

Read this passages.

We had travelled the park extensively but the elephant herds were nowhere to be seen.

Suddenly, a movement caught my eye. It was a huge, old kudu male-incredibly handsome, with majestic horns. There was something so attractive about him that I longed to get a better glimpse. Unlike most kudu, which run at the sight of a vehicle, this one stood peering around a bush at us for what seemed like ages.

I decided to take the chance and follow him, despite knowing that it could cost me my job. Having now moved up the mountain slope, the kudu stepped out, stared at me and within seconds, he was gone.

I mentally kicked myself for having chosen to follow him, wasting precious daylight time. I

wondered why I had done it.

And then came my answer-there, in the soft golden light, far up the mountainside, stood about a hundred and twenty elephants, spread out and grazing. I raced towards the herd to finally get a glimpse of the elephants we had tried to spot for days. It was not luck that had brought me here-had the old kudu not lured me off the main road, I would never have found the elephants.

I had known that there was something different about the old kudu the minute I saw him. That night, when I reflected on the day's activities, I wondered if the mystical nature of the elephants that I love so much extends to all creatures.

kudu a large greyish or brownish African antelope

1. Mark these sentences as true (T) or not true (NT).

- a. Most kudu are shy and timid.
- b. The warden was given complete freedom to do as he wished in the game park.
- c. Following the old kudu led him to the elephants.

2. Answer these questions.

- a) Give a reason the old kudu did not run at the sight of the vehicle.
- b) State the reason the warden followed the kudu.
- c) Explain the meaning of 'mentally kicked myself' and give the reason he did so.
- d) State what the warden found by following the old kudu.

3. Find the words from the passage which

mean the same as these words.

a. look closely

b. tempt

c. grand

