



COMPREHENSION

**QUESTION No.1**

What needs to be set right is our approach to work? It is a common sight in our country of employees reporting for duty on time and at the same time doing little work. If an assessment is made of time they spent in gossiping, drinking tea, eating "pan" and smoking cigarettes, it will be shocking to know that the time devoted to actual work is negligible. The problem is the standard which the leadership in administration sets for the staff. Forget the ministers because they mix politics and administration. What do top bureaucrats do? What do the below down officials do? The administration set up remains weak mainly because the employees do not have the right example to follow and they are more concerned about being in the good books of the bosses than doing work.

**1. The employees in our country**

- A. are quite punctual but not duty conscious**
- B. are not punctual, but somehow manage to complete their work
- C. are somewhat lazy but good natured
- D. are not very highly qualified

**2. According to the writer, the administration in India**

- A. is by and large effective
- B. is very strict and firm**
- C. is affected by red tape
- D. is more or less ineffective

**3. The word 'assessment' means**

- A. enquiry
- B. report
- C. evaluation**
- D. summary



**4. The leadership in administration**

- A. sets a fine example to the employees
- B. is of a reasonably high standard
- C. is composed of idealists
- D. is of a very poor standard**

**5. The central idea of passage could be best expressed by the following**

- A. The employee outlook towards work is justified
- B. The employee must change their outlook towards work**
- C. The employees would never change their work culture
- D. The employer-employee relationship is far from healthy

**QUESTION No.2**

Until the end of his first year at school, Cyril retained many of the pleasures and pursuits he had brought with him from home, and he kept an old interest in butterflies and fossils. His grandmother had presented him with a fine bird's eggs cabinet, but he could never bring himself to risk in climbing trees. Once or twice he dissected dead birds from sheer determination to overcome his horror of the operation. Probably it was his envy of those physically unlike himself that brought on a phase during which he drew massive athletes with thick necks and square shoulders. Again he was pitying himself for what he could never be.

**1. The reason Why Cyril made drawings of athletes was that**

- A. though he admired them, he lacked a fine physique himself**
- B. he loved violent exercises
- C. athletics was a passion with him
- D. he had to complete an assignment.

**2. Cyril dissected dead birds to**

- A. see if he would like to become a doctor
- B. please his grandmother
- C. satisfy his curiosity
- D. overcome the fear of act.**



3. **Until the end of first year, Cyril retained his interest in**
- A. bird's eggs
  - B. butterflies and fossils**
  - C. dissecting bird's
  - D. drawing pictures of athletes
4. **Cyril did not want to climb trees because he**
- A. loved to play on the ground
  - B. was scared of falling down**
  - C. disliked trees
  - D. thought it was childish
5. **Cyril's early schooling was in some ways like home life because**
- A. he had all his old friends with him
  - B. the food and the climate were same as at home
  - C. he kept on doing what gave joy and recreation at home**
  - D. his family visited him often

**QUESTION No.3**

Detective stories tend to glorify crime. Murderers, gangsters and crooks all kinds are described as tough, cunning and courageous individuals who know how to take care of them and how to get what they want. In James McCain's *The Postman Always Rings twice*, for instance the villain is much more an impressive character than his victim. He is casual brave smart and successful with women. It is true that he finally gets caught. But he is punished for a crime that he did not commit, so that his conviction is hardly a triumph of justice. Besides, looking back over the exciting life of the criminal, the reader might conclude that it was worth the risk.

1. The passage mentions James McCain
- A. as an author of detective stories**
  - B. as brave, smart, and successful with women
  - C. as tough cunning and courageous
  - D. as being more impressive than others



2. Murderers, gangsters and crooks referred to in the passage given above
- A. always manage to get away
  - B. are often glorified in detective stories**
  - C. are wiser than their victims
  - D. know how to escape from law
3. According to this passage, a criminal in a detective story generally gets caught
- A. for the crimes he has committed
  - B. because of his careless mistakes
  - C. because the police is smarter than the criminals
  - D. for the crimes he has not committed**
4. According to the passage, the life of a criminal
- A. is exciting
  - B. is hardly worth the risk
  - C. is seldom presented in the right perspective**
  - D. ends in a triumph of justice
5. According to the passage given above, detective stories
- A. make interesting reading
  - B. are hardly worth reading
  - C. encourage readers to content crimes
  - D. tend to create wrong notion about crimes and punishment**
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