

# Reading Comprehension Questions

*Circle the correct answer*

## **Question 1 – "Pumpkin in a Jar"**

**□** The maiden replied, "The reason I broke the jar, which had been kept in my family for many years by my mother, O king! is that I should not like to have it used by anyone else after you, Your Majesty, has touched it."

**□** Upon hearing that, the king made no reply. In his heart, he marveled at the actions of the woman. Surely, she was a good, virtuous maiden after all.

*After the maiden explained why she broke the jar, why did the king believe she was virtuous?*

- A.** He was annoyed that she had wasted a perfectly good jar.
- B.** The word "virtuous" means "unpredictable."
- C.** He was flattered that she didn't want anyone else to drink from the jar.
- D.** He thought she was going to offer him a jar of pure gold.

## **Question 2 – "Pumpkin in a Jar"**

**Later, in their royal chambers, when his new wife revealed her secret, the king laughed long and hard.**

*At the end of the story, what was the king feeling when he laughed long and hard?*

- A.** He admired the clever woman who was now his wife.
- B.** He felt joy at the prospect of divorcing his new wife the next day for having tricked him.
- C.** He was amused since the maiden was surely joking.
- D.** He was happy that he had his jar back and a full-grown pumpkin in it, besides.