

## 2. The Glove and the Lions

### 1. Text-based Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

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| 1. <i>b</i>  | 2. <i>d</i>  | 3. <i>b</i>  | 4. <i>d</i>  | 5. <i>c</i>  |
| 6. <i>b</i>  | 7. <i>a</i>  | 8. <i>b</i>  | 9. <i>b</i>  | 10. <i>c</i> |
| 11. <i>b</i> | 12. <i>d</i> | 13. <i>a</i> | 14. <i>d</i> | 15. <i>b</i> |

### 2. Comprehension Passages

#### PASSAGE-1

- (i) The king was sitting in the court. A royal sport involving the fight between lions was going on. The king was fond of this sport and enjoying it in the presence of others.
- (ii) The king sighed for the beloved of one of his counts named Lorge. He sighed because of her beautiful bright eyes and smiling lips which always seemed to remain the same.
- (iii) The word valour refers to the brave and valiant nobles sitting on the benches to enjoy the lion fight. And the word love refers to the beautiful court ladies sitting there.

- (iv) The poet later gives the picture of De Lorge's beloved as a beautiful and charming woman with smiling lips and bright eyes. But she is vain and rash also. She puts her lover's life in danger just to attract attention of the people.
- (v) De Lorge's beloved was a rash and vain lady. She knew that her lover was a very brave man and could do anything for her. It prompted her to throw her glove into the arena where the lions were fighting. By doing so she wanted to draw the attention of the people gathered there.

### PASSAGE-2

- (i) The beastly sport of lion fight was going on there. King Francis, his nobles and the ladies were watching the sport. Among these people Count de Lorge and his beloved were also enjoying the fight.
- (ii) The beloved of Count de Lorge stole the king's heart. At that time the king was in a happy and sporting state of mind. He was watching a show of lion fight. He was quite excited at that time.
- (iii) The horrible looking lions roared. They were ferociously roaring with their Jaws wide open. It seemed as if they were smiling during the fight. They stroke their opponents very quickly with their paws. They rolled over each other. Their bloody foam was carried by the air far and wide. It was a terrible sight.
- (iv) The air carried away the bloody foam coming out of the mouths of the fighting lions. It indicated that the lions had badly injured each other and it was a very dangerous and terrible fight.
- (v) The king remarked that all the spectators were safe there as they were not with the lions in the arena where the fight was taking place. De Lorge's beloved was attracted by the king's comment.

### PASSAGE-3

- (i) The show of the ferocious lions fighting in the sports arena was going on. The king and the courtiers witnessed this terrible show. The beautiful smiling lips and bright eyes of De Lorge's beloved distracted the king's attention.
- (ii) De Lorge's beloved thought that her lover was very brave and courageous man. She was sure that he would do anything to please her. He would do wonderful things to prove his love for her.
- (iii) The thought struck her that she would throw her glove into the arena where the dangerous lions were fighting. She thought that her lover would surely jump there and bring the glove back to show his love for her. Her intention behind this was to attract the attention of the royal gathering there.

- (iv) The moment she threw her glove into the pit, De Lorge jumped into the pit to bring back the glove. He did not bother about the horrible lions fighting there.

#### **PASSAGE-4**

- (i) The king, his royal companions, and ladies were watching the lion fight. De Lorge and his beloved were also among them. The fight was going on in a horrible way as the lions got injured and their mouths spread bloody foam far and wide. It was a scene full of danger with lions roaring and causing bloodshed.
- (ii) The idea to grab the attention of the people around struck De Lorge's beloved. She put it into practice by throwing her glove into the pit where the lion fight was going on. She believed that her lover would certainly jump into the pit to bring back the glove to show his love for her.
- (iii) De Lorge could have been killed by the ferocious lions fighting in the pit where he had jumped to retrieve his beloved's glove.
- (iv) On coming back safe from the pit De Lorge threw the glove towards his beloved's face and left the arena in anger.
- (v) No one else but De Lorge understood that it was not his beloved's love for him that had prompted her to throw the glove into the pit. She had done this out of vanity. In a way she had set a task for him to prove or show his love for her.