

## Test-IV English Language

**Direction (Q 151-160):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

Once there was a jester in the court of a king. He entertained everyone in the court with his sparkling wit and interesting jokes. He became very popular as the favourite jester of the court. This made the jester arrogant and conceited. He frequently made fun of the courtiers and offended them. But none dared to complain against him to the king as he was the royal favourite. They bore the humiliation quietly. One day he went too far. In a misguided moment, he cut an insulting joke at the expense of the king himself. He thought that the king would appreciate it. But he was wrong. The king felt offended and highly insulted. He became wild with rage. He ordered his servants to hang the jester. The jester was immediately put behind bars. He wept and waited for his death in his dark cell. The jester now repented. He entreated the king to forgive him and spare his life. He begged for mercy. All this had no effect on the king. He remained firm. Some admirers of the jester then intervened for the jester. They implored the king to show mercy to the condemned jester and spare his life. The king now relented a bit. He said he would not withdraw the sentence of death penalty. He would, however, allow him to die the death of his choice. The jester could choose the way of his death. On hearing this, the witty fellow said, "Your Highness, I am grateful to you for granting me a chance to choose the manner of my death. I want to make it clear to you that I want to die of old age. Kindly grant me my wish." The king was highly pleased with this intelligent reply and granted him his request. All the courtiers praised the presence of mind of the popular jester. They were happy. Here he was pulled out of the jaws of death.

151. What offer, did the king make, to the jester?
- To leave the kingdom and settle down in another kingdom
  - To abstain from cutting jokes at the expense of the king
  - To allow him to die the death of his choice
  - To tender an unconditional apology to the king
  - To forgo the title of jester and remain as an ordinary citizen
152. What did the well-wishers of the jester do?
- They appealed to the king to show mercy towards the jester
  - They impressed upon the jester to accept the wishes of the king
  - They pleaded with the king to calm down and show restraint.
  - They marshalled their resources to support the king.
  - They devised a crafty plan to unsettle the king

153. Why did the jester cut a joke at the expense of the king?
- He wanted to settle an old score with the king
  - He thought it would be a good opportunity to teach a lesson to the courtiers
  - He was offended
  - He was driven by the desire to outsmart the king
  - He thought the king would appreciate it
154. What is the meaning of the statement; "one day he went too far" as appears in the passage?
- He wandered on the streets for long hours
  - He treaded on unsafe and dangerous path
  - He approached others seek help insulting the king.
  - He crossed the limit of decency and court manners
  - He experienced uncontrollable emotion and passion
155. Which of the following statements is not true in the context of the passage?
- The jester was witty and intelligent
  - The king was angry with the joke of the jester
  - The jester was favourite of the king and his court
  - The jester expressed the desire to die of old age.
  - The king relieved the jester on the imploration of his admirers
156. What did the king do after listening to the insulting joke cut by the jester on him?
- The king contemplated and thought of taking an action against the jester
  - The king ordered to send the jester to death
  - The king retired to his chamber in disgust
  - The king stripped the jester of his position and rank in the court
  - The king promised the courtiers that he would take appropriate action against the jester
157. Why could nobody complain to the king about the jester's arrogance?
- The jester's intelligence was acknowledged by the courtiers
  - The king was benevolent and powerful
  - He was immensely liked by the king
  - The king was hand-in-glove with the jester
  - The jester was cunning and capable of punishing others
158. Why was the jester very popular?
- He made fun of the courtiers
  - He entertained everyone with his intelligent jokes
  - He was very close to the king and was his favourite
  - He was very intelligent and crafty
  - He was kind and sympathetic to all