



ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION

Name: _____

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Class: X ____

Read the passage carefully and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the correct option for each:

Abraham Lincoln writes to the Headmaster of his son's school "He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just, all men are not true. But teach him also that for every scoundrel, there is a hero and that for every selfish politician, there is a dedicated leader. Steer him away from envy, if you can, teach him the secret of quiet laughter... Teach him, if you can, the wonder of books... but also give him quiet time to ponder over the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hillside."

"In school, teach him that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat... Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tell him they are wrong... Teach him to be gentle with gentle people, and tough with the tough. Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the bandwagon. Teach him to listen to all men, but teach him also to filter all he has heard on the screen of truth, and take on the good that comes through it."

"Teach him, if you can, how to laugh when he is sad... teach him there is no shame in tears. Teach him to scoff at cynics, and to beware of too much sweetness... Teach him to sell his brawn and brain to the highest bidders, but never to put a tag on his heart and soul. Teach him to close his ears to the howling mob... and to stand and fight if he thinks he's right."

"Teach him gently, but do not cuddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel. Let him have the courage to be impatient... Let him have the patience to be brave. Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself because then he will always have sublime faith in mankind."

1. Abraham Lincoln writes a letter to his son's headmaster because ...

- a. he wants his son to be educated in the best possible manner.
- b. he is very apprehensive about his son's welfare.
- c. he wishes to assert his views on education.
- d. he does not approve of the way the headmaster runs the school.

2. Reading books is important for students, but it is equally important...

- a. for them to be quiet, and to think and introspect.



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- b. to make them appreciate the mysteries of nature.
- c. to make sure they listen to their fellow beings.
- d. to make them dedicated leaders.
3. Students must understand that it is honorable to fail then to cheat because...
- a. they are being watched by God.
- b. by cheating they lose self-respect.
- c. they develop the habit of cheating.
- d. they will have to live with failure
4. Everyone is getting on the bandwagon. Here 'getting on the bandwagon' means...
- a. the name of a vehicle.
- b. joining popular and successful people.
- c. riding a wagon.
- d. chasing a wagon.
5. Abraham Lincoln does not want the headmaster to cuddle his son because...
- a. he is a ruthless father.
- b. he doesn't care for his son.
- c. the headmaster is very strict.
- d. he wanted his son to become strong.