

## ENGLISH

### I. Read the passage carefully:

King Ram Singh used to boast of his own great deeds. He often asked his minister to describe his greatness. The poor ministers had no other alternative but to describe his achievements.

He also had a peculiar habit. He would confuse his ministers and courtiers by constantly asking, "Then?" If anybody narrated an incident, the king would immediately ask, "Then?"

One day the king told his ministers, "Let us hold a challenge. The one who can prove his intelligence by stopping me from repeatedly asking "Then?" will get my throne and my kingdom." The ministers agreed and a date was fixed for the contest.

On the appointed day, ministers, soldiers, traders and common villagers gathered in the palace. The king announced, "Anybody can come forward and begin speaking. I will keep asking, "Then?" and he will have to keep replying till I am tired of repeating that word. Many ministers and noblemen tried but failed miserably. At last a villager named Kishan came forward. He started narrating a story and this is the dialogue that took place between them.

Kishan: The corn was scattered everywhere underneath the tree.

King: Then?

Kishan: Its leafy branches spread out like strong arms.

King: Then?

Kishan: The tree was home to a flock of wild geese.

King: Then?

Kishan: The geese used to fly down, peck at the corn and fly back to the tree.

King: Then?

At this point, Kishan repeated the same sentences mentioned above and the king went on repeating "Then?" This went on for hours. Finally the king was exhausted. He understood that this villager was clever and wise. He made Kishan sit on the throne and placed his crown on Kishan's head.

Thus a mere villager, who was clever, became the king and ruled the country thereafter.

### Based on your reading of the above story, answer these questions by making the correct choice:

1. How did Kishan make King Ram Singh stop asking "Then?" repeatedly?
  - A. Kishan told the king an interesting story that satisfied him.
  - B. Kishan added new facts till the king got tired of asking "Then?"
  - C. Kishan tricked the king by telling a very short story that ended quickly.
  - D. Kishan repeatedly described the same set of events which tired the king.

2. The story reveals that King Ram Singh was \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. proud, but one who truly kept his promises.
  - B. foolish, so people did not take him seriously.
  - C. powerful, yet ended up losing to his enemies.
  - D. mischievous and liked to hear funny stories.

**Read the instructions carefully before you choose your answer.**

Fill in the blanks using a suitable COLLECTIVE NOUN.

11. The shepherd took his \_\_\_\_\_ of sheep to the meadow.
- A. flock      B. gang      C. bunch      D. group
12. The basketball \_\_\_\_\_ won the match easily.
- A. class      B. gang      C. team      D. group

Fill in the blank using an ADVERB.

15. This is a library, talk \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. openly      B. softly      C. quickly      D. whisper

Choose the correct option for the following.

16. We won the match yesterday.
- A. There is no adverb used in the sentence.
  - B. for is an adverb
  - C. our is an adverb
  - D. yesterday is an adverb
17. Which pair is a homophone?
- A. board, bored      B. write, bright      C. ring, tring      D. see, saw
22. Which option has words with the same meaning?
- A. "fiddle" and "angle"
  - B. "detector" and "sensor"
  - C. "mirror" and "reflection"
  - D. "turn" and "position"

Fill in the blanks with suitable PREPOSITIONS



31. The apple is \_\_\_\_\_ the pen and the book \_\_\_\_\_

- A. above      B. between      C. in front of      D. centre

32. The kitty is \_\_\_\_\_ the gift.



- A. inside      B. at      C. on      D. from

42. Choose the correct sentence:

- A. I am having cold.
- B. I have a cold.
- C. I am suffering with cold
- D. I am colding.

46. Look at the picture below and imagine yourself in it. Write a short story in the space provided. (5)



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