

REMEDIAL WORK- READING COMPREHENSION

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The mango tree

Emperor Akbar regularly took walks to find out how the people in his kingdom were doing. He asked his ministers to always carry some gold coins to give it to the needy.

One day, as he was walking, he saw an old man digging holes and planting mango saplings. Akbar stopped and asked the old man why he was planting so many saplings when he would not be alive to eat the fruits of the trees. The old man smiled and said "I do not do this for myself. There would be others who would gain from the trees. These trees will give fruits and shelter to those in need. They will also help bring rain and people will never die of famine."

The king was very happy to see that a man could think about others so selflessly. He asked his minister to give the old man a bag of gold. The man thanked the King and told him that some get the rewards before the trees have borne fruits. Akbar was all the more pleased by this statement and gave him another bag of gold coins. The old man said "while the trees would bear fruits once a year, I have been rewarded twice already". He thanked the kind man and left with a smile on his face.

Mark the sentences given below as True (T) or False (F):

1. Akbar went for a walk to find out more about the people in his kingdom. _____
2. Akbar asked the old man for some mango saplings. _____
3. The old man was planting saplings to help other people. _____
4. Akbar was not pleased by the old man's answer. _____
5. The old man told Akbar that some people got their rewards before the tree had even borne fruits. _____

Answer the following questions:

1. Why did Akbar ask his minister to always carry some gold coins?
2. What did Akbar ask the old man?
3. Why was the old man planting the saplings?

Find the meaning of these words given below from the passage:

1. those in need of something , poor : _____
2. to gain something: _____
3. kind, generous : _____
4. sentence: _____