

Reading Comprehension Questions

Circle the correct answer

Question 1 – "All for a Paisa"

Before long, the lad reached the age to marry. His mother begged the merchant to seek a proper wife for him. The merchant, however, was much too ashamed of his lazy son. In his own mind, he had fully decided never to have him married. But the mother had her heart on this—the one thing that she had been looking forward to for years.

From the passage, what can you assume about how young people were married in India at that time?

- A.** The mother would make arrangements for her children to marry.
- B.** The father would make arrangements for his children to marry.
- C.** Young people would fall in love and marry whether their parents approved of their choice or not.
- D.** Only children of merchants were allowed to marry.

Question 2 – "All for a Paisa"

When he came to the river, the boy stopped. "What can be bought for one paisa?" he worried, "to eat and to drink and do all of the other things my mother asks for? Surely this is an impossible task!"

- At that moment the daughter of an ironsmith came up. Seeing the lad's unhappy expression, she asked him what was the matter. He told her everything his mother had ordered him to do.**
- "I know how you can solve it," she said.**

From the passage, why did the daughter of the ironsmith tell the lad how to solve the riddle?

- A.** She was a "know-it-all" who loved to be right.
- B.** She did not want to be an ironsmith when she grew up.
- C.** She had always loved watermelons.
- D.** She wanted to help the lad.