

## READING COMPREHENSIONS\_5

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.**

Rahul a young householder, used to study the scriptures everyday under aguru. One day the guru was explaining the following passage from the Upanishads

“No husband is loved by his wife for his own sake but it is all for the sake of the self \_\_\_\_  
No sons are loved by their fathers for their sake but it is all for the sake of the self that the sons become dear to him.”

At that stage, Rahul intervened and said, “Sir, in my case, both my parents and my wife love me so dearly for my own sake that if I am delayed by a few minutes in reaching home they get highly agitated and if something happens to me they will die.” Guruji said, “You shall learn the truth of it tomorrow, when you see the result of a test I am going to hold. Before going to bed tonight, you must swallow this herbal powder. As a result, you will lie as if dead tomorrow morning, but you will be able to hear all that is spoken in your presence. After a few hours, when the effect of this medicine wears off, you will become normal and get up. You will see the fun.”

Rahul did as instructed and in the morning his wife and parents found him ‘dead’-lying motionless without any pulse or heartbeat. The guruji asked for a jar full of water and said, “I shall draw out all the bad destiny responsible for your son’s death into this water. One of you will have to drink this water. The one who drinks will die immediately, while Rahul will be restored to life. Tell me who among you is prepared to die for him?”

Both the parents refused saying, “we are old and, helping each other mutually. If one dies, the other will not have anybody to help. So our drinking the water is out of question.” Rahul’s young wife also said, “I am very young and have not seen anything of this world yet. When such old people, who have seen life in its fulness, do not want to die how can you expect me to volunteer for death?”

A brighter idea flashed into the mind of the father who told the guruji, “Sir, you are a renunciate and have no relatives to mourn your death. Why don’t you drink the water yourself? We will conduct your funeral in a grand manner.”

39. The contents of the passage prove that

a) What the Upanishad states appears to be true

- b) Rahul's initial understanding about his family members was true
- c) The guru did not have any miraculous power
- d) The guru did not have thorough knowledge of scriptures
- e) None of these

40. After experimenting as per the guru's plan, Rahul realised that

- a) His parents would do anything for his sake
- b) His wife would readily sacrifice for his welfare
- c) The guru's prediction had proved to be wrong
- d) One loves oneself more than one loves anyone else
- e) None of these

41. What according to the passage, was the essence of the Upanishad passage?

- a) Sons are loved by their fathers for the sake of themselves
- b) Relatives are dear to us because we love them
- c) Most human beings are not selfish
- d) Every person's actions are to gratify himself or herself
- e) None of these

42. The guru wanted a jar of water to

- a) Drink from as he was very thirsty
- b) Extract the bad elements responsible for Rahul's death
- c) Give it to Rahul's parents to drink from
- d) Sprinkle it on Rahul's dead body to bring him to life
- e) None of these

43. Which of the following was proposed by Rahul's father to the guru?

- a) He may be given the enchanted water to drink
- b) Rahul's wife was the most appropriate person to drink the magical water
- c) Rahul be brought back to life without the death of anybody else

- d) The guru himself should participate in Rahul's grand funeral
- e) None of these

**Directions: (Q. 44-46)** Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning of the word given in bold as used in the passage.

**44. Refused**

- a) Denied
- b) Accepted
- c) Declined
- d) Defused
- e) Accomplished

**45. Bright**

- a) Vivid
- b) Dark
- c) Dazzling
- d) Shadow
- e) Stupid

**46. Agitated**

- a) Roused
- b) Troubled
- c) Excited
- d) Claim
- e) Angered

**Directions (Q. 47-48)** Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning of the word given in bold as used in the passage.

**47. Apprised**

- a) Respected

- b) Valued
- c) Assessed
- d) Shown
- e) Informed

**48. Entreated**

- a) Respected
- b) Implored
- c) Desired
- d) Commanded
- e) Managed

39. Option A

40. Option D

41. Option D

42. Option B

43. Option E

44. Option B

45. Option E

46. Option D

47. Option E

48. Option B