Reading Quiz 5

Passage 1: Richard, the Lionheart

King Richard I of England is one of the most iconic kings of England, known as the Crusader King and also as Richard the Lionheart. He spent practically all his reign outside England fighting wars in the Middle East and France to the point that England must have seemed like a foreign, distant land to him. It seems strange to us today to consider a King of England so wholly detached from the country that he represented and ruled. To pay for his wars and crusades, he taxed the English so heavily that is caused widespread discontent amongst the populace. While it can be said that he was a peerless warrior in battle, he was a poor King of England. He has often been criticised not only for his neglect of England and the welfare of the common person, but also for squandering the lives of so many of his followers as they followed him into battles far from their homeland. And yet remarkably, many English people still remember him quite fondly as a chivalrous king who was the epitome of a knight with bravery and military skill.

Questions 1-8

Do the following statements match the views of the writer in the passage? Write Yes, No or Not Given as your answer.

1. King Richard idolised fame.

2. While King, Richard never resided in England.

3. King Richard looked down on the English culture.

4. Many English people did not agree with being taxed so much.

5. He was a fighter beyond compare.

6. The people who followed him into battle were common people from England.

7. King Richard did not place much consideration on the value of a human life.

8. King Richard is considered by all English people as a courageous knight.

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