

How to Solve Unseen Passage

- *Read and understand all the questions given below in the passage.*
- *Read the passage carefully and mark the main lines and words with the help of a pencil.*
- *The questions are always given in ascending order.*
- *Wh- Family Questions:*
 - *Why- Cause*
 - *Where- Name of the place.*
 - *When- Time.*
 - *How-Explanation.*
 - *Who- Name of the person.*
 - *What- List the things.*
 - *Whose/whom- Name of the person.*
- *If the question starts with a helping verb, answer it in “yes “or “no.”*
- *Try to attempt vocabulary questions very carefully as you need to understand the meaning in the context of the poem very deeply.*
- *The title of the passage is always hidden in the first line.*
- *Solve the passage at the last 30 or 45 minutes without any pressure.*

Passage 1

The Printing Press has made knowledge available to the vast multitude of people. But what kind of knowledge, is it? Is it of any permanent character? Books have become common and, when we say that books like the Sexton Blake series sell like hot cakes, we have an index of the nature of knowledge which a typical person in a vast multitude seeks. Let me tell you of an incident that took place in America a few years ago. An American publisher printed a million copies of the works of Charles Dickens in the hope that he could easily sell them on the name of the author. But to his disappointment, not even the widest publicity and advertisement could enable him to sell the books. Being sorely tired, he hit on a plan. He tore off the cover pages, substituted covers containing sensational love headings for the titles and again advertised the new books. In a week, all the books were sold out. We are not concerned here with the moral of the bookseller's action. What we have to note is that only books of a sensational type are really sought for by the ordinary folk who have a great aversion to serious study. So, you will see that

the grand argument that the Printing Press' has made knowledge available even to the masses is certainly fallacious and quite misleading. To put it correctly, it has created a taste for a low order of books.

Read the passage and answer the questions.

1. Sexton Blake series are big sellers because they

- (a) disseminate knowledge**
- (b) are informative**
- (c) satisfy a typically serious reader**
- (d) are sensational**

2. The American publisher had chosen the works of Charles Dickens to

- (a) give wide publicity to Dickens works**
- (b) offer the readers what best he could**
- (c) counter the trash**
- (d) make money easily**

3. What is the main contention of the passage?

- (a) To stress the popularity of the printing press**
- (b) To point out the disappointment of serious readers**
- (c) To shed light on the morale of the publishers**
- (d) To bring out the evil impacts of the printing Press**

4. The author's contention makes us feel that he

(a) is unilateral in his argument

(b) is balanced

(c) is a typical critic

(d) argues convincingly

5. Who is Charles Dickens?

(a) A playwright

(b) An epic poet

(c) A short story writer

(d) A novelist

Answer Sheet

1.D

2.D

3.D

4.D.

5.D

Passage -2

Read the passage and answer the questions.

The famous pyramid of Khufu (or Cheops) in Egypt is the only one of the seven Wonders of the Ancient world that remains intact to this day. The ancient Egyptians placed the mummies of their pharaohs in pyramids because they believed the bodies would not decay inside these structures. Many believe that the pyramid of Khufu has special powers. Not magical powers, but a power peculiar to the very structure of pyramid. They say that the pyramid power can make plants grow faster and sharpen knives. It is believed that it is the shape of the pyramid that gives it power. The shape directs energy on anything that is put inside a pyramid. There are many stories about the pyramid's wonderful benefits. People sleep better. Headaches go away. Seeds grow faster. Old jewellery looks polished. It is said that these things happen by just putting these items inside a model of the pyramid of Khufu. In 1975, the Coach of a hockey team was worried about his team, they had been performing poorly. When the coach heard about the pyramid power, he hung twenty-five small pyramids above the locker-room door. All the team members had to pass under them. After standing for ten minutes under a pyramid, the team captain scored five goals. Do pyramids really have power? Was the pyramid of Khufu more than just a beautiful monument? We cannot know for sure until proper scientific research is carried out to verify these claims.

Questions

1. The famous pyramid of Khufu is also known as-

- (A) Pyramid of Khafre
- (B) Pyramid of Cheops
- (C) Pyramid of Menkaure
- (D) None of the above

2. Where did the ancient Egyptians place the mummies

- (A) in pyramids**
- (B) in coffins**
- (C) in locker room**
- (D) None of the Above**

3. Why did the ancient Egyptians placed the mummies of their pharaohs ?

- (A) Because they believed that they had magical power.**
- (B) Because they believed that souls would rest in peace**
- (C) Because they believed that bodies would decay faster**
- (D) Because they believed that bodies would not decay inside these structures**

4. What is the power that the pyramid of Khufu is believed to have?

- (A) People sleep better**
- (B) Headaches go away**
- (C) Seeds grow faster**
- (D) All of These**

Answer Sheet

1.B

2.A

3.D

4.D