

## 2-Read the following passage and then answer the questions below:-

When Jessye Norman's parents were knocking on the wall of their young daughter's room as a sign for her to stop singing and go to sleep, little did they dream that this small child who seemed to have been born singing would grow up to be an internationally famous opera singer.

It is not surprising that Jessye loved to sing. Music was an integral part of her family's lifestyle. Although Jessye remembers her mother singing spiritual, it was her grandmother who was always singing. Every hour of her day and every mood was highlighted with a song that fit the occasion. As Jessye was growing up, her piano-playing mother and trumpet-and trombone-playing brothers accompanied her when the family was called upon to provide special music for church services, parent-teacher meetings, and ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

During her childhood, Jessye knew only three operatic numbers, one that she learned from a recording and two others-the only opera scores she could find at the local music store. Although singing was in her blood, it was not until she attended Howard University that Jessye Norman took her first voice lesson, with Carolyn Grant, who recognized her talent and knew how to channel it. It was almost immediately after leaving the university in 1968, on her first visit to Europe, that Jessye won the singing prize in the international Music Competition of German Radio. The following year, she was invited to go to Berlin to perform at the Deutsche Opera. Since that time, Jessye Norman has become a world superstar whose singular voice reaches audiences all over the world.

### A) Answer the following questions:-

1) Why were Jessye's parents knocking on the wall of her room?

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2) What didn't the parents expect?

\_\_\_\_\_.

3) When did Jessye take her first voice lesson?

\_\_\_\_\_.

4) When did Jessye win the singing prize of the German Radio?

\_\_\_\_\_.

### B) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d:-

5- The underlined word "Life style" means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) way of living      b) way of haircut      c) way of walking      d) way of sleeping

6- From the text we guess that Jessye was of a \_\_\_\_\_ nationality.

- a) English      b) French      c) American      d) German

7- Jessye was invited to perform in Berlin in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) 1968      b) 1967      c) 1969      d) 1966