

## **THE BEAUTIFUL WHITE HORSE**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

My uncle Khosrove became very irritated and shouted, It's no harm. What is the loss of a horse? Haven't we all lost the homeland? What is this crying over a horse? That may be all right for you, a city dweller, to say, John Byro said, but what of my surrey? What good is a surrey without a horse? Pay no attention to it, my uncle Khosrove roared. I walked ten miles to get here, John Byro said. You have legs, my uncle Khosrove shouted.

- i. On what account did the above conversation take place?
  - a. When John Byro meets two boys with his horse
  - b. When John Byro complains that the boys had stolen his horse.
  - c. John Byro visits the family and complains about his stolen horse.
  - d. Both, 'A' and 'C'
- ii. Why was the horse very important for John Byro?
  - a. He would get money after selling the horse.
  - b. He had a surrey that was useless without the horse.
  - c. The two foals of stolen horse would die.
  - d. None of these
- iii. Why was John Byro visiting the village of Uncle Khosrove?
  - a. An Armenian
  - b. An Assyrian
  - c. A Tajik
  - d. An Uzbek
- iv. Who is John Byro?

- a. Father of Aram
- b. father of Murad
- c. Father of Arak
- d. Father of both Aram and Murad

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

I jumped out of bed and looked out of the window. I couldn't believe what I saw. It wasn't morning yet, but it was summer and with daybreak not many minutes around the corner of the world it was light enough for me to know I wasn't dreaming. My cousin Mourad was sitting on a beautiful white horse. I stuck my head out of the window and rubbed my eyes. Yes, he said in Armenian. It's a horse. You're not dreaming. Make it quick if you want to ride.

- i. Who is the speaker of these lines?
  - a. Murad
  - b. Arak
  - c. Aram
  - d. Uncle Khosrove
- ii. Why was the speaker both excited and frightened at the same time?
  - a. to see Murad riding a costly horse.
  - b. with the prospect that he would also enjoy the joy ride.
  - c. to think that Murad must have stolen the horse.
  - d. All of these.
- iii. Why could the speaker believe that Murad had stolen the horse?
  - a. Because he came from a poor family

- b. he was always cautious of the reputation of his family
- c. both 'a' and 'b'
- d. None of these

iv. Who did the horse belong to?

- a. Khosrove
- b. Arak
- c. Gustaff
- d. John Byro

3. Answer any followings questions in 30 to 40 words :

- i. What conflicting thought passed through the narrator's mind when he saw the white horse?
- ii. Give an example to illustrate how uncle Khosrove's impatience sometime worked against his own disadvantage?
- iii. How did Murad help the wounded Robin to fly? What does this incident indicate about him?
- iv. What did John Byro observe after studying the horse the two boys were riding?
- v. What request did the narrator make to Murad about the horse? What was his reaction?

4. Answer the following questions in 120 to 150 words:

- i. What impression do you form of cousin Murad?
- ii. "There is 'a crazy streak' running in most of the members of the family."

5. Tick the right option in the given options. (Attempt any five)

- i. What according to John Byro was the cost of the horse?

- a. 50 dollar
- b. 60 dollar
- c. 70 dollar
- d. 80 dollar

ii. What request did Aram make to Mourad?

- a. To keep the horse for a year.
- b. To keep the horse forever.
- c. To keep the horse for two weeks.
- d. To keep the horse for another day.

iii. What did John Byro think about the horse when it was returned to him?

- a. The horse had not been taken care of well and had turned weak
- b. The horse had been taken care of quite well and had become stronger
- c. The horse had been made to work hard and had turned very weak.
- d. None of these

iv. For how many centuries, the Garoghlanian tribe had been famous for their honesty?

- a. 12 centuries
- b. 5 centuries 12 centuries
- c. 11 centuries
- d. 15 centuries

v. Mourad did not take his action as stealing of horse until.....

- a. He returns it to the rightful owner
- b. He sells the horse to someone
- c. He keeps the horse for more than a year
- d. None of these

vi. Who said the following words?

“Quiet. Man. Quite. Your horse has been returned”

- a. John Byro
- b. Mourad
- c. Aram
- d. Uncle Khosrove