

Choose the best answer to the following questions. You may use your text "The Sign" and "Jasmine Girl".

TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

Directions: For the following questions, choose the best answer or response in complete sentences.

1. PART A: Which sentence describes the theme of the short story?
 - A. Toys are never as important as friends and family.
 - B. If someone gives you something, you must repay them.
 - C. People learn the value of money by earning it themselves.
 - D. When you are kind to others, they are often kind to you in return.

2. PART B: Which detail from the text best supports the answer to Part A?
 - A. "Shanti could already see herself hugging that beautiful doll." (Paragraph 5)
 - B. "I'll use my money to pay for Kiran's medicine." Kiran was Jodi's little brother." (Paragraph 7)
 - C. "What if someone bought it before she'd saved up enough again?" (Paragraph 17)
 - D. "Her doll! Jodi had bought the doll for Shanti!" (Paragraph 27)

3. How do Jodi and Kiran respond to Shanti giving them her money?
 - A. They show how much they appreciate Shanti by buying her the doll.
 - B. They reveal how guilty they feel and give Shanti her money back.
 - C. They spend more time with Shanti and decide to be better friends to her.
 - D. They tell Shanti over and over again how much they value her friendship.

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1. PART A: Which sentence describes the theme of the short story?
 - A. Helping others in need is important, even if it's a risk to your own safety.
 - B. It's important to pay attention to signs from nature.
 - C. Good things happen to those who help others.
 - D. It's important to remain positive, even during difficult times.

2. PART B: Which detail from the text best supports the answer to Part A?
 - A. "Ma had helped many slaves on their way to freedom; she was an expert at handling men like these." (Paragraph 4)
 - B. "Jess tilted his head to the stars he and Orry had loved studying during their brief friendship. Jess had told Orry their names and drawn the constellations for him." (Paragraph 15)
 - C. "Jess stared silently at the shoreline ahead. He tried not to look at the mighty river; he tried not to think of Orry lost in its depths." (Paragraph 28)
 - D. "Those marks on the tree weren't from woodpeckers. They're the shape of a constellation." Jess held out the slate. The stars of Orion, Ma. Orry made them. He's safe!" (Paragraph 33)

3. PART A: Which sentence describes Jess?
 - A. Jess is fearless and willing to do anything to help others.
 - B. Jess is a nervous kid, who always worries that the worst will happen.
 - C. Jess is a caring kid who values his family over everything else.
 - D. Jess is kind and cares about the well-being of his friend Orry.

4. PART B: Which quote from the text best supports the answer to Part A?
 - A. "Jess tried to steady his trembling legs. It wasn't easy to do with the strangers in the house." (Paragraph 1)
 - B. "A light flickered on its bank. Jess ran toward it and gasped, 'Orry, they're searching for you!'" (Paragraph 4)
 - C. "Orry had been his friend for six days of his life; he would miss him all the rest of it. 'You've got to be safe, Orry,' he thought." (Paragraph 20)
 - D. "'Ma!' shouted Jess. Trembling with joy, he jumped up and ran into the house." (Paragraph 30)