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Sample English Questions for SLAT 2023

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SAMPLE PAPER

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Passage 1

'Goldstein!' bellowed the boy as the door closed on him. But what most struck Winston was the look of helpless fright on the woman's greyish face. Back in the flat he stepped quickly past the telescreen and sat down at the table again, still rubbing his neck. The music from the telescreen had stopped. Instead, a clipped military voice was reading out, with a sort of brutal relish, a description of the armaments of the new Floating Fortress which had just been anchored between Iceland and the Faroe lslands.

With those children, he thought, that wretched woman must lead a life of terror. Another year, two years, and they would be watching her night and day for symptoms of unorthodoxy. Nearly all children nowadays were horrible. What was worst of all was that by means of such organizations as the Spies they were systematically turned into ungovernable little savages, and yet this produced in them no tendency whatever to rebel against the discipline of the Party.

On the contrary, they adored the Party and everything connected with it. The songs, the processions, the banners, the hiking, the drilling with dummy rifles, the yelling of slogans, the worship of Big Brother—it was all a sort of glorious game to them. All their ferocity was turned outwards, against the enemies of the State, against foreigners, traitors, saboteurs, thought-criminals.

It was almost normal for people over thirty to be frightened of their own children. And with good reason, for hardly a week passed in which 'The Times' did not carry a paragraph describing how some eavesdropping little sneak—'child hero' was the phrase generally use —had overheard some compromising remark and denounced its parents to the Thought Police.

The sting of the catapult bullet had worn off. He picked up his pen half-heartedly, wondering whether he could find something more to write in the diary. Suddenly he began thinking of O'Brien again.

Years ago—how long was it? Seven years it must be—he had dreamed that he was walking through a pitch-dark room. And someone sitting to one side of him had said as he passed: 'We shall meet in the place where there is no darkness.' It was said very quietly, almost casually—a statement, not a command. He had walked ____1____ without pausing.

What was curious was that at the time, in the dream, the words had not made much impression on him. It was only later and by degrees that they had seemed to take on significance. He could not now remember whether it was before or after having the dream that he had seen O'Brien for the first time, nor could he remember when he had first identified the voice as O'Brien's. But at any rate the identification existed. It was O'Brien who had spoken to him out of the dark.

[Excerpt taken from "1984" by George Orwell]

1. What does the author mean when he said "words had not made much impression on him"? a. The words had failed to make an impact b. The words had made him ponder c. The words had left an indelible mark on his mind d. The words did not ring true
2. Which word is the closest in meaning to the term "saboteurs"? a. someone who deliberately engages in the destruction of something b. someone who deliberately neglects something c. someone who puts in effort to resuscitate something d. someone who intentionally makes mistakes
3. Which word is farthest in meaning to the word "bellowed"? a. screamed in pain b. yelled c. spoke to someone d. mumbled
4. Which word can be written instead of ___1___? a. of b. at c. on d. by
5. Why did the people above thirty fear their own children? a. They acted as spies against their own parents b. The kids were ardent followers of the party c. The kids had turned into ungovernable little savages d. There was no way to discipline them

Answers

1. a
2. a

3. d
4. d
5. a

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