

CASE STUDY

Q. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Socrates was born of poor working-class parents, probably in the year 470 B.C. He had the usual education of boys in those days, learning music, science, philosophy and gymnastics. He also studied the art of public speaking and argument. As a young man he served the army and fought in several battles with great courage. When he left the army, some of his friends wanted him to go into politics, but this he refused to do, for he felt that he had another mission in life. This mission was to unmask ignorance and encourage truth. Up and down the streets of Athens, in the market places and temples, in the houses of the rich and the workshops of the poor, Socrates carried on his search for truth. His method was to stop someone and begin to question him. By his questions he would show the other man how vague and incomplete his ideas were. Then he would help him to build up his ideas on a surer foundation.

1. In which year did Socrates take birth?
 - i. 40 B.C.
 - ii. 470 B.C.
 - iii. 1947 B.C.
 - iv. 2000 A.D.

2. Which special thing did Socrates do as a young man?
 - i. Fought in battles
 - ii. Engineered a ship
 - iii. Read a newspaper
 - iv. Drove a helicopter

3. Socrates' mission was to _____.
 - i. Speak publicly
 - ii. Question everyone
 - iii. Unmask ignorance
 - iv. Build his ideas

4. In which of the following places did Socrates search for truth?
- i. Temples
 - ii. Market places
 - iii. Workshops of the poor
 - iv. All of the above
5. What did Socrates' friends want him to do after leaving army?
- i. Go into politics
 - ii. Encourage truth
 - iii. Build up his ideas
 - iv. Question
6. Which of the following was not learnt by Socrates?
- i. Music
 - ii. Philosophy
 - iii. Dance
 - iv. Gymnastics
7. Socrates walked up and down the streets of _____.
- i. Delhi
 - ii. Rome
 - iii. Greece
 - iv. Athens
8. Which of the following words in the passage means 'the quality of being confident'?
- i. Foundation
 - ii. Courage
 - iii. Vague
 - iv. Argument