CHAPTER 14
The Zelkova Tree

True or False Questions

1. The young man initially sat in the shade because he was invited by the merchant. **(True / False)**
2. The Zelkova tree was planted by the merchant's grandfather. **(True / False)**
3. The young man refused all offers from the merchant to buy back the shade rights. **(True / False)**
4. The shadow moved into the merchant's house in the afternoon. **(True / False)**
5. The merchant was happy to share his tree's shade with strangers. **(True / False)**

Fill in the Blanks

1. The young man purchased the right to use the _____ of the Zelkova tree.
2. The merchant first demanded an _____ sum of money for the shade.
3. As the sun moved, the shadow extended into the merchant's _____.

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4. The young men brought a _____ to enjoy in the merchant's yard.
5. The final agreement required the merchant to give up _____ of his fortune.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why was the young man resting under the tree?
   - A) He was invited
   - B) To escape the heat
   - C) To meet the merchant
   - D) It was public property
2. What did the merchant claim to own?
   - A) Just the tree
   - B) The tree and its shade
   - C) Only the garden
   - D) The nearby park
3. How did the young man outsmart the merchant?
   - A) By stealing the tree

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- B) By buying the moving shadow
- C) By planting his own tree
- D) By calling the authorities

4. Where did the shadow NOT move during the story?

- A) Merchant's yard
- B) Merchant's porch
- C) Merchant's bedroom
- D) Merchant's house

5. What was the merchant's first reaction to seeing the picnic?

- A) He joined them
- B) He stormed angrily
- C) He ignored them
- D) He called the police

6. What did the contract specifically give the young man?

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- A) Ownership of the tree
- B) Right to use the shade
- C) The merchant's house
- D) All the merchant's money

7. Why did the young man eventually agree to cancel the contract?

- A) He got tired
- B) For half the merchant's fortune
- C) The weather changed
- D) His friend advised him

8. What character trait best describes the merchant?

- A) Generous
- B) Greedy
- C) Shy
- D) Foolish

9. What time of day did the shadow move into the house?

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- A) Morning
- B) Noon
- C) Afternoon
- D) Night

10. How did the story end for the village?

- A) Everyone became poor
- B) The merchant kept all his money
- C) Everyone lived happily
- D) The tree was cut down

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