

## **VIII. Read the passage carefully, then choose the correct answer.**

Long long time ago, there was a king in Tibet who loved to eat fish. His love for fish was so great that he could eat almost nothing if there was no fish on the table.

It happened one year that there was no rain. Month after month, there was less and less water in the river, and less and less fish, until there was no fish at all, even for the king. The king could not eat anything. He sent men to all the fishermen's villages in the country to announce that the man who brought fish to the king's table could have any reward he asked for.

Some time passed and a poor fisherman appeared in front of the king's palace, carrying a tremendous fish. When the guard at the gate saw the fish, he asked the fisherman to give it to him. Needless to say, the fisherman did not agree and insisted on giving the fish to the king himself. The guard finally agreed to let him go on the condition that the fisherman had to give him half of his reward.

After the fisherman met the king, the king asked him what he wanted for the reward. Surprisingly, the fisherman asked for a thousand blows and he shared his reward to the guard at the gate. This gave the guard a lesson about being dishonest.

### **1. What was special about the king in Tibet?**

- a. He ate a lot of fish in his meal.
- b. He ate only fish in his meal.
- c. He could eat nothing but fish.
- d. It was difficult for him to have a meal without fish.

### **2. What happened to the country?**

- a. There was no rain, so there was no water.
- b. There wasn't water in the rivers.
- c. There was no rain and there were no fish at all.
- d. There were no rivers so there were not a lot of fish.

### **3. What did the king do when there was no fish?**

- a. He asked his fishermen to look for fish.
- b. He sent his men to villages to look for fish.
- c. He offered a reward for fish.
- d. He moved to fishermen's village to live.

### **4. Why did a poor fisherman come to the palace?**

- a. Because he wanted the king's reward.
- b. Because he wanted to see the king.
- c. Because he wanted to see the palace.
- d. Because he had a fish to bring to the king's table.

### **5. Why did the fisherman ask for blows as his reward?**

- a. Because he wanted to teach the king a lesson.
- b. Because he wanted to teach the guard a lesson.
- c. Because he liked blows.
- d. Because he wanted to make the king angry.