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Subject : English

Topic : Comprehension Passage
Story Completion

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I Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions

The first horses were perhaps domesticated nearly four thousand years ago, and since then, horses have played a significant role in all human activities. They have participated with their riders in many heroic exploits in wars, have figured prominently in mythologies and have remained a friend to humans. There have been unforgettable horses in history who could communicate with their masters- Bucephalus (the horse of Alexander the Great), Chetak (Maharana Pratap's horse) and Copenhagen (the Duke of Wellington's horse who rode at the Battle of Waterloo.)

Feral horses are the descendants of tame animals that have lived freely for many years. North America mustangs which are found free are the descendants of horses brought by Europeans nearly four hundred years ago. Wild horses are generally found in small groups. The group would have some mares and foals and would be led by a stallion. When the foals become young colts, they are driven away from the group to fend for themselves. These colts roam around with other males till they form their own groups.

Horses have not only been used for domestic work and recreation, but also for law enforcement ever since the seventeenth century. In 1805, the first official mounted police unit was formed in London. The unit was such a success that within a few years, both Australia and America had adopted the idea. Many countries continue to have a few mounted units despite the advent of motor cycles.

Horses are intelligent animals with excellent memory. They remember the kindness shown to them and never forget the places where they have had a bitter experience. If they get bored, they know how to entertain themselves. They can figure out how to untie themselves, though by chance or accident, and are capable of opening grain bins. Once they learn these tricks, they never forget them and always put them to good use whenever necessary.

1 Complete the following sentences

- a) Horses have been friends to humans since ages as they _____ (1 mark)



- b) The horses introduced by Europeans in North America are _____ (1 mark)
- c) Horses have earned a name in history as _____. (1 mark)
- d) The young colts are _____. (1 mark)
- e) Horses have not only participated in famous wars, but _____ (1 mark)
- f) Horses remember _____ and never _____. (2 marks)

2 Answer the following

- a) What is the significance of horses to humans? How are they placed in history? (2 marks)
- b) What are feral horses? (1 mark)
- 3 Find another word for “make full use of and get the full benefit from.” (para 1) (1 mark)
- 4 Find the antonym for the word “dull”(para 4) (1 mark)

II Complete the story (70-80 words)

- 1 A shepherd boy looked after a flock of sheep. He loved playing his flute while tending the sheep.....
- 2 Once, it so happened that a donkey went for a walk in the jungle. Suddenly he found a lion’s skin.....