**PART 3**

*Read the story below. For questions* **19** *to* **26**, *choose the correct answer (***A, B, C** *or* **D)** *and mark the correct letter* **A, B, C** *or* **D** *on your answer sheet.*

Para.1

It was a lonely stretch of road. Joe was feeling terrible. The cold wind stung his face and he flinched. He hugged his jacket close against his chest. The car factory had shut down suddenly. Joe felt drained of all his emotions. Not very many people stayed on. Most of his friends had already left. But he stayed on. He was born here, he knew the country. He could go down this road blind and tell you what was on either side.

Para.2

He pondered on his plight. A hundred thoughts raced through his mind. He remembered he had carpentry skills, picking his experiences from his father's trade. He could even work on a farm. He tried to shake off the tortuous thoughts.

Para.3

It was starting to get dark and he should be going home really. He'd better get a move on. He almost did not see the old lady, stranded on the side of the road. However, even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His old car was still spluttering when he approached her. Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe; he looked poor and hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. He said, "I am here to help you ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Joe."

Para.4

Well, all she had was a flat tyre, but for an old lady that was bad enough. Joe crawled under the car, looking for a place to put the jack. The road was wet and his clothes clung to him, adding to his discomfort. Soon he was able to change the tyre. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt. As he was tightening up the nuts, she rolled down he window and began to talk to him. She could not thank him enough for coming to her aid. Joe just smiled.

Para.5

She asked him how much she owed him. She knew awful things could have happened had not stopped. Joe never thought twice about the money. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and there were many who had given him a hand in the past. He told her that she didn't owe him anything. He added that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could help that person and Joe added, "And think of me."

Para.6

He waited until she started her car and drove off into the night. It had been a cold day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the night. A few miles down the road, the old lady saw a small café. She went in to grab a bite to eat. It was a dingy looking restaurant. The waitress come over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile. The old lady noticed that the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain changer her attitude. She looked tired but talked cheerfully. The old lady wondered how someone like her could be so kind to a stranger. Then she remembered Joe. After the lady had finished her meal, she paid the waitress with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress went to get her change.

Para.7

The old lady was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be. The she noticed something written in a napkin. There were tears in her eyes, when she read what the lady wrote. It said, "You don't owe me a thing. Someone today helped me out, the way I am helping you. If you really want to pay me back, let the chain of love continue." Underneath the plate she found 800 dollars. She sat down and thanked God.

Para.8

That night as her husband lay sleeping next to her, she patted his head and whispered low, "Everything's going to be all right, Joe"



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1 From paragraph 1, why did Joe feel terrible? (Para.1)
- **A** He had to stay back in the country
- **B** His friends had left the place
- **C** The cold wind struck his face
- **D** He had lost his job

2 Which phrase identifies Joe's state of mind? (Para.2)
- **A** 'from his father's experiences'
- **B** 'thought deeply about his plight'
- **C** 'tortuous thoughts'
- **D** 'a hundred thoughts'

3 From paragraph 3, we know that the old lady was **worried** because (Para.3)
- **A** Joe looked poor and hungry.
- **B** it was getting very cold.
- **C** it was a dark night.
- **D** she might be hurt.

4 From paragraph 3, which action shows Joe's **considerate nature**? (Para.3)
- **A** He tells her to wait inside the warm car.
- **B** He introduces himself to her first.
- **C** He understood how she felt.
- **D** He talks to her with smile.

5 From paragraph 4, which **word** describes how the lady **feels** about Joe's action? (Para.4)
- **A** Relieved
- **B** Grateful
- **C** Calm
- **D** Anxious

6 The sentence 'Joe never thought twice about money' tells us that (Para.5)
- **A** he expects money to be given to him.
- **B** he hopes she will give whatever she can.
- **C** he does the work without any expectations.
- **D** he has received help from others before too.

7 From paragraph 6, how can you say that the waitress is **very thoughtful**? (Para.6)
- **A** She brought a clean towel for the lady.
- **B** She never showed her tiredness.
- **C** She put on a sweet smile
- **D** She talked cheerfully.

8 From paragraph 7, when the lady leaves some money for the waitress, what is the **message** for the readers? (Para.7)
- **A** Help others if you want help yourself.
- **B** Help people whenever possible.
- **C** Give money to people always.
- **D** We must help some people.



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