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Topic : Comprehension Passage

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I	<u>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows.</u>	
	<p>One day, Raghu’s father pointed to a big mango tree near their house and told Raghu that it had been planted by his grandfather. Whenever father was faced with a problem, he would go and sit under the shady tree. This gave him a lot of peace, a calm mind to think and usually he would find a solution to the problem, however difficult it was. Raghu listened to his father in wonder.</p> <p>Years passed and Raghu was now a smart, young boy of eighteen. He was in college. His father had been ill for a few years and was now bedridden. Raghu had to pay his exam fee the next day and wondered how he would do it.</p> <p>The family was finding it difficult to make both ends meet since his father had been unwell. It was his mother who bravely tried to manage with the available resources. Raghu, sad and worried, walked to the mango tree and sat under it.</p> <p>Suddenly there was a rustle of leaves and a strange, heavy voice asked, “Why are you worried, my son?” Raghu jumped up in fear and looked around. He could see no one. He thought he had imagined it and sat down again, head in his hands. No sooner had he done this, than he heard the voice again.</p> <p>Now, his fear left him and he thought someone was playing a trick on him. He replied angrily, “I have reason to be worried. I need to pay my exam fee tomorrow and I don’t have money.” There was a silence for a few minutes. Raghu was jolted out of his thoughts when he heard the voice say again, “Ha, ha, is that all? Why don’t you sell the ripe, sweet mangoes on this tree and pay your fee?”</p> <p>Raghu looked up and indeed, the tree was full of delicious yellow mangoes. He quickly brought a basket, plucked the mangoes, sold them in the market and not only paid his fee, but was also able to give his mother money for household expenses.</p>	
1	<u>Complete the following sentences.</u>	(4 marks)
a)	Raghu’s father would sit under _____.	
b)	The voice suggested Raghu to _____.	
c)	Raghu had no money to pay _____	
d)	The family was facing difficulties as _____.	



2	<u>Answer the following</u>	
a)	Why was the mango tree special?	(1 mark)
b)	How did Raghu react when he first heard the voice?	(1 mark)
c)	What difficulties were Raghu and his family facing?	(2 marks)
3	<u>Find one word for the following from the passage.</u>	(2 marks)
a)	Make a soft, crackling sound (para 4)	
b)	Unusual or surprising in a way that it is hard to understand (para 4)	
4	<u>Find the antonym for the following words.</u>	(2 marks)
a)	Solution (para 1)	
b)	Noise (para 5)	
II	<u>Answer the following questions in your own words</u> (<i>The Night We Won the Buick</i>)	(12 marks)
a)	Give two reasons why the couple was glad to spot the restaurant café.	
b)	Does the writer let you feel from the very beginning that this is a funny story? Which moment in the story makes it a humorous tale?	