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1 Ali, who was working a long way from home wanted to send a letter to his wife, but he could neither read nor write, and he had to work all day, so he could only look for somebody to write his letter late at night. At last he found the house of a letter writer whose name was Nasreddin. Nasreddin was already in bed. "It is late," he said. "What do you want?" "I want you to write a letter to my wife," said Ali, Nasreddin was not pleased. He thought for a few seconds and then said, "Has the letter got to go far?" "What does that matter?" answered Ali. "Well, my writing is so strange that only I can read it, and if I have to travel a long way to read your letter to your wife, it will cost you a lot of money." Ali went away quickly.

Multiple choice ( ) 1. Ali wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife. A. get something B. have a letter written C. bring a flower D. say good-bye ( ) 2. At last he found the house of \_\_\_\_\_. A. a writer B. a seller C. an old man D. a letter-writer ( ) 3. When Ali told what he wanted to do Nasreddin was \_\_\_\_\_. A. not pleased B. pleased C. excited D. angry ( ) 4. Nasreddin said that his writing was \_\_\_\_\_. A. easy for anyone to read B. strange for anyone to read C. too strange for anyone to write D. difficult for anyone to read ( ) 5. This story tells us \_\_\_\_\_. A. not to ask anybody for help B. not to trouble others at night C. not to ask for help without money D. not to trust others

2 An old man died and left his son a lot of money. But the son was a foolish young man, and he quickly spent all the money, so

that soon he had nothing left. Of course, when that happened, all his friends left him. When he was quite poor and alone, he went to see Nasreddin, who was a kind, clever old man and often helped people when they had troubles. "My money has finished and my friends have gone," said the young man. "What will happen to me now?" "Don't worry, young man," answered Nasreddin. "Everything will soon be all right again. Wait, and you will soon feel much happier." The young man was very glad. "Am I going to get rich again then?" he asked Nasreddin. "No, I didn't mean that," said the old man. "I meant that you would soon get used to being poor and to having no

friends." Multiple choice ( ) 1. An old man died and left his son \_\_\_\_\_.

A. nothing B. some gold C. much money D. only a house ( ) 2. When the son was \_\_\_\_\_, he went to see

Nasreddin. A. short of money B. quite poor and sick C. in trouble D.

quite poor and alone ( ) 3. The young man was very glad because

Nasreddin said that \_\_\_\_\_.

A. he would become rich again B. he would soon feel much happier C. he would become clever D. he

would have more friends ( ) 4. Nasreddin meant the young

man \_\_\_\_\_.

A. would get rich again B. would get used to having

nothing C. would get used to being in trouble D. would get out of

poorness ( ) 5. What this story tells us is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. that money is everything B. that money makes the mare go C. to save each penny D.

that misfortune tests the sincerity of friends 3. A man was travelling

abroad in a small red car. One day he left the car and went

shopping. When he came back, its roof was badly damaged. Some

boys told him that an elephant had damaged it. The man did not

believe them, but they took him to a circus which was near there. The owner of the elephant said, "I am very sorry! My elephant has a big, round, red chair. He thought that your car was his chair, and he sat on it!" Then he gave the man a letter, in which he said that he was sorry and that he would pay for all the damage. When the man got back to his own country, the customs officers would not believe his story. They said, "You sold your new car while you were abroad and bought this old one!" It was only when the man showed them the letter from the circus man that they believed him.

Multiple choice ( ) 1. A man was travelling abroad \_\_\_\_\_. A. in a big bus B. in a green jeep C. in a red car D. in a red taxi ( ) 2. The car was damaged because \_\_\_\_\_. A. there was a traffic accident B. the circus man broke it C. it rushed into a shop D. the elephant sat on it ( ) 3. The circus man said that \_\_\_\_\_. A. he would pay for part of the damage B. he would pay for all of the damage C. he would not pay for the damage D. he would buy a new car ( ) 4. When the man got back to his country, the customs officers \_\_\_\_\_. A. would check his new car B. only checked his car C. searched him D. would not believe what he had said, ( ) 5. It was only \_\_\_\_\_ that made the officers believe him. A. the letter from the circus man B. a newspaper from the country C. the certificate of his D. the letter from the government

4. Nasreddin was cutting a branch off a tree in his garden. While he was sawing, another man passed in the street. He stopped and said, "Excuse me, but if you continue to saw that branch like that, you will fall down with it." He said this because Nasreddin was sitting on the branch and cutting it at a place between himself and the trunk of

the tree. Nasreddin said nothing. He thought, "This is some foolish person who has no work to do and goes about telling other people what to do and what not to do." The man continued on his way. Of course, after a few minutes. The branch fell and Nasreddin fell with it. "My God!" he cried. "That man knows the future!" and he ran after him to ask how long he was going to live. But the man had gone.

Multiple choice ( ) 1. One day Nasreddin was cutting a branch \_\_\_\_\_ a tree in his garden. A. on B. in C. at D. off ( ) 2. While Nasreddin was sawing, another man \_\_\_\_\_. A. told him to stop working B. told him he would fall down C. would borrow something from him D. would help him saw that branch ( ) 3. After the man went away, Nasreddin thought that \_\_\_\_\_. A. that was a silly fellow B. that was a wise person C. that was a proud person D. that fellow cheated him ( ) 4. What happened to Nasreddin after a few minutes? A. The branch fell B. Nasreddin fell down to the ground C. Nasreddin hurt himself D. Both A and B ( ) 5. This story is about \_\_\_\_\_. A. a foolish man B. a wise man C. cutting a tree D. the necessity of taking good advice

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