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FINAL EXAM SECOND LANGUAGE 3

READING

Read the text and answer

The great painter Sir James Thornhill was employed for decorating the interior of the dome of St. Paul's in London. One day he stepped back on the scaffolding to see how the work looked at a distance. His servant, who was standing near, was terrified to see his master within some inches of the edge of the scaffolding. At the last moment backwards the painter should be thrown and dashed to pieces on the pavement. How could he de warned of this danger? If the servant cried out, he would probably in his alarm take a fatal step.

So the man thrown a pot of paint over the piece of work the painter was just admiring. Sir James, in a rage, rushed forward to punish him. Thus his life was saved. On finding out why the servant had spoiled his painting, Sir James was glad to reward him instead of punishing **him.**

1) Complete the sentence with the suitable ending.

The text is about_____
A) the servant who saved the life of his master.
B) St. Paul's Cathedral and how it was decorated.
C) the servant who helped his master with decoration.
D) the servant who spoilt his master's painting.

2) Choose the right answer to the question.

Why did the servant throw the pot of paint over the painting?
A) He did not like the painting.
B) He was afraid of his master.
C) He hated his master.
D) He wanted to prevent his master's falling down.

3) Which sentence doesn't fit the story?

A) The master rewarded his servant.
B) Sir James Thornhill was surprised.
C) The painter wanted to punish the servant.
D) Sir James Thornhill got very angry.

4) Choose the sentence which best fits the story.

A) Sir James Thornhill decorated the interior of St.Pauls's Cathedral.
B) St.Paul's Cathedral is the City's greatest palace.
C) The painter fell off the scaffolding.
D) Sir James Thornhill punished his servant.

5) Choose the correct word (A-D) to complete the sentence.

Sir James Thornhill was _____
A) a writer
B) a painter
C) an actor
D) a builder

6) Choose the synonym to this expression.

'had spoilt the painting'

A) had admired the painting
B) had made it worse
C) had made it better
D) had ruined the painting

7) Finish the sentence according to the text.

The servant proved that he was____
A) polite
B) stubborn
C) quick-witted
D) modest

8) Decide which heading best summarizes the text.

A) A Fatal Step.
B) Sir James Thornhill's Masterpiece.
C) Sir James Thornhill's Mistake.
D) The Servant Saves His Master.