

## COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

A young woodcutter named Taro lived with his mother and father on a lonely hillside. All day long he chopped wood in the forest. Though he worked very hard, he earned very little money. This made him sad, for he was a thoughtful son and wanted to give his old parents everything they needed.

One evening, when Taro and his parents were sitting in a corner of their hut, a strong wind began to blow. It whistled through the cracks of the hut and everyone felt very cold. Suddenly Taro's father said, "I wish I had a cup of saké; it would warm me and do my old heart good."

This made Taro sadder than ever, for the heart-warming drink called saké was very expensive. 'How do I earn more money?' he asked himself. 'How do I get a little saké for my poor old father?' He decided to work harder than before.

Next morning, Taro jumped out of bed earlier than usual and made his way to the forest. He chopped and cut, chopped and cut as the sun climbed, and soon he was so warm that he had to take off his jacket. His mouth was dry, and his face was wet with sweat. 'My poor old father!' he thought. 'If only he was as warm as I!'

And with that he began to chop even faster, thinking of the extra money he must earn to buy the saké to warm the old man's bones.

1. Answer the following questions:-

- a. Who was Taro?
- b. Where did Taro live?
- c. What did Taro's father wish?
- d. Why did Taro begin to chop faster?

2. Write the meaning of the following words:-

- a. expensive-
- b. chop-
- c. cracks-
- d. heart-warming-

3. Write the antonym of the given words:-

- a. dry-
- b. earlier-
- c. old-
- d. usual-

4. Find out all the adjectives/adverbs from the passage used in comparative degree.

5. Pick out the appropriate word and use it's antonym along with that word to fill in the blanks:-

[ strong, poor, sad, began, warm]

- a. He felt \_\_\_\_\_ and at the same time \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The gap between \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ has rarely been so great.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ body.
- d. It was Cynthia's voice, \_\_\_\_\_ and yet \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time.
- e. The officer \_\_\_\_\_ to write, but just as he \_\_\_\_\_ the first word, a bomb came through the roof of the house.

6. Complete the following sentences-

- a. Taro worked hard but \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Taro's father would warm himself if \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Next morning Taro woke up early to \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. The cold wind \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: Answers will be provided.