

SATISH CHANDRA MEMORIAL SCHOOL

CLASS: IX

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TOPIC: UNSEEN COMPREHENSION AND CASE STUDY

I. Read the passage given below.

One day Nandu rode his horse to the village fair. On his way back he met Somendra, the merchant. The merchant was a crafty man, ready to do anything to earn some money. The villagers knew this. In fact no one knew what trick he would be up to next. Now, Nandu was poor and had no one in the world to call his own except a beautiful, white horse. He loved it more than anything else in the world. The merchant had his eye on the horse for a long time and tried to think of a way to get it for himself. Seeing Nandu, the merchant thought, Nandu is a simpleton. Let me see if I can trick him out of his horse. So he said to Nandu, You live all alone. How do you manage? What does a young boy like you need with a horse? Sell it to me and I shall make you rich in **return**. Nandu replied, "No I don't want to sell my horse."

But the merchant refused to give up so easily. He offered Nandu more money. Finally, when the offer reached five hundred gold coins, Nandu **paused** and said. Five hundred gold coins seem like a good price. But I have a condition. If you agree to it, I shall give you my horse. "What is it?" the merchant asked impatiently. "Give me the money right now and I shall give you my horse when I have given you ten lashes." After all he would resell the horse for over a thousand gold coins in the market. He would take twenty lashes for such a gain. He agreed instantly. He ran home and got the money for Nandu and brought along his whip as well. Nandu counted the money **carefully**. He then took the whip and the lashes fell on the merchant's back in quick succession. By the eighth lash the merchant was almost in tears but he told himself that there were only two lashes to go and the horse would be his. The merchant held his breath waiting for the final lashes. But Nandu had mounted his horse and was riding off. "Wait!" shouted the merchant in anger. "What about the last lashes? Where are you going with the horse? We had a deal.

Nandu stopped and said, "I agree to give you the horse only after I had given you ten lashes. But it is upsetting my horse. I'll give you the last lashes later. Till then goodbye!" "Come back you cheat!" the merchant shouted. But the crowd that had **gathered** around agreed with Nandu. A deal was a deal. Till the last lash was given, the horse could not belong to the merchant. Nandu rode away richer by five

hundred gold coins and Somendra waited in vain for several days for the final lash which never came.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow.

i. Why did the merchant offer to buy Nandu's horse?

- a) He was very fond of the horse and wanted it for himself
- b) It was his way of helping Nandu who was poor.
- c) The horse would be useful for carrying goods to the market.
- d) He hated Nandu and wanted to deprive him of something he loved.

ii. Which of the following is TRUE in the context of the passage?

- 1. Nandu was an orphan.**
- 2. The merchant was very persevering.**
- 3. The merchant was fond of Nandu's horse.**

- a) None
- b) Only 1
- c) Both 1 & 2
- d) All 1, 2 and 3

iii. Why did Nandu set the condition of giving the merchant ten lashes?

- a) To discourage the merchant from buying his horse.
- b) To demonstrate how painful a whipping was so that the merchant would never hit the horse.
- c) To bargain with the merchant to offer more money.
- d) To outwit the merchant who was trying to cheat him

iv. Why did the bystanders take Nandu's side in the argument?

- 1. They hoped that Nandu would give them a reward from the five hundred gold coins he had earned.
- 2. They were sure that the merchant would ill treat the horse and wanted to prevent that from happening.
- 3. They knew that the merchant was a cheat and Nandu would be miserable without his horse of which he was very fond.

- a) Only 1
- b) Both 1 & 3
- c) Only 3
- d) None of these

- v.** What reason did Nandu cite for not giving the merchant the final lashes?
- a) His horse was distressed by the whipping.
 - b) He realised that the merchant was in great pain and took pity on him.
 - c) He was following the advice of the people around.
 - d) He had changed his mind about selling his horse.

vi. Which of the following can be said about Nandu?

1. He was very cunning.

2. He needed money.

3. He was cruel to people but loved animals.

- a) None of these
- b) Both 1 & 2
- c) Both 2 & 3
- d) All 1, 2 and 3

vii. What made that merchant agree to Nandu's strange condition for buying the horse?

- a) He wanted to show Nandu how brave he was.
- b) The thought of the profit he would make on selling the horse.
- c) The fear that Nandu would raise the price of his horse otherwise.
- d) He did not think that Nandu would actually whip him.

viii. Why did Nandu consider selling his horse to the merchant?

- a) The merchant's offer was more than what the horse was worth.
- b) He had not managed to sell it at the village fair.
- c) He could no longer afford to feed his horse.
- d) None of these

ix. Choose the word that is most SIMILAR in meaning: RETURN

- a) Profit
- b) Settle
- c) Exchange
- d) Replace

x. Choose the word that is most SIMILAR in meaning: PAUSED

- a) Halted

- b) Relaxed
- c) Ended
- d) Stuck

xi. Choose the word that is most OPPOSITE in meaning: CAREFULLY

- a) Carelessly
- b) Irresponsible
- c) Slyly
- d) Cautious

xii. Choose the word that is most OPPOSITE in meaning: GATHERED

- a) Dissolved
- b) Collected
- c) Dispersed
- d) Melted

2. Read the passage given below.

Terry Fox dollar unveiled by Mike Beamish., it commemorates the 25th anniversary of Fox's Marathon of Hope for cancer research. To Terry Fox, the one-legged runner whose life was the antithesis of self-aggrandizement, the thought he would be the first Canadian depicted on a circulating coin would be considered loony.

2 Fox asked every Canadian for a dollar toward cancer research when he dipped his prosthesis into the frigid waters of St. John's harbour on April 12, 1980, and began his cross-Canada marathon.

3 In 2005, that small change has added up to more than \$360 million through the annual Terry Fox Marathon of Hope across Canada and worldwide.

4 To mark the 25th anniversary of the run, the Royal Canadian Mint unveiled a one-

dollar commemorative circulation coin Monday on the campus of Simon Fraser University. Fox was an undergraduate student and basketball player at SFU when a malignant tumour was discovered in his right leg in 1977. It resulted in amputation. A bronze statue of Fox, one of many such tributes across Canada, looks over the academic quadrangle of the university, just a short stroll from the theatre where Monday's unveiling was held.

5 "I think he'd be a little uncomfortable with it," says Darrell Fox, Terry's younger brother and national director of the Terry Fox Foundation, based in Chilliwack. "Terry always wanted to deflect attention to the real heroes, the cancer patients in the hospital wards. Ultimately he'd gladly trade a loonie with his picture on it for another dollar to fight cancer, if he would recognize its potential for fund raising."

6 Betty and Rolly Fox, Terry's parents, accepted the first of 11 million Terry Fox coins from mint employees. Another nine million will be issued in September to coincide with Terry Fox runs across Canada.

7 The Foxes' nine grandchildren and Terry's brother Fred and sister Judith Alder were in the audience that watched a moving tribute to the runner with a voice-over by Man in Motion campaigner Rick Hansen. Betty Fox said the pride the family feels in receiving the honour is tempered by the fact Terry could not be there to accept it.

8 The Royal Canadian Mint is based in Winnipeg where Fox was born in 1958 before the family moved to Port Coquitlam. Ministry of Education, Engraver Stan Witten, who designed the coin image, based on a picture from photographer Gail Harvey, lives near Terry Fox Drive in Ottawa and fills up his car at Terry Fox Esso, but his connection to the runner runs much deeper than that.

9 "I was in Grade 11 in Edmonton and I'd watch the run nightly on TV to see his progress," Witten said. "I've participated in the Terry Fox run myself. It's a real honour to be part of Canadian history."

10 Terry's the first Canadian coin ever struck to show a human likeness other than a monarch. The sideways view of Fox, caught in his hypnotic hop-step gait, is displayed against a background of the Canadian Shield and evokes the loneliness of the long distance runner.

11 "I wanted to capture the courage and determination on his face," Witten said. "It was important that he towered over the trees."

12 Although the Terry Fox Foundation receives no direct benefit from the coin, Darrell Fox is hoping that the image will have a catalytic effect on fund-raising and awareness.

13 "I think BC's population is over 4 million, but we raised \$1.8 million from the run last year in the province," Fox says "There's a lot of room to grow there. We hope people respond to the challenge."

Small change adds up to millions

Fox commemorative coin is a first for Canada—it shows the likeness of a person other than a monarch



Terry Fox during his 1980 cross-country attempt. He died in June 1981, aged 23.



Terry Fox's image, designed by Royal Canadian Mint engraver Stan Witten, is the reverse of the coin. The obverse features a rendering of Queen Elizabeth II by Susanna Blunt.

Fox, wearing his characteristic Marathon of Hope T-shirt, is heading west against a headwind, with the trees bent to the east. "Terry was often running against the prevailing westerlies," Witten explained.

The rugged background of white pine, scrub and rock, is representative of northwestern Ontario, around Lake Superior, where Fox ended his run Sept. 1, 1980, just outside of Thunder Bay.

The sideways view of Fox, caught in his hypnotic hop-step gait, evokes the loneliness of the long-distance runner.

Done in collaboration with the Terry Fox Foundation, the image shows the power of the runner's left leg as he ran the equivalent of a marathon a day for 143 straight days in the spring and summer of 1980.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage attempt ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow.

i. What does paragraph 1 suggest about Terry Fox's character?

- a) He was humble.
- b) He was humorous.
- c) He was determined.
- d) He was competitive

ii. What does the image of "the trees bent to the east" suggest about the run?

- a) It was very difficult.
- b) It was largely uneventful.
- c) It was always bitterly cold.
- d) It was assisted by the wind.

iii. Which feature makes the coin unique in Canada?

- a) No date appears on the coin.
- b) No monarch appears on the coin.
- c) It features a person other than a monarch.
- d) It is made of special alloy that will not rust.

iv. Whose image is found on the obverse of the Terry Fox coin?

- a) Terry Fox
- b) Stan Witten
- c) Rick Hansen
- d) Queen Elizabeth II Ministry of Education

v. What does the last paragraph imply about British Columbians?

- a) They are proud of the new Terry Fox coin.
- b) They should give more money to the Terry Fox Foundation.
- c) They should participate more regularly in the Terry Fox run.
- d) They support the Terry Fox Foundation at a greater rate than other Canadians.

vi. By September of 2005, how many commemorative coins will be in circulation?

- a) 2 million
- b) 9 million
- c) 11 million
- d) 20 million

vii. Which stylistic technique is used throughout the article?

- a) analogy
- b) statistics
- c) cause and effect
- d) emotional appeal

viii. The sideways view of Fox :

- a) evokes the loneliness of the long distance runner
- b) Represents a very determined personality
- c) Evokes love and respect for the person
- d) Evokes love and respect for one's own country

ix. Darell Fox believes that Terry Fox's image on the coin will

- a) Impact economic development
- b) Impact social development
- c) have a catalytic effect on fund-raising and awareness
- d) have a long lasting impact on people's minds

x. Terry Fox Foundation basically helps

- a) Pneumonia patients
- b) Cancer Patients
- c) Nervous disorder patients
- d) Sleep disorder patients

xi. The image on the coin actually shows

- a) Terry Fox running against adversities
- b) Terry Fox having a lot of determination
- c) power of Terry Fox's left leg
- d) Terry fox as a symbol of hope and faith

xii. Witten, the artist, while engraving Terry Fox's image on the coin

- a) wanted to capture the grit and determination on his face
- b) wanted to capture the strength on his face
- c) wanted to capture the hope on his face
- d) wanted to capture the faith on his face