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

1. Chinzaemon is most famous for his **scabbards**. What are **scabbards**?
 - Ⓐ decorative swords
 - Ⓑ covers for a sword
 - Ⓒ special armor
 - Ⓓ belts for guards
2. The prince grants Chinzaemon anything he wishes because _____.
 - Ⓐ Chinzaemon may have saved his life.
 - Ⓑ Chinzaemon made him a special sword.
 - Ⓒ Chinzaemon made him very rich.
 - Ⓓ Chinzaemon made him laugh.
3. Why does the prince fire his guards and advisers?
 - Ⓐ They are not funny.
 - Ⓑ They are too rich.
 - Ⓒ They are not good at their jobs.
 - Ⓓ They fight with Chinzaemon.
4. Why doesn't the prince know that Chinzaemon has become rich?
 - Ⓐ Chinzaemon's lifestyle changes very little.
 - Ⓑ Chinzaemon hides his treasures.
 - Ⓒ Chinzaemon lies to the prince.
 - Ⓓ Chinzaemon leaves the country.
5. What do other people think Chinzaemon is doing when he sniffs in the prince's ear?
 - Ⓐ blowing into the prince's ear
 - Ⓑ listening to the prince
 - Ⓒ telling the prince about them
 - Ⓓ asking the prince for many riches

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6. What causes Chinzaemon to be afraid after the bell rings, waking the prince?
 - Ⓐ He thinks he will be blamed for the guards' mistake.
 - Ⓑ He thinks the prince will not like his joke.
 - Ⓒ He thinks the guards will attack him.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
7. What can you tell about the prince's character?
 - Ⓑ He is easily angered.
 - Ⓑ He has many friends.
 - Ⓒ He likes to try new things.
 - Ⓓ He has a good sense of humor.
8. What might Chinzaemon do after the prince makes him his only adviser?
 - Ⓐ He will continue to be the prince's adviser, living on his newly acquired land.
 - Ⓑ He will try to trick the prince out of all the kingdom's wealth.
 - Ⓒ He will become a guard for the palace.
 - Ⓓ He will move to another place and leave his past behind him.
9. Chinzaemon was an **apprentice** armorer before becoming a skilled armorer. As an **apprentice**, Chinzaemon was _____.
 - Ⓐ learning how to be an armorer
 - Ⓑ thinking of becoming an armorer
 - Ⓒ teaching others how to be armorers
 - Ⓓ none of the above

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10. What does Chinzaemon do to the guards after they fall asleep?

- Ⓐ He pours glue under their feet.
- Ⓑ He hides their weapons.
- Ⓒ He fires them from their duties as guards.
- Ⓓ He tickles them until they wake up.

11. **Extended Response:** What might have happened to Chinzaemon if the prince hadn't thought his pranks were funny?

12. **Extended Response:** Do you think Chinzaemon will be a good adviser to the prince? Explain why or why not.

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Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓑ Vocabulary
2. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
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5. Ⓒ Story Elements
6. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓓ Analyze Character
8. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
9. Ⓐ Vocabulary
10. Ⓐ Sequence Events
11. Responses will vary somewhat but will probably include the idea that: *the prince might have had Chinzaemon fired or even beheaded for his pranks.*
12. Responses will vary but should include valid supporting arguments. Possible answers would include: *yes, because Chinzaemon was wise enough to show the prince his guards and advisers weren't doing their jobs or no, because Chinzaemon just likes to play funny tricks on people.*