

# Self Assessment

## Extract Based Question

Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow.

- 1 Mahendra was jerked out of the pleasant reverie he had drifted into after the satisfying meal. 'I knew on the first day itself when I saw a human skull lying on the path. Even now I come across a number of skulls and bones,' Iswaran murmured.
- (i) The word 'reverie' means  
(a) sleep (b) daydream (c) vision (d) attention
- (ii) Choose the options that lists the set of statements that are not true according to the given extract.  
1. Mahendra already knew about the place being a burial ground.  
2. Mahendra did not believe in Iswaran.  
3. Iswaran was pranking Mahendra.  
4. Mahendra does not like what Iswaran had told him.  
(a) 1 and 3 (b) 1 and 2 (c) 3 and 4 (d) 2 and 4
- (iii) How did Iswaran get to know that the place was a burial ground?  
(a) He was told by the nearby villagers (b) Due to the presence of skulls and bones  
(c) He had seen a ghost (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (iv) The phrase 'jerked out' means .....
- (v) Why did Mahendra jerked out of his pleasant reverie?

## Short Answer (SA) Type Questions

- 2 Describe Iswaran's daily routine.
- 3 How does Iswaran's description of the uprooted tree on the highway affect his listeners?
- 4 How did Iswaran control the wild elephant?
- 5 Do you think the ghost seen by Mahendra was only a trick played by his cook Iswaran? Elaborate.
- 6 Why did Mahendra expect that Iswaran will sulk?
- 7 How did Iswaran's reading of Tamil thrillers affect his behaviour?
- 8 Was Iswaran's story of how he tackled the wild elephant real? Why or why not?
- 9 How did Iswaran's story of the female ghost affect Mahendra's behaviour?
- 10 Describe Mahendra's character in your own words.
- 11 Why did Mahendra resign his post?

## Long Answer (LA) Type Questions

- 12 Describe Iswaran's style of telling stories which entertained his listeners.
- 13 Do you agree that Iswaran was a great cook as well as a good entertainer? Justify with examples.
- 14 How can you explain the female ghost that Mahendra thought he saw? Suggest two alternatives.
- 15 Could the story have ended differently after Mahendra thought that he 'saw' a female ghost? Give details of how you would have ended the story.