

READING COMPREHENSIONS_15

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

“My God, it speaks” uttered the Emperor of Brazil and the receiver of the Telephone slipped from his hand and banged around. At the other end Alexander Graham Bell was still on line.

This incident goes back to 1876 when at an exhibition in Philadelphia, Alexander Graham Bell was giving a demonstration of his new invention. This strange instrument known as Telephone was to **revolutionize** life in the years to come.

Bell was born at Edinburgh, Scotland. He was a teacher and, was **dedicated** to the noble cause of teaching the deaf and the dumb. Due to a severe illness, Bell was sent to Canada in 1870, where too he got engaged in helping the dumb deaf to hear and speak. Thereafter, he shifted to the USA but **continued** with his work by opening a school for deaf to hear and dumb.

Bell was fond of scientific inventions and was ever engaged in making some machines in his spare time. While at Boston, he tried to communicate through metal wire. His companion in this work was Watson. One day while experimenting with this instrument, Bell spoke to Watson standing at a distance. Watson was taken by a **pleasant** surprise as he had heard Bell clearly through his instrument. The instrument was a success and Bell patented it.

Graham Bell had some sterling qualities of head and heart. Apart from being an artist, he was a kind human being, ready to help the needy. He established an institution for the deaf and dumb children. He died in 1922 in Canada. The entire northern America paid him a tribute by hanging up their telephones for a while during his funeral.

1. The teaching activity undertaken by Bell was considered ‘noble’ particularly because
 - a) He was teaching the physically under privileged persons
 - b) There was nobody else in the field of education
 - c) He was not accepting any salary of that job

d) He was a very famous scientist of his times

2. The words uttered by the Emperor of Brazil suggest that it was extremely

a) Angry

b) Insulted

c) Surprised

d) Agitated

3. What according to the passage was the contribution of invention of telephone?

a) Interaction between two persons at some distance was possible

b) Rich people were able to communicate with others

c) Graham Bell could converse with Watson regarding invention through telephone

d) It revolutionized human life

4. Which of the following made Bell to invent telephone?

a) His activity of teaching

b) His service to the deaf and dumb

c) He kept interest in scientific inventions

d) Encouragement received from Watson

5. Graham Bell made the telephone call of his invention to the Emperor from the city of

a) Edinburgh

b) Philadelphia

c) Brazil

d) Boston

6. Bell had gone to Canada in 1870 for

a) Treating a patient who was seriously ill

b) Helping the deaf and dumb children to hear and speak

c) Undergoing medical treatment for himself

d) Devoting his full time to his invention

7. Choose the word or group of words which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word printed in bold?

Revolutionize

a) Affect adversely

b) Develop gradually

c) Illuminate completely

d) Change drastically

8. Choose the word or group of words which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word printed in bold?

Dedicated

a) Appointed

b) Deployed

c) Devoted

d) Religious

9. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning of the word printed in bold.

Continued

a) Irregular

b) Destroyed

c) Reckoned

d) Suspended

10. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning of the word printed in bold.

Pleasant

a) Admirable

b) Disgusting

c) Nice

d) Indecent

1. Option A
2. Option C
3. Option D
4. Option C
5. Option B
6. Option C
7. Option B
8. Option C
9. Option D
10. Option B