Figures of Speech

Identify the underlined figure of speech and choose the correct option.

Once, a highly mindful (_____) monarch reigned the wide lush green (_____) land of Arcadia where countless beautiful waterfalls form a never-ending river which, while wailing wildly (_____) used to welcome every living being. The monarch had an even wiser chief minister, Ahmed, who was as wise as an owl (_____). Everyone looked up to him as he was right hand (_____) of the monarch. He used to answer people's even weird questions quite wittily. One day, sitting by the ocean, a man asked him, "Why do you often come here?" He replied, "It is my best friend as it keeps my secrets." The man made fun of him and said, "How can an ocean be friendly?" Ahmed smiled and said, "Because it waves." (_____)

Once, the monarch and Ahmed were strolling in the palace gardens. It was a nice summer morning when a cool and calm breeze was blowing and the sun was smiling. (_____) There were plenty of crows caw (_____) around the pond. While watching the crows, a question came into the monarch's mind. He thought thousand times (_____) how many crows were there in his kingdom. Since Ahmed was accompanying him, he asked Ahmed this question. Certainly the question was simply difficult. (_____)

After a moment's thought, Ahmed replied, "There are ninety-five thousand four hundred and sixty-three crows in the Kingdom". Amazed by his rapid response, the monarch tried to test him again, "What if there are more crows than you answered?" Without hesitating, Ahmed replied, "If there are more crows than my answer, then, some crows are visiting from other neighboring kingdoms". "And what if there are less crows?", the monarch asked. "Then, some crows from our kingdom have gone on holidays to other places." After listening to the sharp and shrewd reply, the monarch awarded him gold coins.

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