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Sample Vocabulary Questions for CLAT 2024

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Read the passage and answer the following questions.

When we were children, Hassan and I used to climb the poplar trees in the driveway of my father's house and annoy our neighbors by reflecting sunlight into their homes with a shard of mirrors. We would sit across from each other on a pair of high branches, our naked feet dangling, our trouser pockets filled with dried mulberries and walnuts. We took turns with the mirror as we ate mulberries, pelted each other with them, giggling, laughing. I can still see Hassan up on that tree, sunlight flickering through the leaves on his almost perfectly round face, a face like a Chinese doll chiseled from hardwood: his flat, broad nose and slanting, narrow eyes like bamboo leaves, eyes that looked, depending on the light, gold, green, even sapphire. I can still see his tiny low-set ears and that pointed stub of a chin, a meaty appendage that looked like it was added as a mere afterthought. And the cleft lip, just left of midline, where the Chinese doll maker's instrument may have slipped, or perhaps he had simply grown tired and careless.

Sometimes, up in those trees, I talked Hassan into firing walnuts with his slingshot at the neighbor's one-eyed German shepherd. Hassan never wanted to, but if I asked, *really* asked, he wouldn't deny me. Hassan never denied me anything. And he was deadly with his slingshot. Hassan's father, Ali, used to catch us and get mad, or as mad as someone as gentle as Ali could ever get. He would wag his finger and wave us down from the tree. He would take the mirror and tell us what his mother had told him, that the devil shone mirrors too, shone them to distract Muslims during prayer. "And he laughs while he does it," he always added, scowling at his son.

"Yes, Father," Hassan would mumble, looking down at his feet. But he never told on me. Never told that the mirror, like shooting walnuts at the neighbor's dog, was always my idea.

The poplar trees lined the redbrick driveway, which led to a pair of wrought-iron gates. They in turn opened into an extension of the driveway into my father's estate. The house sat __[1]__the left side of the brick path, the backyard at the end of it.

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1. Which word is the closest in meaning to the term ‘mumble’?

a. murmur

b. talk

c. convey

d. acknowledge

2. What would you say is the tone of the passage?

a. Nostalgic

b. Dejected

c. Energetic

d. Hopeful

3. What can be written in place of [1]?

a. by

b. on

c. at

d. in

4. Which word is the closest in meaning to the term ‘appendage’ in the context of the passage?

a. organ

b. attachment

c. limb

d. addition

5. “Hassan never wanted to, but if I asked, *really* asked, he wouldn’t deny me.” What word can you use instead of the underlined words?

a. forced

b. begged

c. coaxed

d. persuaded

Answers

1. a
2. a
3. b
4. b
5. c

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