A RACE TO KORAT

There was once a rich man who had two sons. Before he died he wrote this for his sons: "When I die, my two sons must ride from Bangkok to Korat. I give all my money to the owner of the horse which gets to Korat last. I give nothing to the owner of the horse which gets their first. Each of the two sons had a horse. They read paper again and again and sat thinking about it for a long time.

They started their ride a few days after the death of their father. They rode slowly. Each man wanted the other to get to Korat before him. So each of them made his horse walk. But it was too tiring to ride on a walking horse. So once in a while they made their horses run back to Bangkok and then run toward Korat again. One night they came to a hotel at Pak-chong, got off their horses and went in. A man in the hotel asked them about their journey. They told him all about their race and their father's money.

"If my horse gets to Korat before the other," said one of them, "I shall lose the money. If my brother's horse gets there first. I'll get all the money. So we never ride quickly. We've been on the road for three months now. We shall never get to Korat. What shall we do? No one will ever get our father's money.

The man smiled while they spoke. He told them some words which made the two brothers jump up and run to the horses. Then each one made the horse run as fast as he could. What happened to them? The man told them to change horses; each had to ride the other's horse. The person who reached Korat first was the one whose horse reached Korat last.

1. The man wrote before he died that he would give the money to the son .....

a. who rode to Korat first. **b. who rode to Korat last.**

c. whose horse got to Korat last. **d. whose horse got to Korat first.**

2. They rode to Korat .....

a. as soon as they finished reading the paper.

b. two or three days after their father had died.

c. before the death of their father.

d. a few days before the death of their father.

3. Sometimes they rode back to Bangkok because.....

a. they had left something at home.

b. the horses liked to do so.

c. the horse couldn't go to Korat.

d. neither of them wanted to reach Korat before the other.

4. Before they arrived at the hotel, they had ridden for.....

a. a few days. **b. a few months.**

c. three months **d. a long time.**

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5. The two son told all about their race and their father's money because.....

a. they both did not know what to do.

b. they wanted to tell the man what they would do.

c. each of them wanted the man to tell the other to go to Korat first.

d. they did not know how to ride.

Choose the right meaning of the underlined words. (6-10)

6. I give nothing to the owner of the horse which gets there first.

a. do not give anything

b. there are not many things to give

c. there is nothing to give

d. give something

7. It was too tiring to ride.

a. it was funny to ride

b. it was happy to ride

c. it was unhappy to ride

d. it was pleasant to ride

8. One night they came to a hotel at Pak-Chong, got off their horses and went in.

a. tied their horses to something

b. let their horses go away

c. stopped their horses

d. climbed down from their horses

9. No one will ever get our father's money.

a. Our father had no money.

b. Anyone can get our father's money.

c. Anyone will never get our father's money.

d. Our father's money has already been given to somebody.

10.The person who reached Korat first was the one whose horse reached Korat last.

a. The horse of the man who reached Korat first came last.

b. The horse of the man who reached Korat first came first.

c. The horse of the man who had not yet reached Korat came last.

d. The horse of the man who was late came last.

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