

Passage Solving Exercise

1. Read the following passage & answer the questions that follow each in about 20 words.

Building a house is not easy. The ground on which the new building will be built is called the building site. This site needs to be cleared & leveled before the work can begin. The builder employs a gang of workers. Some of them are skilled workers who get more money because they are already trained & experienced in building. Some may be semi-skilled, that is with some practical experience but not yet fully trained, and some are unskilled or casual labourers who do the sort of work that does not require any particular skill. They are often only employed for short periods. Great care has to be taken to see that the work is carried out exactly according to the builder's instructions. A foreman, whose job is to see that the work is done properly, is in charge of the gang.

a. What is a building site?

b. Name the different kinds of workers mentioned in the passage.

c. Why do some workers get more money than the others?

d. What is the duty of the foreman?

e. What should be done before building a house?

2. Read the following passage & answer all the questions each in about 20 words.

Electricity is generated in the power station & then taken to buildings by mains or supply cables. For the electricity to flow along the cables it must have a circuit. The circuit must be complete, and any interruption or break will stop the electricity flow. The circuit is formed by the conductors inside the cable. The wires are made of metal, often copper, as metal is a good conductor of electricity - it allows the electricity to flow freely. The conductors are covered by another material, a kind of plastic, which does not conduct electricity and is called insulation. This insulation stops the wires from touching & prevents the electricity from flowing into the earth. The electricity flowing along a wire is called an electric current, and the amount flowing per second along a wire is measured in Amps.

a. Where is electricity generated and how is it distributed?

b. Why must a circuit be completed?

c. What, according to the passage is a good conductor of electricity?

d. What is insulation?

e. What is an electric current?

3. Read the following passage & answer the questions each in about 20 words.

Yayati was a brave king. He was one of the forefathers of Pandavas. Yayati didn't behave well with his wife Devyani. So Sukracharaya cursed him. Due to the curse he had become old. But he wanted to enjoy his life. He wanted to become young. So he decided to ask his five beautiful sons to give him their youth. Four of his sons refused to give him their youth. Yayati got sad. He asked his last son Puru. Puru loved his father and gave his youth. Puru ruled the kingdom. Yayati went to the garden of Kubera. He spent many years there with an Apsara. He still didn't find peace of mind. After long years spent in useless efforts, Yayati returned to Puru. He asked Puru to take back his youth. He had realized that nothing can satisfy the human. Yayati took back his old age. He went to forest in search of peace.

a. Who cursed Yayati?

b. How many sons did Yayati have?

c. Who gave youth to Yayati?

d. What did Yayati realize?

e. Why did Puru give his youth to Yayati?

4. Read the following passage & answer the questions each in about 20 words.

Sibei saw there was an old woman bent with age preparing food. He said Mausi(aunt), I am terribly hungry. Can I get some food? The old woman welcomed Sibei and gave him a tattered mat to sit on and served him with hot simple rice porridge in a plate. Heavy steam was coming out of it. Sibei dived his hand straight into the middle of the plate to have a hand full of porridge. Hurt by the heat he sprang back his hand and started blowing it to lessen his heat. The old woman was shocked by the way Sibei started eating the porridge. She said 'Son, you are trying to eat the hot porridge the way Sibei Samantaray is laying the foundation of Konark temple.

a. Where did Sibei dive his hand?

b. What was the old man preparing?

c. Why did Sibei spring his hand back?

d. What did the old woman give Sibei to sit on?

e. What did the old woman serve Sibei?

5. Read the following passage & answer the questions each in about 20 words.

Donald Bradman was born in Cootamundra, Australia in 1908. He is the greatest batsman in Cricket history. As a child, Donald Bradman practiced Cricket on his own by bouncing a golf ball against a wall and hitting it with a Cricket stump. This practice paid off because he grew up to be the greatest run-scoring batsman of all time. In his career, Bradman scored 28,067 runs at an average of 95 runs per innings. His highest ever score was 452 not out for New South Wales against Queensland, when he was 21.

a. Which country did Bradman belong to?

b. How did he practice Cricket in his childhood?

c. What was Bradman's highest score in a match?

d. Against which team did he score these runs?

e. How old was Bradman then?
