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Multiple Choice Questions

1. What were the protagonist, Daniel and Tsetan doing when they saw the snow?

(a) Trying to move smoothly over snowy surface
(b) Sat at a rock to take rest
(c) They were trying to find a guest house
(d) Trying to enjoy the snow

2. What is the meaning of Kyang?

(a) Kyang
(b) Flower petals
(c) Sun rays
(d) Pall of dust

3. At which place did the protagonist wait for Tsetan while he was gone to fix the punctured tyres?

(a) At car tyre's shop
(b) At roadside near lake
(c) Inside the car
(d) In Hor's cafe

4. Why was Hor an ugly and miserable place?

(a) It had no place to live
(b) It didn't have any proper medical facilities
(c) It had no modern markets
(d) It had no vegetation

5. Why were Tibetan Mastiffs standing outside the tents?

(a) For guarding the food
(b) For guarding the tent
(c) For guarding the temple
(d) For guarding the narrator

6. At what sea level were the three of them when they saw the snow on the road?

(a) 5300 meters
(b) 1000 meters
(c) 5510 meters
(d) 6000 meters

7. Who accompanied the narrator in his final journey to reach Mount Kailash and complete the kora?

(a) Norbu
(b) Lhamo
(c) Tsetan
(d) Daniel

8. What did the protagonist notice in front of the nomads tent?

(a) Grass
(b) Big black Tibetan dogs
(c) Sheeps
(d) Raw material

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9. **What did the big Tibetan dogs do after they saw the approaching car?**
   (a) They never saw it
   (b) They barked loudly
   (c) They ran behind it as a bullet fired from a gun
   (d) They barked towards the car

10. **What was the name of the small town where Tsetan and the narrator reached?**
   (a) Cor (b) Hor
   (c) China (d) Kora

Fill in the blanks :

11. The narrator's journey to Mount Kailash was _____.

12. _____ was an old route from Lhasa to Kashmir.

True / False

13. The Sutlej river actually flowed from the Lake Manasarovar, as we gather from the prose Silk Road.

14. The protagonist felt pressure on his ears when they entered a valley along an ice river.

Very Short Type Questions

15. Which incident does the author remember as they reached a small town, Hor? (Silk Road)

16. Briefly comment on the purpose of the author's journey to Mount Kailash. Answer in context of Silk Road.

Short Type Questions

17. How did the author react to the Tibetan mastiff? Answer in the context of Silk Road.

18. Why did the author of Silk Road take the short-cut in spite of high mountain passes?

Essay Type Questions

19. Why did Tsetan stop the car and jump out of it?

20. The author was disappointed with Darchen. Give reason. (Silk Road)

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21. **Assertion (A) :** The narrator had a sleepless night in Darchen.

Reason (R) : He was disturbed by loud music and street noise.

(a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

(c) A is true, but R is false.

(d) A is false, but R is true.

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1. **(a)**
They were trying to move smoothly over the snowy surface when they saw the snow.

2. **(a)**
Kyang is a wild Tibetan ass.

3. **(d)**
The protagonist wait for Tsetan in a Hor's cafe.

4. **(d)**
Hor was a grim, miserable place. There was no vegetation whatsoever, just dust and rocks.

5. **(b)**
When the author reached the hill, they passed dark tents that were home for nomads. He saw a Tibetan mastiff standing outside the tent as a guard. These mastiffs ran after his car as he reached near the tents. These dogs had large jaws and barked ferociously.

6. **(c)**
They were at 5,210 metres above sea level.

7. **(a)**
The narrator met Norbu at the only cafe in Darchen and they both discovered their shared interest in performing the kora. Hence, Norbu accompanied the narrator to Mount Kailash, which was their final journey to complete the ritual of Kora.

8. **(b)**
There were with a huge black dog, a Tibetan mastiff, standing guard in front of the nomads' dark tents.

9. **(c)**
As they saw the approaching car, the dogs exploded into action, ran behind it like a bullet from a gun and nearly as fast.

10. **(b)**
Tsetan and narrator reached a small town Hor, on the shore of Lake Mansarover.

11. full of obstacles

12. East-west highway

13. True

14. True

15. They had suffered two punctures in quick succession on the drive from the salt lake. Tsetan was eager to have them fixed as they had no spares left so they stopped outside a tyre-repair shop. Daniel was returning to Lhasa. He found a ride in a truck. So the author and Tsetan bade Daniel farewell at the tyre-repair shop.

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16. Nick Middleton is an Oxford Professor as well as an adventurer. He follows the most difficult terrain through the Silk Road and reaches Mount Kailash. He visits the holy place to complete the kora (going around the place).

17. The Tibetan mastiff was a huge black dog. It stood guard outside the dark tents of nomads. These dogs held their heads erect and watched the car. They barked and ran quickly towards their car. They did not fear the car. They calmed down only after chasing them off their territory.

18. The short-cut would take them south-west, almost directly towards Mount Kailash. Crossing high mountain passes posed breathing problems. Absence of snow meant a fairly good ride.

19. There was snow on about fifteen metres of road ahead. Then there was a dirt trail. There was snow on either side of the road. The bank was too steep for the vehicle to pass. The icy layer could prove slippery. Tsetan threw handfuls of dirt on the ice. Others followed suit.

20. It was already dark when the author and Tsetan reached Darchen. They stayed in a guest house but the author had a very troubled night. His nostrils were blocked and he was not able to get sufficient air into his lungs. Tired, he started breathing through his mouth. Most of the night, he sat up as he was restless and could not sleep. The next day Tsetan took him to the Darchen Medical College. The doctor gave him some medicine and he felt relieved. Darchen was a dusty place and a lot of rubbish could be seen all around. The town was very sparsely populated and no visitors or pilgrims could be seen as the season had not yet started. The town had a few rudimentary general stores selling Chinese cigarettes, soap, and other basic provisions as well as usual strings of prayer flags. This was not exactly what the author had expected. He felt lonely as the pilgrim season had not started. He had to search for someone who could speak or understand English as well as accompany him to perform kora. It seemed that he had arrived a bit too early at Darchen and he felt a bit disappointed.

21. **(a)**

The narrator had breathing difficulties, not noise-related disturbances.

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