

The Great Sphinx

II. Reading Comprehension: Read and answer the questions.



The Great Sphinx of Giza in Egypt is a 20.22-meter-tall stone figure of a lion with the head of a human. The structure of the Sphinx is cut entirely out of rock. Some people believe that there is a hidden area inside which people can enter, but no one has yet found a way to get in. Many stories have been told about the Great Sphinx as if it were a living creature and had the human qualities of being strong and wise.

There is one story about a young man who fell asleep next to the Great Sphinx. The man had gone hunting that day and he was tired. As he slept, the man dreamt that he would become the King of Egypt if he cleared away the desert sand that was partially covering the Sphinx.

But the story oddly had no ending. What do you think happened? Did the boy clean the sand away from the Sphinx? Did he become King of Egypt? No one seems to know.

Over time, wind and sand have worn away part of the Great Sphinx's nose as well as other areas. However, it is now being restored to look much like it once did.

1. How tall is the Great Sphinx?

- a) It's 20.22-meter-tall.
- b) It's 20.22 meter tall.
- c) It's 20.22-meters-tall.
- d) It's 20.22 meters tall.

2. What is the story mainly about?

- a) A lion
- b) An animal
- c) A king
- d) A statue

3. Which of the following is TRUE about the young man in the story?

- a) He became King of Egypt
- b) The day's hunting tired him out.
- c) He dreamt that the Sphinx came alive.
- d) He thought he saw the Sphinx's nose.

4. What might the young man have done after he woke up?

- a) Cleared the sand for the Sphinx.
- b) Revolted against the King of Egypt.
- c) Brought the Sphinx to life.
- d) Moved the Sphinx away.

5. What happened to the young man at the end of the story?

- a) He disappeared.
- b) He stayed near the Sphinx.
- c) The King of Egypt sent him away.
- d) It is still unknown.

6. What would be the best title for this passage?

- a) The King of Egypt
- b) The Egyptian Desert
- c) The Sphinx and Its Story
- d) The Restoration of the Sphinx