

SEMESTER II

READING COMPREHENSION TEST

Read the story and answer the question below:

Greedy Boy

Sam and Tom were identical twins. They were so identical that even their mother found it difficult to distinguish one from the other, at least during their initial days on earth. However, they were very different from each other when it came to everything other than their appearance. Sam had no friends, while Tom was a great friendship maker. Sam loved sweets, but Tom loved spicy food and detested sweets. Sam was mommy's pet and Tom was daddy's pet. While Sam was generous and selfless, Tom was greedy and selfish!

As Sam and Tom grew up, their father wanted to share his fortune equally amongst them. However, Tom did not agree and he argued that whoever proved to be more intelligent and strong would have to get a bigger share of the wealth. Sam agreed. Their father decided to organize a competition between the two. He asked the two sons to walk as long as they could, and return home before sunset. The wealth would be divided in proportion to the distance covered. As a rule of the competition, they were not permitted to carry a watch to keep track of the time.

The following day, Sam and Tom set out to walk. It was a rather sunny day. Sam walked slowly and steadily, while Tom broke into a sprint as he was bent on winning the race and winning a greater portion of his father's wealth. Sam knew that it would be ideal to walk as far as possible till noon and start for home at noon as it would take the same amount of time to walk back home. Knowing this, Sam decided to turn back for home at noon so as reach home on time.

However, Tom, with his greed to earn more wealth, did not attempt to return home even after mid-noon. He walked twice as long as Sam, and thought he would still be able to return home before sunset. He hurried back when he saw the sun turn orange. Unfortunately, he could not even make it half way home as the sun started to set. Slowly darkness overflowed his path and he had to drag his tired feet back home. He had lost the race. Only because of his greed. Greed leads to loss.

1. What did Tom want?

- a) He wanted to be more intelligent.
- b) He wanted to be stronger than his brother
- c) He wanted to have the whole father's fortune.
- d) He wanted to share wealth with his brother equally

2. What was the competition between brothers?

- a) They had to walk far and come back before sunset.
- b) They had to compete in their intelligence.
- c) They had to carry watch with them.
- d) They had to run till sunset

3. How did Sam walk?

- a) He ran very fast.
- b) He walked slowly till midday and then turned back home.
- c) He stayed at home and gave his portion to his brother.
- d) He returned home very late.

4. What word has this meaning: “wanting a lot more food, money, etc. than you need”?

- a) frustrated b) greedy c) healthy d) happy

5. Find the synonym to: “identical”?

- a) different b) opposite c) unlike d) same

6. What word is an opposite of “wealth”?

- a) money b) poverty c) treasure d) fortune

7. Choose the right form: Their father said that the wealth _____ into two parts.

- a) will be divided b) will be divide c) would be divided d) divide

8. Choose the right form: They wanted to share _____ fortune.

- a) father b) father’s c) fathers d) fathers’

9. Fill in the correct form: The man was as _____ (big; bigger; the biggest) as a mountain

10. Match 2 parts of the sentences:

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| 1) They were so identical that | a) while Tom was a great friendship maker. |
| 2) Their father decided to | b) so as reach home on time |
| 3) Sam decided to turn back for home at noon | c) organize a competition between the two. |
| 4) Sam had no friends. | d) even their mother found it difficult to distinguish one from the other. |

11. Choose the right form: Sarah would have made sure John was here __ were coming too.

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| a) when she had known I | b) if he has known you |
| c) if she had known you | d) if she knew |

12. Choose all the true and false sentences.

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| 1) Sam loved sweets | 2) Tom had no friends |
| 3) Sam walked slowly and steadily | 4) Tom won the competition |