

I. Read the selection below and answer the question that follows. Shade the circle of your answer.

The Farmer and the Jar

There was once a poor farmer who found it hard to save money. After an entire lifetime of working, he was still not better off.

One morning, he thought that if ever he was to own anything at all in this hard work, it would have to simply appear before him so he would have no doubt they were intended for him.

He thought of this as he went about his daily tasks in the fields. So that this wouldn't happen again, the man dug a little around the roots and pulled the brambles out of the ground. As he did so, he discovered a large jar. He was delighted but thought about his wish.

"I have found this money in the open fields, therefore I shall not take it," he said to himself.

So the man left the treasure, went home and told his wife about the jar. After the husband had lain down to sleep, she went out to see her neighbor and told him about it. "Go and get it for yourself and share with me," she said.

The neighbor went out to the fields, dug the ground and found the jar. When he lifted the lid, he saw poisonous snakes instead. The neighbor got angry. He replaced the lid and carried the jar back home. When night came, he went to the house of the poor farmer, climbed on the roof, and emptied the jar of poisonous snakes down the chimney.

When dawn came, the poor farmer got up to start the day. As the morning rays of the sun fell upon the fireplace, his eyes opened wide for the fireplace was covered with silver coins. The farmer was thankful and said, "Oh! Finally I can accept the riches. I know they are surely intended for me as they have appeared before me, as I wished."

And so beginning that day, the farmer changed his life but remained good and hardworking.

1. The characters in a story play a very important role. Who are the characters in the story, "The Farmer and the Jar"?
 - The farmer, his friends, and the town mayor
 - The farmer, his wife, and his neighbor
 - The farmer, his mother, and the workers in the field
2. The farmer almost lost hope in every hard work he did. Why did the farmer felt no better off even after a lifetime of working?
 - He did not own any farm at all.
 - He found it hard to save money.
 - He had a lazy wife.
3. The poor farmer did everything to succeed in life. How can you describe the farmer?
 - hardworking
 - lazy
 - boastful
4. As he went about his daily tasks in the fields, he found something. What did he accidentally discover while digging the ground?
 - an earthen jar
 - animal fossils
 - a treasure chest
5. The farmer thought of something mysterious inside the jar. What did the earthen jar contain?
 - important documents
 - a treasure map
 - silver coins
6. When the farmer found the money in the open fields, he was not even tempted to get it. Why did the farmer refuse to take the jar home?
 - It was not according to his wish.
 - He thought somebody owned it.
 - He wanted to be honest.

7. The farmer's wife told his husband to get the treasure and share it with her. What kind of wife did the farmer have?
 ill-tempered annoying greedy
8. The neighbors were also interested in getting the jar. Why do you think the neighbor agreed with the farmer's wife?
 He hated the farmer very much.
 He loved the farmer's wife.
 He wanted to get rich too.
9. When the night came, the farmer's neighbor went to their house, climbed on the roof, and emptied the jar of poisonous snakes down the chimney. Why do you think the silver coins turned into snakes?
 The silver coins will only belong to him who has a good heart.
 It was only the product of the neighbor's imagination.
 The earthen jar also contained snakes that the farmer did not notice.
10. In every story, there's always a lesson to grasp and learn. What is the moral of the story "The Man and the Jar"?
 Take only what belongs to you.
 Respect the poor.
 Be patient and kind.

II.A Read each sentence carefully. Write F if it denotes fact, and O if it's an opinion. Write your answer on the line.

- _____ 11. Most insects fly by using muscles that flap their wings with great speed.
- _____ 12. Some scientists say that bumblebees are unable to fly because of their tiny wings.
- _____ 13. A goldfish kept in a small bowl will remain small all its life.
- _____ 14. Goldfish are so adaptable that they do not die but become wild goldfish.
- _____ 15. I believe that there are other fish that are also flexible like the goldfish.
- _____ 16. Trees live, grow, and reproduce themselves by an amazing process.
- _____ 17. Scientists who study biology still cannot explain why trees do not stop growing.
- _____ 18. Cats have a keen sense of smell.
- _____ 19. Homing pigeons are able to find their way back home even without training, according to some experts.
- _____ 20. There are a lot of things in nature that science cannot explain.

B. Identify the type of editorial article being described in each item. Write only the letter on the blank.

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| A. Editorial that explains/interprets | C. Editorial that criticizes |
| B. Editorial that persuades | D. Editorial that praises |

- _____ 21. This kind of editorial's objective is for the readers to see the solution and not the problem.
- _____ 22. It explains how the newspaper covered a controversial or sensitive subject.
- _____ 23. The immediate purpose of this kind of editorial is to let the readers be aware of the problem and not the solution.
- _____ 24. It commends people and organizations for a job well done.

_____25. The readers are encouraged to take a specific, positive action.

C. Identify the propaganda technique being applied in each item. Write your answer on the blank.

Bandwagon	Snob Appeal	Loaded Words	Unreliable Testimonial	Transfer
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_____26. Our Filipino heroes worked hard for our bright future! If you care about your future and that of your family, get a Safe Insurance now!

_____27. Beauty Cosmetics---the feeling of luxury, for those who want only the best!

_____28. All people are rushing to RM to take advantage of their mid-year sale! Join the rush!

_____29. Hi! I'm Floyd Winner, a boxer. I have to be concerned about my skin. That's why I use Beauty Soap!

_____30. No really intelligent voter would support Juan's candidacy!

D. Fill in the blanks with the correct words in the parentheses to complete the thought of the sentences.

31. My brother _____ the ball to me. (threw, true)

32. I love to _____ bubble gum. (show, chew)

33. Luke _____ it was my birthday. (new, knew)

34. The storm _____ my house down. (blew, blue)

35. The birds _____ south for the winter. (flew, flow)

36. I bought a hammer and five _____. (shoes, screws)

37. Kisha loves diamonds and _____. (cruel, jewels)

38. The _____ reported a robbery. (news, use)

39. Medard bought a brand _____ car. (few, new)

40. It's time to _____ my subscription. (renew, new)

III. Make a paragraph about the given title below. Make sure to include your topic sentence and supporting details. Circle your topic sentence.

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