Part F

Reading 2

Directions: Read the following passage carefully. There are (10) questions based on the passage. On your **Answer Sheet Shade** the letter of the option that shows the **Correct Answer.**

He was old and wizened with white hair hanging in greasy strings over his bent shoulders, mingling with his white eyebrows and long white beard. When he spat, Thaddeus noticed that his puckered mouth was entirely devoid of teeth. And in the eyes that should have been faded and rheumy, there was a diabolical gleam.

Thaddeus stopped walking and watched him approach. The food carrier which dangled from his fingers had gone suddenly nerveless.

'Hello son,' the aged man said. 'Taking your father's food, I see.'

Thaddeus tried to answer but his trembling lips refused to form the words.

'I'm just going to the wood to get some cerosee bush for this terrible cold. Come, come we can walk together.'

Thaddeus did not move. His shaking knees would not obey him. He could only turn piteous eyes on the man and await his fate. At this the white-haired man grew angry and walked off muttering. At a safe distance behind, Thaddeus started walking again. When the angry figure disappeared, he gave a sigh of relief.

Further on he met his friends on their return journey. They were laughing, chasing each other and rolling around on the grass. On seeing Thaddeus they sobered up. 'Thad, you know what we saw just now? The "heart man,"' said one boy in a quaking voice. They watched him closely to see what effect that had on him.

'Heart man, what!' Thaddeus said bravely. 'You mean that little old man with the white hair and white beard? He talked to me.'

They glanced at each other. 'What did he say?'

'That he was going to the woods for cerosee bush for his cold,' was Thaddeus's reply.

'And Thad,' a sad voice said, 'you have to pass through the woods.'

At those words everyone started talking at once. They offered sympathy and one even offered to deliver a last message to his mother.

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1. The old man had

(a) few teeth (b) no teeth (c) all his teeth (d) bottom teeth

2. The word 'diabolical' means

(a) devilish (b) childish (c) comical (d) ugly

3. Thaddeus was relieved when the man

(a) walked away (b) disappeared (c) met his friends (d) spoke to him

4. Thaddeus could not move because

(a) he was afraid
(b) his foot was broken
(c) he was disobedient
(d) his knees were shaking

5. In the passage 'sobered up' means

(a) no longer drunk
(b) got serious
(c) arose from the ground
(d) huddled closer together

6. The boys offered their sympathy because they

(a) feared the 'heart man'
(b) thought Thaddeus would return
(c) wanted to save Thaddeus
(d) knew his mother

7. The mood of the passage shows

(a) happiness (b) sadness (c) sympathy (d) fear

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8. Which of the following statements is NOT true of the story?

(a) Thaddeus saw the 'heart man'.
(b) The 'heart man' spoke to him.
(c) They walked together through the woods.
(d) Thaddeus was scared.

9. "His shaking knees would not obey him." This expression is an example of a _____.

(a) Metaphor (b) Simile (c) Idiom (d) Alliteration

10. The best title for the passage is

(a) "A Walk Through The Forest."
(b) "Thaddues' Nightmare."
(c) "Friends."
(d) "The Mysterious Old Man."

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