

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One day , Aizat went to his rich uncle and told him, "I heard that you know the secret of making gold. Please tell me. I am very poor. My wife is sick and my children are starving."

Now, everybody knew how lazy Aizat was. He never planted any paddy on his land. Instead, his fields were full of weeds.

Aizat's uncle replied, "I need one more item before I can make the gold. Will you help me to get it?"

Aizat agreed , of course. His uncle handed him a large pot and said, "You must plant your fields with paddy. When the paddy is full ripe, put one grain from each stalk into this pot. Bring me the pot when it is full."

Aizat did as he was told. He spent all his time looking after his paddy plants and collecting one grain from each stalk. In the meantime, his wife and children quietly harvested the rest of the paddy and sold it.

It took five years for the pot to be filled up. When Aizat took the pot to his uncle, the old man unlocked a large iron chest. It was full of gold coins.

"These gold coins belong to your family. Your wife and children sold the paddy that you planted in your fields and saved the money they received."

Aizat's uncle looked at him. "Do you know the secrets of making gold?"

1 Why did Aizat want to know the secret of making gold?

- A He wanted to buy land
- B He needed money badly
- C He wanted to make his uncle rich

2 What did the uncle know about Aizat?

- A He was a good man
- B He was a lazy man
- C He was a patient man
- D He was a hard-working man

3 A person who is starving has no _____

- A food to eat
- B clothes to wear
- C money to spend
- D

4 How did Aizat's wife get the gold?

- A She sold the paddy fields
- B She took it from Aizat's pot
- C She worked for Aizat's uncle
- D She sold the paddy from Aizat's fields

5 What is the secret of making gold?

- A Hard work
- B Planting paddy
- C Doing magic
- D Steal

6 Match the phrases in List A to the suitable phrases in List B.

List A
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List B
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Write your answers in the spaces provided.

7 Do you like the story? Why?

8 Who is the main character in the story?
