Part 3

*You are going to read an extract from an article. For **questions 19 to 26,** choose the correct answer (**A, B, C** or **D**) and mark the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your answer sheet.*

The Creightons were very proud of their son, Frank. When he went to college, naturally they missed him; but he wrote and they looked forward to his letters and saw him on weekends. Then Frank was **drafted** into the army.

After he had been in the army for about five months, he received his call to go to Vietnam. Of course, the parents' anxiety for his first letter was greater than ever before. And every week they heard from him and were thankful for his well-being. Then one week went by without a letter, two weeks and finally three. At the end of the third week a telegram came, saying, "We regret to inform you that you son has been missing for three weeks and is presumed to have been killed in action while **fighting for his country."**

The parents were shocked and grieved. They tried to accept the situation and go on living, but it was tragically lonesome without Frank.

About three weeks later, however, the phone rang. When Mrs. Creighton answered it, a voice on the other end said, "Mother, it's Frank. They found me, and I'm going to be all right. I'm in the United States and I'm coming home soon." Mrs. Creighton was **elated**, with tears running down her cheeks, she sobbed, "Oh, that's wonderful! That's just wonderful, Frank."

There was silence for a moment, and then Frank said, "Mother I want to ask you something that is imperative to me. While I've been here, I've met a lot of wonderful people and I've really become close friends with some. There is one fellow I would like to bring home with me to meet you and Dad. And I would like to know if it would be all right if he could stay and live with us, because he has no place to go."

His mother assured him it would be all right.

Then Frank said, "You see, he wasn't' as fortunate as some; he was injured in battle. He was hit by a blast and his face is all **disfigured**. He lost his leg, and his right hand is missing. So you see, he feels **apprehensive** about how others will accept him."

Frank's mother stopped to think a minute. She began to wonder how things would work out with a cripple at home, and she worried about how the people in town would react to someone like that. She said, "Sure frank, you bring him home, for a visit, that's it. We would love to meet him and have him stay for a while; but about him staying with us permanently, well, we'll have to think about that." There was silence for a minute, and then Frank said, "Okay, Mother," and hung up.

A week went by without any word from Frank, and then a telegram arrived, "We regret to inform you that your son has taken his own life. We would like you to come and identify the body." Their wonderful son was gone. The devastated parents could only ask themselves, "Why had he done this?"

When they walked into the room to identify the body of their son, they found a young man with a disfigured face, one leg missing, and his right hand gone.

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(Adapted from *The Army Son (Author unknown)*, https://www.inspirationalstories.com/0/96.html)

19 In paragraph 2, the phrase **fighting for his country** means?

A He was fighting the Vietnam army in his country.
B He was fighting against Vietnam as United States army.
C He was one of the Vietnam army to fight for their country.
D He was fighting for Vietnam and United States of America.

20 In paragraph 3, why were the parents tragically lonesome?

A They were shocked to hear news about Frank.
B They had accepted the situation and went on living.
C They received a call from Frank after four weeks.
D They found it hard to cope life after Frank was gone.

21 In paragraph 4, why was Mrs. Creighton elated?

A She had been found and is coming home.
B She had received a telegram from the army.
C Her son had been found and is coming home.
D Her son had received a call from the army.

22 In paragraph 5, it has been mentioned that **he wasn't as fortunate as some.** Who was the person?

A Mrs. Creighton's son.
B Frank's friend.
C Mr. Creighton.
D Frank's dad.

23 How long was Frank missing before the army presumed him dead?

A One week.
B Two weeks.
C Three weeks.
D Four weeks.

24 Mrs. Creighton hesitated on Frank's request. Why was she uncertain about her son's wish?

A She was worried about how the rest of the family will react to the situation.
B She wondered how to cope with a cripple in their home.
C She felt apprehensive about how others would accept her condition.
D She was not sure of the idea on meeting and having Frank staying for a while.

25 What was the reason Frank took his own life?

A Frank hesitated to accept his cripple friend.
B Frank's mother was ashamed of Frank's condition.
C Frank's mother was worried about how the people in his town would think of him.
D Frank thought his parents would be ashamed of him.

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26 What might be the Creighton's feeling when they see their son's body?

A Melancholy.
B Fatigued.
C Sympathy.
D Remorseful

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