A Test of True Love

1. Who was Blandford? What was he doing at the Central Station?
Blandford was a young army lieutenant. He was waiting to see his love, Hollis Meynell whom he was in love with but had not seen her before.

2. How did Blandford first meet Hollis Meynell?
Blandford first met Hollis Meynell in his imagination when he happened to read her notes written on the pages of 'Of Human Bondage'.

3. How were John Blandford and Hollis Meynell going to recognize to each other?
Lt. John Blandford would hold the book "Of Human Bondage" to show who he was, Hollis Meynell would wear a rose on her coat. With this arrangement they were going to recognize each other.

4. Lt. Blandford has asked Hollis Meynell for her photograph several times but she had refused. Why?
OR
Why do you think Hollis Meynell refused to send her photograph to Blandford?
Hollis Meynell believed that true love wouldn't care for age, and external beauty and appearance of a person. Therefore Blandford should continue his love to her even without seeing her photograph.

5.Lieutenant Blandford did hesitate. What did he not hesitate to do? Why did he not hesitate?
Lieutenant Blandfore did not hesitate to stop and talk to the old lady. He didn't mind inviting her for dinner. He gave more importance to the precious friendship with Meynell rather than age and external beauty of the young lady.

6. What do you think Miss Meynell did to test Blandford's love?
Miss Meynell asked the old lady to put the rose on her coat. She wanted to know whether Blandford would receive the old lady with same affection or discard her just because she was old and unattractive.

7. Who was being tested? Do you think the person passed the test? How?
Lt. Blandford was being tested by Hollis Meynell. Yes, he passed the test. Blandford was not attracted by age and beauty of young woman, He rather gave importance to his precious friendship with Miss Meynell, so he was ready to invite the old and unattractive lady for dinner. His sincerity, truthfulness and faithfulness helped him pass the test.

Comprehension Passages (1 Mark questions)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Passage 1:

"His heart was beating so hard it seemed to shake him. In six minutes he would see the woman who had occupied much of his thoughts for the past 13 months, the woman he had never seen, yet whose written words have great deal to him.

Now answer the following questions.

1. Whose heart was beating so hard? Why?
2. Who is the 'woman' mentioned above?
3. Do you think he loved the woman?

Answers:

1. Lt. Blandford's heart was beating so hard.
2. Hollis Meynell
3. Yes he loved her.

Passage 2:

"Of Human Bondage" was the title of the book and throughout the pages there were notes in a woman's handwriting. He had never believed that a woman could understand a man's thoughts so well.

Now answer the following questions.

1. Who wrote the notes on the pages of the book?
2. He had never believed…. Who had not believed?
3. a man's thoughts ….Which man is referred here?

Answers:

1. Hollis Meynell
2. Lt. Blandford
3. Author of the book, "Of Human Bondage".

Passage 3:

" But she had refused all his request for her photograph."

Now answer the following questions.

1. Who had requested for her photograph?
2. Why had she refused his request for her photograph?
3. Who is she referred to?

Answers:

1. Lt. Blandford had requested for her photograph.
2. She believed that true love would care for looks, age and external beauty of a person.
3. She is Hollis Meynell.

Passage 4:

“Blandford’s attention was suddenly divided between the two. He felt a strong urge to follow the girl, yet he also had a deep longing for the woman whose spirit had truly given him great courage and strength.

Now answer the following questions.

1.Why do you think he wanted to follow the girl?
2. Who had given him great courage and strength.
3. Who do you think he at last decided to meet?

Answers

1. The girl was young and beautiful, Blandford instinctively felt that the girl might be her friend Hollis Meynell.
2. Hollis Meynell.
3. He decided at last to stop and talk to the old lady.

Passage 5:

“ I don’t know who you are young man,” she answered. “That young lady in the green suit- she asked me to wear this rose on my coat.

Now answer the following questions.

1. the young man here refers to?
2. That young lady.. Who is the young lady?
3. Who is the speaker in the above lines?
4. Why do you think that young lady asked the speaker to wear that rose on the coat?

Answers:

1.Lt. Blandford.
2. Hollis Meynell.
3. The Old lady.
4. The young lady i.e. Hollis Meynell asked the old lady to wear that rose on her coat. She wanted to know whether Blandford would receive the old lady with the same love and warmth or discard her just because she was old and unattractive.