

Comprehensions Based on Story/Incident

Practice Exercise

Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follows.

Passage – 1

While it is true that there is no law that compels us to say please, there is a social practice much older and much more sacred than any law which enjoins us to be civil. And the first requirement of civility is that we should acknowledge a service. 'Please and Thank you' are the small exchanges with which we pay our way as social beings. They are the little courtesies by which we keep the machine of life oiled and running smoothly. They put intercourse upon the basis of a friendly cooperation, and easy give and take instead of on the basis of superiors dictating to inferiors. It is a very vulgar mind that would wish to command where he can have the service for the asking and have it with willingness and good feeling instead of resentment.

1. According to the author:

- (a) we should not say "please" as it is against the law.
- (b) we may or may not say "please" according to our mood.
- (c) we must say "please" as it is a civilised custom,
- (d) to say "please" is an outdated custom.
- (e) None of these

2. The writer thinks that:

- (a) courtesies make life oily and sticky.
- (b) the less the courtesies, the more the frankness in our life.
- (c) courtesies make life pleasant.
- (d) courtesies make life mechanical.
- (e) None of these

Passage – 2

Today perhaps your only association with the word 'polio' is the Sabin Oral Vaccine that protects children from the disease. Fifty-five years ago, this was not so. The dreaded disease, which mainly affects the brain and the spinal cord, causes stiffening and weakening of the muscles, crippling and paralysis - which is why I am in a wheelchair today. If somebody had predicted, when I was born, that this would

happen to me, no one would have believed it. I was the seventh child in a family of four pairs of brothers and sisters, with a huge 23 year gap between the first and last. I was told that, unlike the others, I was so fair and brown-haired that I looked more like a foreigner than a Dawood Bohri. I was also considered to be the healthiest of the brood.

1. In this passage, the word 'brood' refers to:

- (a) Polio victims
- (b) Foreign children
- (c) Children in the family
- (d) Indian children
- (e) None of these

2. In his childhood, the narrator said "more like a foreigner than a Dawood Bohri":

This was because he was

- (a) a foreign child.
- (b) a very healthy boy.
- (c) tall and smart.
- (d) fair and brown-haired.
- (e) None of these

3. The narrator was the seventh child in a family of:

- (a) 8 children
- (b) 16 children
- (c) 9.2 children
- (d) 2 children
- (e) None of these

4. In this passage, the narrator is a patient of:

- (a) Heart disease
- (b) Polio
- (c) Paralysis
- (d) Nervous weakness
- (e) None of these

5. In his childhood, the narrator was:

- (a) a weakling.
- (b) very healthy
- (c) tall and slim.
- (d) short and stout.
- (e) None of these

Answer

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| Passage-1: | 1. C | 2. C | | | |
| Passage-2: | 1. C | 2. D | 3. A | 4. B | 5. B |