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Park Jae-Sang (Psy)

Read the passage and choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D.

A. We all like stories of people who follow their dreams and find success. Some of them have to take risks to achieve their goals. The famous musician and singer Psy is a good example of this.

B. Psy's real name is Park Jae-sang. He grew up in a rich neighborhood in South Korea. His father was the chairman of a company that made electronic parts, and his mother owned several restaurants. His father wanted him to run the company after he retired, so Jae-sang went to Boston University in the US to study business. You might think that was a good situation for Jae-sang, but it wasn't what he really wanted to do.

C. While in the US, Jae-sang realized that he wasn't interested in working for his father's company. What he actually wanted was to be a musician. His parents weren't happy with his decision, but he quit school and spent his money on music equipment. He started music college to improve his skills, but he dropped out again and returned to South Korea to be a singer. He chose "Psy" as his performing name.

D. Even as a musician, Psy took risks. He didn't look like other musicians, and he had a very new way of dancing. The words to his songs and his music style were also unique, but Koreans found something exciting about the strange new singer. Then, in 2012, his big moment arrived. His song Gangnam Style was a huge hit all over the world with millions of views on YouTube. For Jae-sang, giving up the chance of a good job in his father's company to follow a dream was definitely the right choice.

1. Which is the best title for this passage?

- a. A Successful Risk-Taker
- b. The Power of Music
- c. The Value of Education

2. What is Psy a good example of?

- a. people who take risks in life
- b. people who follow their dreams
- c. both of the answers above

3. In paragraph B, what does the author NOT tell us about Psy?

- a. the name his parents gave him
- b. if he was happy as a young child
- c. why he went to business school

4. What do we know about Psy from paragraph C?

- a. He always wanted to be a musician.
- b. He spent time at an expensive college.
- c. He decided not to listen to his parents.

5. What risks did Psy take to be a musician?

- a. He stopped studying and tried a different style.
- b. He left South Korea and spent all his money.
- c. He quit his job and made his parents unhappy.

6. What does the passage tell us about the song *Gangnam Style*?

- a. Psy wrote it for his parents.
- b. It's about how Psy followed his dream.
- c. There is a very popular video of it online.