

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words in the passage are in bold print to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Many men and women are so money minded that they do not undertake any serious work that does not pay. They believe that it is foolish to exert themselves for study and brain work which cannot be converted into cash. 'Hard work only for money, and then plenty of play and pleasure': this seems to be their rule of life. They value intellect only as the key to material prosperity and regard personal mental development as a foolish fad. This miserable materialistic psychology is very deep rooted in all classes of society. Rich and poor, all suffer from it. An old working woman complained to me of her son's habit of occasionally buying some books, and said, "He wastes his money on books. What good are they to him? He is a carpenter, not a schoolmaster".

1- Why do many people not like to read books?

- A. Because they do not like reading
- B. Because they do not have time for it
- C. Because they cannot understand books
- D. Because they do not get books
- E. Because they think that books do not help them in getting money

Answer & Explanation

Answer - E (Because they think that books do not help them in getting money)

2- According to the passage, money minded people value

- A. intellect
- B. study
- C. hard work
- D. mental pleasure
- E. material benefits

Answer & Explanation

Answer - E (material benefits)

3- Which of the following is true in the context of the passage?

- A. Everyone exhibits materialism
- B. People from all walks of life may exhibit materialism
- C. Only the rich and the poor are not materialistic
- D. Children do not show materialism
- E. No one is materialistic

Answer & Explanation

Answer - B (People from all walks of life may exhibit materialism)

4- Why does the old woman not like her son reading books?

- A. Because he should help her more
- B. Because he should be more careful about his health
- C. Because reading cannot make him a better man
- D. Because reading does not help him in his profession
- E. Because he is too young for such reading

Answer & Explanation

Answer - D (Because reading does not help him in his profession)

5- The old woman

- A. is materialistic
- B. is not at all concerned about her son
- C. felt that her son should spend all his time reading
- D. felt that her son should take rest rather than read books
- E. wanted her son to spend his time with her

Answer & Explanation

Answer - A (is materialistic)

6- Pick out the word that is most nearly the **SAME** in meaning as the word given in **CAPITALS** as used in the passage.

UNDERTAKE

- A. Assure
- B. Like
- C. Engage in
- D. Accept
- E. Honour

Answer & Explanation

Answer - C (Engage in)

7- Pick out the word that is most nearly the **SAME** in meaning as the word given in **CAPITALS** as used in the passage.

KEY

- A.Access
- B.Solution
- C.Code
- D.Musical note
- E.Answer

Answer & Explanation

Answer - A (Access)

8- Pick out the word that is most nearly the **SAME** in meaning as the word given in **CAPITALS** as used in the passage.

CONVERTED

- A.Turned
- B.Exchanged
- C.Made
- D.Sold
- E.Thought

Answer & Explanation

Answer - B (Exchanged)

9- Pick out the word that is most nearly **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the word given in **CAPITALS** as used in the passage.

OCCASIONALLY

- A.Sometimes
- B.Rarely
- C.Frequently
- D.Closely
- E.Few

Answer & Explanation

Answer - C (Frequently)

10- Pick out the word that is most nearly **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the word given in **CAPITALS** as used in the passage.

DEEP-ROOTED

- [A.Uprooted](#)
- [BPermanent](#)
- [CSuperficial](#)
- [D.Temporary](#)
- [E.Absent](#)

Answer & Explanation

Answer - C (Superficial)