O-NET practice

Vocabulary

1 **Read the passage carefully. Then choose the best word to fill in each blank (A) and the correct meaning of the word (B).**

Passage

Gandhi was getting on a train one day when his shoe slipped off his foot and fell in the **1)** ..... between the train and the platform. He was unable to get it back and so he threw his other shoe down as well. Then he explained that if a(n) **2)** ..... person finds only one shoe it would make no difference, but finding a pair would be **3)** ..... .

1 **A** The missing word is ..... .
- **a** place **c** location
- **b** gap **d** area

B The word means ..... .
- **a** hole **c** space
- **b** break **d** blank

2 **A** The missing word is ..... .
- **a** lonely
- **b** starving
- **c** unfortunate
- **d** poor

B The word means ..... .
- **a** hungry **c** homeless
- **b** unlucky **d** needy

3 **A** The missing word is ..... .
- **a** important **c** helpful
- **b** practical **d** available

B The word means ..... .
- **a** useful **c** great
- **b** kind **d** friendly

Reading

2 **Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question.**

Mr Parr was a poor farmer. He had a small farm which only provided enough food for his family. He rarely had enough crops to sell at the market and the few chickens he kept provided him with eggs and meat.

One day he was working in his field when he heard a cry for help. He followed the sound to a bog where a young boy was trapped in the mud up to his chest. Farmer Parr got a rope and tied it one end around his waist and the other end around a tree and went into the bog. It was a great struggle and the farmer got into some difficulty, but he managed to rescue the boy. He took the boy home gave him some clean clothes and a warm drink and then sent him home.

The next day, the boy's father came to the farm. He was very wealthy. "You saved my son's life," said the man, "How can I repay you?" "I don't want payment," he replied, "Anyone would have done the same." Just then Farmer Parr's young son appeared at the door. "I have an idea" said the man, "Let me pay for your son's education. If he's like his father, he'll grow up to be a man we'll both be proud of."

The farmer's son went to the best schools and graduated from medical school. He became an excellent doctor. Many years later, the man, who'd been saved from the bog as a boy, became seriously ill. Dr Parr was able to save his life.

1 How did Mr Parr make a living?
- **a** He sold his crops at the market. **c** He lived off the land.
- **b** He raised animals. **d** He sold eggs and meat.

2 Which is true?
- **a** Farmer Parr knew the boy in the bog.
- **b** It wasn't easy to rescue the boy.
- **c** The boy was on his way home when he fell in the bog.
- **d** Farmer Parr risked his life to rescue the boy.

3 Why didn't Farmer Parr want payment?
- **a** He didn't need any money.
- **b** He wanted an education for his son.
- **c** He wasn't proud of what he did.
- **d** He felt it was the right thing to do.

4 Why did the boy's father pay for the farmer's son's education?
- **a** He wanted the farmer to be proud of his son.
- **b** He wanted to repay the farmer for his bravery.
- **c** He wanted the boys to go to school together.
- **d** He wanted him to become a doctor.

5 Why did Dr Parr save the man's life?
- **a** He knew him as a boy.
- **b** He was an excellent doctor.
- **c** He wanted to repay his for his father's kindness.
- **d** He wanted to make his father proud of him.

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