

## READING COMPREHENSIONS\_19

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

A goat was struggling violently and injured many people, as it was being led away by a dozen men through the street. It was being taken away for a sacrificial offering. But it became calm the moment it saw a saint. The saint bent down and said something in its ear and **patted** it on its back. He then **withdrew** covering his face and muttering "How sad! My poor friend!".

The animal now **tame** allowed itself to be led away. The onlookers **flocked** around the saint and asked him what he had whispered to the goat?

The Saint explained that the goat was a reincarnation of his good friend, a wealthy man who **instituted** the sacrifice as a ritual in the village and that he had told the goat that the game was started by it in its previous birth so why was it complaining now when it was its time to be in the same boat. He continued "As one sows, so shall he reap."

The story spread and eventually brought an **end** to the ritual of animal slaughter in the name of sacrificial offering in the village.

**1. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?**

- a) Reincarnation is a phenomenon which occurs
- b) One receives as one propagates
- c) Animal slaughter is now banned by law
- d) Saints do have magical powers

**2. Which of the following is true in the context of the passage?**

- a) The goat was not sacrificed
- b) The ritual of sacrifice gradually stopped in the village
- c) The Saint did not believe in reincarnation
- d) The onlookers were ashamed of themselves and avoided the Saint

**3. Why did the goat recognize the Saint?**

- a) It was the Saint who had asked people to sacrifice it
- b) The Saint was wearing a robe unlike the other onlookers
- c) The Saint had a peculiar look
- d) The Saint had been a good friend of the goat in its previous birth

**4. Why did the Saint mutter “How sad! My poor friend”?**

- a) He was against the lifestyle of his friend
- b) The goat had been injured while it was being led away
- c) The goat was dying from its wounds
- d) He was sad because his friend was going to be killed

**5. Why did the animal become docile after the Saint talked to it?**

- a) It was keen to be sacrificed
- b) It had already injured many people and was tired
- c) The priest promised that it wouldn't be sacrificed
- d) It had accepted that it deserved its fate

**6. Choose the word that is most nearly the same in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.**

**Patted**

- a) Stroked
- b) Flattened
- c) Hit
- d) Hurt

**7. Choose the word that is most nearly the same in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.**

**Flocked**

- a) Herd

- b) Together
- c) Gathered
- d) Accompanied

**8. Choose the word which is most opposite in the meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.**

**Tame**

- a) Spirited
- b) Disciplined
- c) Cruel
- d) Insane

**9. Choose the word which is most opposite in the meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.**

**End**

- a) Life
- b) Begin
- c) Middle
- d) Start

**Answer:-**

1. Answer: B
2. Answer: B
3. Answer: D
4. Answer: D
5. Answer: D
6. Answer: A
7. Answer: C
8. Answer: D
9. Answer: D