## Passage 3

A king had an orchard of fig trees. He loved the fruit so much that he determined to have the trees guarded. He appointed a blind man and a lame man as guards. The next day the king found that much of the fine fruit had gone and he asked the watchmen who had stolen it. "We do not know" they replied.

Though both the guards said they had not taken the fruits, the king soon discovered that the blind man had carried the lame man on his shoulder. While the blind man had used his legs, the lame man had used his eyes and hands, and in this way the figs had been stolen. Both the men were severely punished.

- The king wanted to have the trees guarded because
  - (1) someone had been stealing the figs
  - (2) he felt sorry and wanted to find a job for the lame man and the blind man
  - (3) the fruit was valuable
  - (4) he was afraid some one would steal the fruit
- 72. Which one of the following is a synonym of the word 'lame' as used in the passage?
  - weak
  - (2) convincing
  - (3) persuasive
  - (4) strong
- 73. The blind man and the lame man lied because

- they had not been good watchmen
- (2) they thought the king would not discover the theft
- (3) they thought the king would never discover how they had stolen the fruit
- (4) they feared the king
- 74. The figs were stolen
  - for their value
- (2) by thieves
- (3) by the king's men
- (4) by those who had to guard them
- 75. The king discovered that
  - the blind man had used his legs
  - (2) the lame man had used his eyes
  - (3) the two guards had stolen the fruit
  - (4) the guards told the truth

## Passage 4

The Sahara is the biggest desert in the world. It stretches across the whole of North Africa. The Arabian desert is also a very large desert. In India too, there is a desert called Thar desert in Rajasthan. Life in a desert is tough. The days are very hot and nights are cold.

- 76. The biggest desert in the wold is in
  - (1) India
- (2) Africa (3) Arabia (4) America
- 77. In desert regions
  - there is no rainfall
- (2) it rains heavily
- (3) there is enough rain (4) there is a little rain
- 78. The climate in a desert is
  - pleasant
- (2) difficult
- (3) comfortable
- (4) cold

- 79. Date palms grow in
  - (1) plains
- (2) hilly regions
- (3) deserts
- (4) snowy regions
- **80.** Very few trees grow in deserts because
  - most trees need water to grow
  - (2) there is sand all-around
  - (3) nights are very cold
  - (4) there is no one to take care of trees

## Answers

1	(1)	2	(4)	3	(1)	4	(3)	5	(3)	6	(1)	7	(1)	8	(2)	9	(1)	10	(2)
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21	(1)	22	(1)	23	(2)	24	(2)	25	(2)	26	(3)	27	(3)	28	(1)	29	(3)	30	(4)
31	(1)	32	(2)	33	(2)	34	(3)	35	(3)	36	(1)	37	(3)	38	(4)	39	(3)	40	(2)
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51	(3)	52	(2)	53	(3)	54	(3)	55	(3)	56	(2)	57	(3)	58	(4)	59	(3)	60	(1)
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71	(4)	72	(1)	73	(3)	74	(4)	75	(3)	76	(1)	77	(4)	78	(4)	79	(1)	80	(1)