

Class Test-3 English

Read the passage given below and answer the Qs that follow: (1-9)

One summer day in 1955, on a beach near the village of Opononi, New Zealand, 13-year-old Jill Baker waded into the water to join a friend, one of the strangest playmates the world has ever known. A torpedo-like body streaked towards her and swam between her legs, spilling her into the surf.

She put her arms around the huge creature, got on its back and took a ride. Later Jill tossed a beach ball to her playmate. Rising from the water, huge mouth spread in a grin, the creature batted it back with its nose. As the game progressed, people gathered on the beach staring in amazement. Jill Baker's playmate was a porpoise.

The ancients, who called the porpoise a dolphin, knew him as friendly. "He is the only creature who loves a man for his own sake", wrote Plutarch. "Some land animals avoid man altogether, and the same ones such as dogs and horses are tame because he feeds them. To the dolphin alone, nature has given what the best philosophers seek; friendship for no advantage". Pliny the Elder wrote of a wild porpoise that took a boy for a ride at Hippo, a Roman settlement in Africa: Roman coins of 74 B.C. show such a scene. Everything about the porpoise could be written in superlatives.

Not a fish but an air-breathing mammal, he swims incredibly fast, kills sharks, communicates with his own kind, herds fish. He may have the world's best sonar equipment. One scientist believes that his brain is so similar to a human being's that he might even be taught to talk.

Q 1. "Jill Baker waded into the water to join a friend....." Who was Jill Baker's friend?

Q 2. What has nature given to the porpoise alone?

Q 3. How did the huge creature react when Jill tossed a beach ball to the creature?

Q 4. What did Jill Baker do when a torpedo-like body swam between her legs?

Q 5. What type of scene is shown in Roman coins?

Q 6. Why did people gather on the beach?

Find out the words from the passage which mean: Q 7. Hit. Q 8. Colony

Questions from Vistas (9- 14)

Q 9. Why do you think the Third Level was an escape for Charley?

- (a) Because it existed at the third story (b) Because Sam knew about it
(c) Because he shared it with Sam (d) Because it existed only in his fantasy and not in reality

Q10. What was the Third Level?

- (a) a third tier on the station (b) a third story on the station
(c) an imaginary discovery of the narrator's mind (d) none

Q11. How many dollars did the narrator withdraw from the bank the next day?

- (a) 500 (b) 600 (c) 700 (d) 300

Q12. How many surgeons were summoned to attend the king?

- (a) 3 (b) 7 (c) 9 (d) 13

Q13. Who is The Tiger King in the story?

- A) Sir Jilani Jung Bahadur (B) M.A.D (C) A.C.T.C. (D) C.R.C.K.

Q14. Who brought up the king?

- A) a nanny B) an English tutor C) An English nanny D) None

Questions from Flamingo (15-18)

Q.15 Why did Miss Edla give a little cry of joy on opening the package left for her by the peddler?

Q16. Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain von Stahle ? 2

Q.17 When did the ironmaster realise his mistake ? 2

Q.18 What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into a rattrap? 2

Directions: (19-21) Read the Following extract carefully and explain it in your own words.

*And realised with pain
that she was as old as she
looked but soon
put that thought away,*

OR

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.
For once on the face of the Earth
let's not speak in any language,