

## I. Read the passage and answer the questions:

Ulhas Mandlik was a power-loom owner in Maharashtra. One evening he and his mother were going back home. It started raining heavily. So they took shelter under a bridge. Nearby was a well. Some labourers were sitting under the verandah roof of a house close to the well. Suddenly, Mandlik and his mother heard the screams of labourers. The two got to the well. They were told that a five year old boy named Hariya had fallen in through a side opening. Mandlik knotted together the ropes that he got from the labourers. Mandlik then tied the ropes to his waist. He asked the labourers to lower him in the well. The ropes were actually weak. Mandlik prayed that the weak ropes must not give away. He grabbed the child who was holding a pipe. On reaching the surface he handed the child to his sobbing father. Several organisations honoured Mandlik for his bravery and presence of mind.

### QUESTIONS:

1. One evening Mandlik and his mother were going to\_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) their home      (b) the market      (c) see Mandlik's uncle      (d) see Mandlik's aunt

2. Mandlik and his mother took shelter under a bridge because:

- (a) it was raining.      (b) it was hailing.  
(c) a dust storm had started to blow      (d) they stopped to take tea at an under-bridge shop.

3. Why were the labourers screaming?

- (a) They were drunk.      (b) They had seen a big cobra.  
(c) One of them had a serious heart attack.      (d) A boy of five had fallen in the well.

4. Why did Mandlik and his mother go to the well?

- (a) They were very thirsty.      (b) To help an old woman drink water.  
(c) One of their known was at the well      (d) They heard the screams of labourers.

5. Who had fallen into the well?

- (a) One of the labourers      (b) five years old boy  
(c) Mandlik      (d) Mandlik's mother