THE GREAT RUNNER

Atalanta is a lovely princess and a great runner.
One day, her father told her, "It's time you get married."
"I will marry a man who will beat me in a race," replied Atalanta.
Many young men tried their luck. But they all lost. Hippomenes asked the goddess of love for help.

"Here are three golden apples," she said. "During the race, throw one apple in front of Atalanta. She will stop to pick it up. That should slow her down."
Hippomenes heeded her advice and won the race. Thus, Atalanta became his wife.

QUESTION:

1. Which sentence says something about Atalanta?

a. She did not want to get married.

b. She was an obedient daughter.

c. She was a great runner.

d. She loved Hippomenes.

2. What kind of man would she marry?

a. a kind prince

b. a clever ruler

c. a great runner

d. a handsome man

3. Hippomenes became Atalanta's _____.

a. friend

b. enemy

c. adviser

d. Husband

4. Many tried their luck. When one tries his luck, he _____

a. always wins.

b. is sure to win.

c. really wants to win.

d. attempts to win.

5. Hippomenes heeded Aphrodite's advice. The synonym of heeded is

a. followed

b. disobeyed

c. laughed at

d. Disregarded

6. Who was Aphrodite?

a. the godmother of Hippomenes

b. the mother of Atalanta

c. the goddess of love

d. the great teacher

7. How did the golden apples help Hippomenes win?

a. They had magic powers.

b. They made Atalanta sleepy.

c. They delayed Atalanta during the race.

d. They gave Hippomenes strength in running.

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