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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why was Nur al-Din an important figure in Saladin's life?
 - Ⓐ He encouraged Saladin to pursue his dreams of being a scholar.
 - Ⓑ He trained Saladin to be a skillful military general on the battlefield.
 - Ⓒ He taught Saladin to rule with fairness and generosity.
 - Ⓓ He was Saladin's teacher of science, math, poetry, religion, and history.
2. How was Egypt different after Saladin took control in 1169?
 - Ⓐ The economy improved and schools were built, attracting scholars from Europe and Asia.
 - Ⓑ An enormous palace was built for Saladin and his family to live in, just outside of Egypt.
 - Ⓒ Christianity became the official religion of Egypt.
 - Ⓓ Nur al-Din declared war on Egypt to push Saladin out of power.
3. Which of the following best describes Saladin?
 - Ⓐ unfair and selfish
 - Ⓑ weak and loyal
 - Ⓒ gentle and generous
 - Ⓓ firm and hostile
4. What caused the start of the Third Crusade?
 - Ⓐ Nur al-Din passed away, and western Europeans wanted to gain control over Syria.
 - Ⓑ Many Christians had been executed in Jerusalem after Saladin's army defeated the Franks.
 - Ⓒ Saladin and the Muslims defeated the Christians and took control of Jerusalem.
 - Ⓓ Richard I of England wanted to secure trade routes between Jerusalem and western Europe.

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5. Which of the following words means *a place of worship in the Islamic faith*?
- Ⓐ temple
 - Ⓑ synagogue
 - Ⓒ church
 - Ⓓ mosque
6. **Extended Response:** Saladin is remembered as a great leader who was kind to his enemies. Give examples from the book that show Saladin's kindness.



1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include examples from the book of Saladin's kindness as a leader.