

## READING COMPREHENSION-D

### PRACTICE EXERCISE

Having taken leave of his father at Ist, the young man set-off on a long journey into foreign lands. "When luck does not favour an artist goes to a place where his name is not known." He said to himself and turned in a direction which led him knew not where. He was footsore and hungry when at last he arrived on the bank of a turbulent river hindering his further passage until he could, cross it. Buying a boat at a nearby ferry, he went thither. There were other men too, each with his fare ready in his hand. But the young man had not even a broken cowry on him.

'Pay the fare and only then step into the boat,' the boatman told him. The young man was at his way end and the other people began to smile at his foolishness of going about without any money on him.

1. The young man was going .....
  - (a) home
  - (b) in the market
  - (c) on a long journey into foreign
  - (d) abroad for further studies
  
2. When he came to the river bank, he was .....
  - (a) footsore and hungry
  - (b) in a very depressed mood
  - (c) in a very jovial mood
  - (d) agitated in his mind therefore he was behaving in an abnormal manner.
  
3. The other people had in their hands
  - (a) cowries in their hands
  - (b) the fare in their hands
  - (c) their luggage in then hands
  - (d) play cards in their hands

4. Choose the opposite word of 'foreign'
- (a) popular (b) local (c) famous (d) rely
5. Choose the same word of 'Foolishness'
- (a) smartness (b) cleverness (c) madness (d) folly

## Passage

About three hundred and fifty years ago there lived in India an Emperor called 'Shah Jahan'. He had a beautiful and intelligent wife, whom he loved very much. Her name was Mumtaz Mahal; its shortened form. Taj Mahal, means 'pride of the palace'. In the year 1630 this beloved wife of the emperor died. The emperor decided, out of love for his wife, to build her the most beautiful tomb that had ever been seen. Shah Jahan gathered the best artists and architects from India, Turkey, Persia and Arabia to design the building. It took more than 20000 men working over a period of 18 years to build the Taj Mahal, perhaps the most beautiful building in India.

1. Taj Mahal was built .....
- (a) out of love for Mumtaz Mahal  
(b) because Mumtaz Mahal was intelligent  
(c) to let the world know that Mumtaz Mahal was beautiful  
(d) to protect Mumtaz Mahal from his enemies
2. .... is the work of an 'architect'.
- (a) To advise the king (b) To build a place  
(c) To design a building (d) To supervise cooking of meals
3. People consider Taj Mahal as .....
- (a) a large river (b) the most beautiful building in India  
(c) a very tall building (d) a memory of an emperor

4. Which of the following options is for antonym of 'shortened'

- (a) half (b) divided (c) full (d) increased

5. ....is the synonym of 'period'

- (a) year (b) decade (c) season (d) duration

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