

## The text for number 1-5

### The legend of The Holy Stone

A Long time ago, up on the Kamboi Rama mountain, there were two villages, Kamboi Rama and Aroempu. Kamboi Rama was a residence for Kamboi people, and Aroempu was a **sago** plantation owned by God Iriwonawani, who also owned a tifa. Whenever the **tifa** is played, the Kamboi people would gather. Every day, the Kamboi women would go to Aroempu to cut sago for their meals. As time passed by, the sago trees were becoming scarcer. God Iriwonawani got really angry, “Get out of here! Don’t just cut but sow and plant!” Because they were scared, the Kamboi people moved to the coastal area and named themselves Randuayaivi. However, upon the mountain, there still lived a couple of husband and wife, Irimiami and Isoray.

One day, on their way home after a hunt in the jungle, being tired, Irimiami and Isoray decided to rest. Irimiami sat on the ground leaning on a tree. Meanwhile, Isoray was still finding a place to sit. She saw a large stone and thought that it would be comfortable to sit on. As she sat, all of a sudden, Isoray shouted and jumped off the stone. “Ouch! The stone is so hot that I almost got burned!” Isoray cried. “What is it, dear?” Irimiami who almost fell asleep immediately stood up, startled by his wife’s screams. “I don’t know what happened either, but this stone feels really hot.” answered Isoray in panic.

A short time later, in their astonishment, smoke came out of that stone. Curious, Irimiami tried to sit on that stone. “Ouch! It’s really hot!” he shouted. Becoming more curious, the couple decided to test the stone’s heat. “How if we put this venison on that stone?” said Irimiami. “Let’s just try, dear,” answered Isoray. Exquisite smells came from the burning meat. As it was

ready, they ate them up. “What a delicious piece of meat” or “This meat is so delicious,” Irimiami said happily. Unsatisfied with what they had found, they continued testing the stone. “Let’s try to put these bamboo stems,” said Isoray. “Let’s try these grass and leaves,” Irimiami added. “How about that timber!” shouted Isoray. Day by day, they kept on testing the stone.

One bright day, they gathered more grasses and put them on the stone. The grasses burned quickly and spread to the surrounding plants, the fire got bigger. They started to panic. “My husband, we’ve burned this place.” Isoray cried in fear. “It’s a big disaster and we can’t stop. Let’s meet God Iriwonawani for help,” said Irimiami in tremble. They ran to God Iriwonawani. my lord please help us put out the fire bagged them well, i shall help on the condition that you stop that harming act of yours,” said the God. “We promise, my Lord,” they said. With a magical power, the fire could finally be stopped.

Nevertheless, it seemed that they had not learned from their mistakes. They kept on testing the stone, until one day they started a really big fire that did not stop for seven days and nights. They were really terrified and could not do anything but asked God Iriwonawai for help.

Finally, the sounds of the tifa were heard again after a long time. All Randuayaivi people ran to Kamboi mountain, witnessed the burning forest which was again successfully extinguished by God Iriwonawani. On the mountain, Irimiami and Isoray finally told the story of ‘the holy stone.’

The following day, all Randuayaivi people came back to the mountain bringing food items. All those food items were put on the holy stone and the traditional feast took place for three days and nights. All the people chanted

and danced around the holy stone, worshipping it and passing the holy stone story. People of Papua, particularly those of the Yapen islands, sanctify the fire stone hitherto. The stone has become a sacred stone that they worship annually.

1. What is the legend about?
  - A. Problems encountered by irimiami and isoray in kamboi rama mountain.
  - B. Irimiami's and isorays' struggles to introduce and glorify the holy stone.
  - C. The discovery of a stone that marks a traditional feast in papua.
  - D. The story of a husband and wife in overcoming a big forest fire.
  - E. The story of a husband and wife in finding a sacred stone.
2. What kind of persons are irimiami and isoray?
  - A. Probing
  - B. Shameless
  - C. Ambitious
  - D. Self-centered
  - E. Hardworking
3. The tone used during the time God Iriwonawani answered the couple's begging to stop the fire is best described as ...
  - A. Wise
  - B. Lenient
  - C. Angry
  - D. Imperious
  - E. Sympathetic.

4. Why did the Kamboi people move to the coastal area?
- A. They wanted to find a better hunting place.
  - B. They were ordered by irimiami and isoray.
  - C. They were afraid because god iriwonawani was angry.
  - D. They wanted to worship the holy stone.
  - E. They wanted to meet the randuayaivi people.
5. What happened after the Randuayaivi people heard the sound of the tifa again?
- A. They ran away from the mountain because of the big fire.
  - B. They returned to the mountain and witnessed god iriwonawani put out the fire.
  - C. They rebuilt the villages of kamboi rama and aroempu.
  - D. They punished irimiami and isoray for causing the fire.
  - E. They decided to destroy the holy stone.

**The text for number 6-10**

**The Legend of N'daung Snake**

Once upon a time, on the slopes of a mountain in Jambi province, there lived a 1. pour/poor mother and her three daughters. For their living the mother and the youngest daughter had to work hard all day long, while the first and second daughters were lazy and did nothing.

One day, mother got such a severe pain that she could not move from bed. Then, the daughters called a shaman. "Sir, please help us heal our mother," said the daughters. The shaman said, "Based on my insight, your mom must be treated by a special 2. flour/flower that grows at the top of the mountain. Then, it must be boiled in a magical pot kept in a dark deep cave guarded by a large mighty serpent named N'daung." "But, according to the



3. tale/tail, no one could ever go back home save as the snake would swallow them whole,” warned the Shaman. Hearing that, no one dared to go, 4. accept/except for the youngest daughter.

“I will go to the top of the mountain to get them from the snake,” said the youngest daughter bravely. “Oh, we all will pray for you, sister,” uttered the first and the second daughters in relief. “You really have a pure 5. soul/sole. Go and get them, girl. But, you have to be really careful. I will take care of your mother here,” said the shaman. Without waiting any longer, the youngest daughter went to the mountain. After three days of walking, she finally reached the mountain peak. “Ah, that’s the 6. flour/ flower. I have to go really quick,” said the youngest daughter. It was just in front of the cave door. When she grabbed it and was about to put it inside her bag, she heard a very loud snake hiss. Of course, she was scared to death.

“Hiss... You are so brave to come to this place. Did you just 7. steel/steal something from my place? You’ll surely be a perfect breakfast. You have a nice 8. scent/cent, so appetizing!” hissed the snake horribly. “O magic snake, please, pardon me. I certainly don’t dare to bother you, but my mom is seriously ill. I am here to beg for only one flower and borrow your magic pot to treat my mom,” the youngest daughter fell on her knees while crying.

Unexpectedly, the snake started to shed tears, “What a nice girl. You risk yourself coming here to treat your mom.” “That’s right, o snake. I love her so much and I am begging for your help,” she still could not stop her tears. “Alright, I will let you bring the flower and lend you my magic pot with only one condition. You have to promise to return here as your mother gets better

and stay here in this cave with me,” said N’daung snake. Because she loves her mother, the youngest daughter nodded in an agreement, “Thank you, o magic snake. I will certainly return to fulfill my promise.” The youngest daughter then went back home, gave the flower and the magic pot to the shaman, and immediately went back to the mountain. Even though deep in her heart, she did not really want to go back

Just then, the youngest daughter returned to the top of the mountain in the middle of the night. To her surprise, she did not meet N’daung snake but a well-built man. “Don’t be surprised. I am Prince Abdul Rahman Alamsyah. I was cursed by my uncle and became a snake. Every night I will return to my true form as a human and return to be a snake as the sun rises,” said the prince. Meanwhile, when the mother heard the story of the youngest daughter, she wanted to see her. She asked her other children to go to the top of the mountain.

In the middle of the night, the three of them could finally reach the top of the mountain. How surprised they were to see the youngest daughter with a very handsome man. The youngest daughter was so happy to see her family and introduced them to the prince. The youngest daughter told them the story of the prince. Feeling jealous, while all of the people already fell asleep, the first and second daughters took the prince’s snake skin, burned it all, and put the ash next to the youngest daughter. On the following day, when the prince could not find his snake skin but some ash next to the youngest daughter, he thanked her. He was so happy because the curse was gone forever as the snake skin was burned. Finally, the youngest daughter and the prince were married and returned back to the kingdom. They lived happily ever after.

6. Which of the following most accurately describes the legend?
- A. The sincerity of a girl could save her family and a cursed snake.
  - B. N'daung snake was cursed and later saved by the girl.
  - C. The jealousy of the first and second daughters that led them to destruction.
  - D. The selfless kindness of n'daung snake saved the poor mother's life.
  - E. The story of a poor mother's struggle for her three daughters in conquering n'daung snake.
7. The characterization of N'daung snake shows tendency to ...
- A. Be emotional and introverted.
  - B. Hide the secret of the curse possessed.
  - C. Look fierce behind the kindness of his heart.
  - D. Ask for something in return for everything he did.
  - E. Intimidate and rebuke anyone who approached him
8. The legend shows that the youngest daughter struggled with...
- A. Her reluctance to take the medical ingredients from n'daung snake.
  - B. The pressure from her two sisters to sacrifice herself for her Mother's life.
  - C. The desire to save her mother's life from the n'daung snake.
  - D. Her heart's desire not to return to n'daung snake.
  - E. The savagery and danger of n'daung snake.
9. Which sentence describes the moral values that can be learned from the main character?
- A. Never lose hope.
  - B. Dare to keep trying.
  - C. Always trying to be better.

D. Success requires effort and courage.

E. If there is a will there must be a way.

10. Decide whether the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

No.	Sentences	True	False
1	Without hesitation the youngest daughter took a mission to find a cure for her mother's recovery.		
2	N'daung snake felt touched by the youngest daughter's story and was willing to help without any conditions.		
3	The youngest daughter returned back to the peak of the mountain along with the first and second daughters as well as their mother.		
4	The young daughter could finally reveal that the snake was actually a cursed prince.		
5	With the help from the first and second daughters, the curse was finally broken.		

**The text for number 11-15**

### **The Legend of the Crying Stone**

In the past, on a hill far from the country, there lived a poor widow and her only daughter. Her daughter was really beautiful, yet lazy. She did not want to help her mother at all. Moreover, she was also really spoiled, her mother must fulfil whatever she wanted.



One day, the woman and her daughter went to the market. The beautiful daughter wore her best clothes and walked in front of her mother. She did not walk side by side with her mother as she felt ashamed. Everyone looked at her and was amazed by her beauty.

“Hi girl, you look so beautiful. Anyway, who is the old woman behind you? Is she your mother? Why do you let her bring such a heavy shopping basket?” asked the man. “Oh my Gosh, of course she is not. She is just my maid and it is her job to help me shop,” answered the daughter.

Every time she got such questions, she would respond the same. Her mother just remained silent. However, hearing that thing over and over again made the mother’s heart hurt. Suddenly, the mother stopped and sat off the road, crying.

“Mom, why do you stop there? Let’s get going or we won’t be home before midnight,” shouted the daughter.

The mother did not respond to her, she raised her hands and prayed, “My Lord, please, forgive me for my inability to educate this child. I’m willing if you punish this disobedient child, Lord.”

The sky suddenly darkened, a huge lightning bolt struck, and it started to rain. The daughter started to panic as she could not move her leg, slowly her legs turned to stone and continued to spread to other parts of his body. “Mom, I am really sorry. Please, forgive me. Help me mom, help! Help me, please.”

However, it was too late. There’s no point in regretting what she did, her whole body had turned to stone. Surprisingly, from the stone statue’s eyes, tears kept flowing. That is why, people called that statue, the crying stone.

11. What is the main cause of the daughter's misfortune?
- A. She was bewitched by someone in the market.
  - B. She refused to walk home with her mother.
  - C. She lied to people by saying her mother was her maid.
  - D. She got lost on the way home from the market.
  - E. She did not want to buy the things her mother asked for.
12. How did the mother react whenever her daughter insulted her?
- A. She scolded her daughter loudly.
  - B. She told everyone the truth immediately.
  - C. She remained silent although it hurt her deeply.
  - D. She walked away and left her daughter.
  - E. She asked people not to talk to her daughter.
13. What did the mother do that triggered the daughter's punishment?
- A. She pushed her daughter in anger.
  - B. She prayed to god to punish her daughter.
  - C. She asked the villagers to curse her child.
  - D. She poured water on her daughter's body.
  - E. She told the daughter to carry the basket herself.
14. What happened to the daughter when lightning struck and the rain fell?
- A. She fainted and woke up later at home.
  - B. She ran away from her mother.
  - C. Her legs turned into stone and it spread to her whole body.
  - D. She apologized and the curse was lifted instantly.

E. She begged for help and villagers saved her.

15. Why is the statue called “The Crying Stone”?

A. Because the mother cried while carving the stone.

B. Because water drops constantly fall from the sky above it.

C. Because the daughter cried before turning into stone.

D. Because tears kept flowing from the stone statue’s eyes.

E. Because the villagers cried when they saw the statue.