

Taro's Reward

Read the following questions carefully and choose the correct answer from the given alternatives:

(1)

One evening, when Taro and his parents were sitting in a corner of their hut, a strong wind began to blow. It whistled through the cracks of the hut and everyone felt very cold. Suddenly Taro's father said, "I wish I had a cup of sake; it would warm me and do my old heart good." This made Taro sadder than ever, for the heart-warming drink called sake was very expensive.

Question 1.

What happened one evening?

- (a) There was a heavy rainfall
- (b) An angel came there
- (c) A strong wind blew
- (d) He felt sick

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) A strong wind blew

Question 2.

How was the condition of Taro's house?

- (a) There were cracks in the hut
- (b) The hut fell down
- (c) The hut was covered with water
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) There were cracks in the hut

Question 3.

What did Taro's father wish?

- (a) A cup of sake
- (b) A cup of milk
- (c) A cup of tea
- (d) A glass of hot water

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) A cup of sake

Question 4.

Why could Taro not buy sake for his father?

- (a) He did not want to buy
- (b) It was not good for health
- (c) He did not want to go to the market
- (d) It was expensive

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) It was expensive

Question 5.

Give the meaning of 'expensive'.

- (a) cheap
- (b) costly
- (c) fine
- (d) raw

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) costly

(2)

Taro saw a beautiful waterfall hidden behind a rock. Kneeling at a place where the water flowed quietly he cupped a little in his hands and put it to his lips. Was it water? Or was it sake? He tasted it again and again and always it was the delicious sake instead of cold water.

Question 1.

Name the lesson.

- (a) A Game of Chance
- (b) Taro's Reward
- (c) Fair Play
- (d) Who Did Patrick's Homework

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Taro's Reward

Question 2.

What did Taro see?

- (a) A waterfall
- (b) A river
- (c) A tree
- (d) A rock

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) A waterfall

Question 3.

Where was the waterfall hidden?

- (a) Behind a mountain
- (b) Behind a hill
- (c) Behind a rock
- (d) Behind a tree

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Behind a rock

Question 4.

What did he find in the waterfall?

- (a) Cold water
- (b) Milk
- (c) Hot water
- (d) Sake

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Sake

Question 5.

Give the opposite of 'beautiful'.

- (a) ugly
- (b) intelligent
- (c) handsome
- (d) clever

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) ugly

(3)

Next morning, Taro started for work even earlier than the morning before. He carried with him the largest pitcher he owned, for he intended first of all to go to the waterfall. When he reached it, he found to his great surprise all his neighbours there. They were carrying pitchers, jars, buckets anything they could find to hold the magic sake. Then one villager knelt and held his mouth under the waterfall to drink. He drank again and again, and then shouted angrily, "Water! Nothing but water!" Others also tried, but there was no sake, only cold water.

Question 1.

What did Taro carry with him that day?

- (a) A glass

- (b) A pitcher
- (c) The largest pitcher
- (d) A bowl

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) The largest pitcher

Question 2.

What did he see near the waterfall?

- (a) His neighbours
- (b) An angel
- (c) The old lady
- (d) His parents

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) His neighbours

Question 3.

What were they carrying?

- (a) Pitchers
- (b) Jars
- (c) Buckets
- (d) All of them

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) All of them

Question 4.

Why were they carrying all these things?

- (a) For cold water
- (b) For sake
- (c) For hot water
- (d) For milk

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) For sake

Question 5.

..... was coming out of the waterfall.

- (a) Sake
- (b) Honey
- (c) Milk
- (d) Water

▼ Answer

Answer: (d) Water

(4)

The story of Taro and his magic waterfall reached the Emperor of Japan. He sent for the young woodcutter, and rewarded him with twenty pieces of gold for having been so good and kind. Then he named the most beautiful fountain in the city after Taro. This, said the Emperor, was to encourage all children to honour and obey their parents.

Question 1.

Who heard the story of Taro and magic waterfall?

- (a) The king's men
- (b) The Minister
- (c) The Emperor
- (d) The Sepoy

▼ Answer

Answer: (c) The Emperor

Question 2.

What did he do?

- (a) He punished him
- (b) He have him a reward
- (c) He gave a job to him
- (d) He appointed him his minister

▼ Answer

Answer: (b) He have him a reward

Question 3.

Who is the 'woodcutter' here?

- (a) Taro
- (b) The old man
- Taro's father
- (d) Taro's friend

▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Taro

Question 4.

What did the king reward Taro?

- (a) Ten pieces of gold
- (b) Ten pieces of silver

- (c) Twenty pieces of silver
- (d) Twenty pieces of gold

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Twenty pieces of gold

Question 5.

After whose name was the waterfall named?

- (a) Taro's name
- (b) Taro's mother's name
- (c) Taro's father's name
- (d) The king's name

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Taro's name

(5)

Muttering their anger and disappointment, the villagers left the place one by one. Taro came out from his hiding place. Was it true, he wondered? Was the sake a dream? Once more he caught a little liquid in his hand and put it to his lips. It was the same fine sake. To the thoughtful son, the magic waterfall gave the delicious • sake. To everyone else, it gave only cold water.

Question 1.

Why were the villagers angry?

- (a) They could not find Taro
- (b) They could not find sake
- (c) They could not find the angel
- (d) They could not find waterfall

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) They could not find sake

Question 2.

What did Taro do?

- (a) Came out from his place
- (b) Tried to soothe the villagers
- (c) Went away
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Came out from his place

Question 3.

What did he taste from waterfall?

- (a) Cold water
- (b) Milk
- (c) Hot water
- (d) Sake

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Sake

Question 4.

What did the waterfall give to all others?

- (a) Water
- (b) Milk
- (c) Sake
- (d) Honey

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Water

Question 5.

Give the meaning of 'muttering',

- (a) feeling sorrow
- (b) clapping
- (c) whispering
- (d) talking loudly

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) whispering

(6)

That afternoon, a neighbour stopped by for a visit. Taro's father politely offered her a cup of the sake. The lady drank it greedily, and thanked the old man. Then Taro told her the story of the magic waterfall. Thanking them for the delicious drink, she left in a hurry. By nightfall she had spread the story throughout the whole village.

Question 1.

Who came to visit Taro's family?

- (a) A lady
- (b) A friend of Taro
- (c) A gentleman
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) A lady

Question 2.

What did Taro's father give to the lady?

- (a) A cup of tea
- (b) A cup of coffee
- (c) A cup of sake
- (d) A cup of water

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) A cup of sake

Question 3.

Who told the lady the story of magic waterfall?

- (a) Taro's father
- (b) Taro
- (c) Taro's mother
- (d) Taro's friend

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Taro

Question 4.

What did the lady do?

- (a) Went to the waterfall
- (b) Spread the news
- (c) Said nothing
- (d) Told the news to her husband

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Spread the news

Question 5.

Which word in the passage means 'desiring more'?

- (a) greedily
- (b) thanking
- (c) politely
- (d) delicious

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) greedily

Next morning, Taro jumped out of bed earlier than usual and made his way to the forest. He chopped and cut, chopped and cut as the sun climbed, and soon he was so warm that he had to take off his jacket. His mouth was dry, and his face was wet with sweat. "My poor old father!" he thought. 'If only he was as warm as I!' And with that he began to chop even faster, thinking of the extra money he must earn to buy the sake to warm the old man's bones.

Question 1.

What did Taro do next morning?

- (a) He went for a walk
- (b) He did not go to work
- (c) He got up early
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) He got up early

Question 2.

What did he do then?

- (a) He went for a walk
- (b) He chopped more and more wood
- (c) He did not do anything
- (d) He bought sake for his father

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) He chopped more and more wood

Question 3.

Why did he do so?

- (a) To earn more money
- (b) To help the needy people
- (c) To have more wood
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) To earn more money

Question 4.

How did he feel?

- (a) Cold
- (b) Very hot
- (c) Warm
- (d) Sick

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Warm

Question 5.

Who was the 'old man'?

- (a) Taro's father
- (b) Man in jungle
- (c) Taro's uncle
- (d) Another woodcutter

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Taro's father

(8)

A young woodcutter named Taro lived with his mother and father on a lonely hillside. All day long he chopped wood in the forest. Though he worked very hard, he earned very little money. This made him sad for he was a thoughtful son and wanted to give his parents everything they needed.

Question 1.

What was Taro?

- (a) A farmer
- (b) A woodcutter
- (c) A shoemaker
- (d) A guard

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) A woodcutter

Question 2.

With whom did he live on a hillside?

- (a) His parents
- (b) His mother
- (c) His father
- (d) His wife

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) His parents

Question 3.

Why was he sad?

- (a) He was unhealthy
- (b) He had no friends
- (c) He earned very little money
- (d) He could not work more

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) He earned very little money

Question 4.

He was a son.

- (a) thoughtful
- (b) careless
- (c) clever
- (d) thoughtless

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) thoughtful

Question 5.

Give the meaning of 'chopped'.

- (a) friend
- (b) cut into pieces
- (c) peeled
- (d) wrapped

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) cut into pieces
