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## Directions:

In this section, you have five short passages. After each passage, you will find some question based on the passage. First, read a passage and answer the questions based on it. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.

### PASSAGE

Just as some men like to play football or cricket, so some men like to climb mountains. This is often very difficult to do, for mountains are not just big hills. Paths are usually very steep. Some mountainsides are straight up and down, so that it may take many hours to climb as little as one hundred feet. There is always the danger that you may fall off and be killed or injured. Men talk about conquering a mountain. It is a wonderful feeling to reach the top of a mountain after climbing for hours and may be even for days. You look down and see the whole country below you. You feel Godlike. Two Italian prisoners of war escaped from a prison camp in Kenya during the war. They did not try to get back to their own country, for they knew that was impossible. Instead they climbed to the top of Mount Kenya, and then they came down again and gave themselves up. They had wanted to get that feeling of freedom that one has, after climbing a difficult mountain.

**Q1.** It is a wonderful feeling ..... 'It' refers to

- a) mountaineering
- b) the mountain
- c) the steep path
- d) the prisoner

**Q2.** Two Italian prisoners escaped the camp and climbed to the top of Mount Kenya to

- a) get the feeling of freedom.
- b) gain fame as mountaineers.

- c) escape to Italy.
- d) come down and give up.

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**PASSAGE**

Most disputes about whether or not men are stronger than women are meaningless because the word 'strong' may mean many things. Most men can surpass most women in lifting heavy weights, in striking an object, in running, jumping or doing heavy physical labour. But most women live longer than most men, they have a better chance of resisting disease, they can beat men at operations requiring finger dexterity and the ability to work accurately under monotonous conditions. So it would be legitimate to argue that women are stronger than men. The truth is that each gender can surpass the other in certain kinds of activities. To say that one is stronger than the other is to indulge in futile arguments.

**Q3.** The author says that any dispute about whether or not men are stronger than women is meaningless, because

- a) it is a dispute that might harm the man-woman relationship in our society.
- b) it is difficult to assess the comparative strength and women.
- c) it is an already established fact that men are Stronger than women.
- d) the word 'stronger' can be interpreted in various ways.

**Q4.** From the passage, which of the following statements is most likely to be correct?

- a) Statistically speaking, most women live longer than most men.
- b) All women are incapable of running, jumping and doing physical labour because they are not strong.
- c) Women live longer than men because they can resist diseases better than men.
- d) Monotonous living conditions make women stronger than men.

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**Q5.** Which one of the following statements best reflects the main contention of the author?

- a) Men and women are equally strong.
- b) In some activities men are stronger than women and in some others women are stronger than men.
- c) In most cases men are stronger than women.
- d) Since women are healthier than men they are also stronger.

**Q6.** The author says it would be legitimate to argue that women are stronger than men, because

- a) in fact women are inferior to men in every respect.
- b) in some of the activities woman do give an impression that they are stronger than men.
- c) the author believes in the superior strength of women.
- d) the author is not committed to any opinion.

**Directions:**

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**PASSAGE**

When Jonathan (the seagull) came, it was well after dark, and he floated in moonlight on the surface of the ocean. His wings were ragged bars of lead, but the weight of failure was even heavier on his back. He wished, feebly, that the weight would be just enough to drag him gently down to the bottom, and end it all. But soon he came back to normal. He pushed wearily away from the dark water and flew towards the land, grateful for what he had learned about work-saving low-altitude flying.

**Q7.** The lesson that he had learnt that day was about

- a) flying at low altitudes.
  - b) diving too deep into the sea.
  - c) not fighting with stronger birds.
  - d) flying carrying bars of lead on his wings.
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**Q8.** The seagull suffered because

- a) he had swooned and fallen into the water.
  - b) probably he had been attacked by some strong creature in the sea.
  - c) he had tried to do something that other seagulls had not done.
  - d) probably he had been attacked by a stronger bird.
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**Q9.** 'His wings were ragged bars of lead' means that

- a) his wings were broken like pieces of lead.
  - b) he had rags and bars of lead on his wings.
  - c) his wings were damaged and supported by bars of lead.
  - d) his wings were damaged and therefore very heavy.
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**Q10.** The word 'wearily' means

- a) unconscious
  - b) sadly
  - c) tireless
  - d) exhausted
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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (a)**

**Q2. Answer: (a)**

**Q3. Answer: (d)**

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**Q4. Answer: (a)**

**Q5. Answer: (b)**

**Q6. Answer: (b)**

**Q7. Answer: (a)**

**Q8. Answer: (a)**

**Q9. Answer: (d)**

**Q10. Answer: (d)**

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