A million ants can live in a few trees, and there may be a quarter of a million in one colony. The total weight of all the ants in the world is far greater than that of all the human beings. Human beings are externally interested in the study of ants. The more we study them, the more they seem to be like ourselves. Ants live in societies in which they depend on one another. The societies are not all exactly the same. There are differences because there are ants of many kinds. But in general, each kind has ants of three main types: queens, males, and workers. The queen has wings for a time and one day she flies away with a winged male. The male dies soon afterwards, but the queen without her wings, finds a good place for her new nest and begins to lay eggs there. Worker finds a good place for her and protects the eggs, and they will build as big and as safe at home as they can. The ants have a good many enemies. They include birds, bears, and ant-eaters of various kinds. In some cases other ants are their worst enemies, just as man's worst enemy is man. In some parts of the world the red ants march in large armies to attack the homes of black ants.

**A) Answer the following questions:**

- 1- Prove that ants are social insects.
- 2- How are ants like human beings?
- 3- How are ants like bees?

**B) Choose the correct from a, b, c, or d:**

5- The male ant dies soon after .....

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a- a fight with other ants     | b- hard work          |
| c- it flies with the queen ant | d- it fights red ants |

6- The worker ants are busy .....

- |                        |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a- fighting other ants | b- building homes and protecting eggs |
| c- Playing in trees    | d- eating our food                    |

**Read the following passage and then answer the question**

Among the various forms of the sources of energy, natural gas is a favorite among consumers in different parts of the world. It has a number of outstanding characteristics that add to its popularity. First of all, natural gas is a comparatively clean-burning fuel. Second, natural gas heat can be carefully controlled. This factor makes it the favorite fuel for certain industries in which 'fine-tuned' control of heat is important. In the home, gas is preferred by most people for cooking and heating because of the ease by which it can be put to work. Gas cooking stoves and furnaces can be turned on and shut off quickly and easily by turning a knob or adjusting a dial.

Like crude oil, natural gas is a form of petroleum found in porous rock beneath the earth's surface. Upon its removal from the ground, gas is usually moved to market immediately, because it is very expensive to store in tanks. Large diameter pipelines are used to carry the gas from the wells to homes and factories.

Natural gas can be made into liquid by a special process and then stored in tanks. This type of gas can then be transported by lorry, railway or pipelines to regions where transport by natural gas pipelines is not economically feasible.

Synthetic gas can be made from coal, however it has only one-half of the heating value of natural gas and it is costly to produce. As a consequence, it is not widely used. However, in recent years, much research has gone into ways of producing gas synthetically from liquid petroleum. This type of synthetic gas can be made with nearly the same value as natural gas.

**A) Answer the following questions:**

- 1- What do crude oil and natural gas have in common?
- 2- What makes most people prefer using natural gas in the home?
- 3- Why is synthetic gas not widely used?

**B) Choose the correct from a, b, c, or d:**

- 4- The underlined word "it" refers to .....

a- synthetic gas	b- natural gas
c- liquid petroleum	c- crude oil

- 5- Natural gas is usually moved to market immediately after its removed from the underground because .....

a- it is very expensive to store in tanks	b- it is volatile	c- it must be used at once
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## Read the following and then answer the questions:

People may be divided into two types: winners and losers. Because our families and friends have a great influence on us as we grow, we are born helpless and dependent on our environment. Winners are able to change their situation and become independent by being responsible for their own lies. They don't blame others for their mistakes. They do their own thinking, they listen to others, evaluate what they say, and then they make up their minds. Although they may fail at times, yet they keep self-confidence. Winners overcome their bad experiences. They enjoy work, play, food and the world of nature.

They freely enjoy themselves but they can postpone it if duty calls. Losers, on the other hand never learn to take responsibility for their own lives. There are many causes why people can become losers: disease, poor nutrition, cruelty, unhappy relationships and bad experiences. These can interfere with the normal progress towards becoming a winner. But whereas winners fight these situations, losers hang on to them, and use them as excuses. Losers usually feel anxious, unhappy and bored. They are afraid to try new things and often repeat their own mistakes again and again.

Losers spend their lives waiting for something wonderful to happen to save them from their problems with their lives but never try to change.

### A) Answer the following questions:

- 1- What determines the life of the winners?
- 2- What does the underlined word (these) refer to?
- 3- Give a suitable title to the passage?
- 4- When winners fail at times, they -----
  - a) are afraid to try new things
  - b) never keep their self – confidence
  - c) spend their time waiting
  - d) never repeat their own mistakes
- 5- Losers are people who -----
  - a) blame others for their mistakes
  - b) overcome their bad experiences
  - c) Learn to take responsibility
  - d) try to change

Losers'	خاسرون	influence	تأثير	blame	يلوم
Evaluate	يقيم - يقدر	self-confidence	ثقة بالنفس	postpone	يؤجل
Nutrition	تغذية	cruelty	قسوة	relationships	علاقات

## Read the following and then answer the questions :

Did you think of money ? Is it important to us or not? Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, summed up the four chief qualities of money some 2000 years ago. It must be lasting and easy to recognize, to divide, and to carry. This means it must be , “ durable, distinct, divisible and portable ? “. When we think of money today, we picture it either as round, flat pieces of metal, which we call coins or as printed paper notes. But there are still parts of the world today where coins and notes are of no use .They will buy nothing, and a traveller might starve if he had none of the particular local “ money “ to exchange for food .

Among isolated people, who are not often reached by traders from outside commerce usually means barter. This is a direct exchange for pots, baskets, or other manufactured goods. For this kind of trading, money is not needed, but there is often something that everyone wants and everybody can use, such as salt to flavour food, shells for ornaments, or iron and copper to make into tools and vessels. These things: Salt, shells or metals are still used as money in some primitive parts of the world today.

### A) Answer the following questions:

- 1-Which of the four qualities of money, do you think, is the most essential?
- 2-How would you describe money at present?
- 3-What does the underlined word (barter) mean?

### B) Choose the correct answer:

4- In some isolated parts of the world money is -----

- a) needed for trading                      b) not needed for trading  
c) needed for buying thing              d) wanted as coins or paper notes

5- In some parts of the world today where coins and notes are of no use we can -----

- a) exchange goods                      b) use local money only  
c) use any other money                  d) buy nothing

Philosopher      فيلسوف

durable      متين

distinct      متميز

divisible      قابل للقسمة

portable      قابل للحمل

isolated      منعزل

grain      ( حبوب ) ذرة

manufactured      مصنع

ornaments -      حلى



## **Read the following and then answer the questions:**

The neighbours closest to my house are my favourite people. The man is a retired army officer and his wife still working for the nearby university. They are very hospitable and usually invite their friends to lunch. It is particularly enjoyable to wake up a Friday morning to the sounds of their music playing which are really quite artistic. However, I also love to hear them laughing when they make a mistake in their music playing. Besides music, carpentry is still man's main interest, and most days he is outside in his work space in the garden, making an artistic piece of furniture.

My neighbours are ideal to live next door, too, because they can very helpful if I need them. I respect them as they never interfere in my private life and I behave with them in the same way . We have helped each other with numerous emergencies such as fire and car accidents. We also co-operate with each other in little ways such as bringing the mail, when one of us is away. We sometimes meet when they invite me over for coffee, with some of their friends who are usually very interesting people: poets, painters, professors and other lively persons whom I enjoy meeting. Sometimes we go to the fireworks display. Apart from this, we simply live next door to each other peacefully, side by side.

### **A) Answer the following questions:**

1-Give one reason why the writer likes his neighbours.

2-What hobbies do the writer's neighbours practice?

3-Why does the write respect his neighbours?

### **B) Choose the correct answer:**

4- The underlined word "usually "means -----

- a) always      b) never      c) seldom      d) many times

5- At the neighbours' house, the write meets -----

- a) interesting people      b) uninteresting people  
c) soldiers and artists only      d) officers and professors only

retired متقاعد

hospitable مضياف

artistic فنى

carpentry نجارة

ideal مثالى

private خاص

## Read the following and then answer the questions:

Amal and Hassan, a newly married couple, were poor. Hassan's wage enough to rent only a very small flat. But there were two things of which each was proud! Amal had the longest and most beautiful hair and Hassan possessed a magnificent gold pocket-watch, given to him by his father. Amal always noticed sadly, when he looked at this watch fixed to the buttonhole of his coat by a common old leather strap. He really needed a gold chain. Hassan often thought if only he could buy her a jeweled comb to hold her long hair in place.

Now, it was the feast, Hassan and Amal began to think what present they could afford to give each other. Amal had a wonderful idea. She ran down the street to the shop with the notice: "Hair bought ". She entered and an hour later walked out of the shop richer by five hundred dollar but without her hair. She bought a chain to suit Hassan's watch and wrapped it in a piece of colored paper.

When Hassan saw her hair, he was speechless. Amal cried, "It will grow again very quickly". I had to sell it buy your present. She produced the parcel from behind her back. Opening it laughed until tears came into his eyes. He had sold his watch to buy a jeweled comb for her hair. Amal smiled and said. "Ours are the best feast presents in the world ".

### A) Answer the following questions:

1-Show that Hassan and Amal led a hard life?

2-What did Amal's sacrifice show?

3-Give a title to the passage.

### B) Choose the correct answer:

4- Amal sold her hair ----- the feast .

a) exactly on

b) one day before

c) two days

d) one day after

5- When Hassan saw Amal without her long hair he felt .....

a) happy

b) angry

c) shocked

d) ashamed

couple زوج

possess يمتلك

magnificent رائع

Pocket-watch ساعة جيب

buttonhole عروة أزرار

strap - رباط طوق

chain سلسلة

feast عيد

wrap يلف

comb مشط للشعر

parcel لفة

presents هدايا

**Read the following and then answer the questions :**

It was the end of the summer holiday and Nadia was worried. She had still not done her homework. Nadia had missed the day of school because she had been ill . She had phoned her friend Azza and asked what homework their teacher had set for the summer holiday. Azza had told her that teacher had asked them to write a composition. Nadia had written down the title. It was “The best things in life are three “

Nadia didn't know what to write. When she thought about the best things in life, they didn't seem to be “three “at all. She thought about her parents. There were two of them. Her brothers and sisters, there were four of them. She thought about happiness, love, nature. She couldn't count these at all. On the first day school, Nadia's teacher asked her to read her composition to the class. Nadia stood up and began. “I don't think the best things in life are three at all, “she said. “ I think they are things you can't count “The other students started to laugh. “ Nadia “said her teacher gently. “ The title of the composition was: The best things in life are free. “

**A) Answer the following questions:**

1-Why wasn't Nadia at school when the teacher set the homework?

2-What does the word “It “in the first paragraph refer to?

3-Do you agree that the best things in life are free? Why?

**B) Choose the correct answer:**

4- Nadia communicated with Azza by -----

- a) phone      b) letter      c) e-mail      d) message

5- Nadia's teacher was ----- with Nadia .

- a) happy      b) pleased      c) angry      d) worried

composition      فقرة      nature      الطبيعة      free      مجاني

**Read the following and then answer the questions:**

Your goal is something that you want to do. First you should decide what that goal is. Do you want to pass an exam? Do you want to be a doctor ? Do you want to be wealthy? Think about what you want and decide on your goal. You should write your goal on a piece of paper. Put your goal poster on your wall and look at it everyday. Then decide what you have to do to achieve your goal.

Some people never reach their goal because they think it is impossible. You should think positively. Don't think "the exam is difficult and I will probably fail it, "instead you should think "The exam is difficult, but I have worked hard and will pass it ". People who think negatively seldom reach their goals, so be positive!

We are most successful at things we enjoy. So you should try to enjoy your work. Look at your goal poster. Think how happy you will be when you have reached your goal. Think about that happiness while you are working and you will enjoy your work.

**A) Answer the following questions:**

1-What is a goal?

2-What does the underlined word (it) refer to?

3-How can you learn to enjoy your work?

**B) Choose the correct answer:**

4- The best title for the passage is -----

a) How to be a doctor

b) Three ways to reach your goal

c) The best way to pass an exam

d) How to make a goal poster

5- The opposite of positive is -----

a) negative

b) responsive

c) relative

d) possessive

Positively **بإيجابية**

negatively **بسلبية**

seldom **نادرا**