

Reading Comprehension Quiz 1

Read the passage below. Then select the answers for the following questions.

I want you to think of a bitter, east windy day, fast-falling rain, and a short, muddy street. Put these thoughts together, and add to them the picture of a tall, stout man, in a smooth green plastic coat, and with a brown hat on his head. The darkness is coming quickly, as a man with a basket on his head turns the corner of the street, and there are two of us on opposite sides. He cries loudly as he goes: "Herrings! \$12 a pound! Red herrings, good and cheap, \$12 a pound!" So crying, he passes along the street, and comes to where I am standing at the corner. Here he pauses, wishing to speak with somebody, as a break from the dull time and failing hopes of trade.

Questions (7 marks)

1. Which of the following phrases indicate the main idea of this passage?
 - a.Meeting a man selling red herring
 - b.Wishing to speaking with somebody
 - c.Failing hopes of trade

2. What type of day is it in the passage?
 - a.A very windy and snowy day
 - b.A very hot and windy day
 - c.A very windy and rainy day

3. Who is the author of this passage?
 - a. The man in the green coat.
 - b. The man with the red herring.
 - c. Another person.

4. What caused the muddy street?
 - a. Snow
 - b. Rain
 - c. Wind
 - d. Floods

5. What time of day did the men meet?
 - a. Morning
 - b. Evening
 - c. Late evening
 - d. Midnight
 - e. Noon

6. What is the man selling?
 - a. Fish
 - b. Chicken
 - c. Eggs
 - d. Meat

7. Why did the man with the basket of red herring stop to speak with the other man?
 - a. He was bored.
 - b. He hoped he would get a sale.
 - c. He was tired.
 - d. He was taking a needed break.
 - e. He just wanted to speak to another person.

