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Read the following text, in which the writer speaks about a mysterious dog that puzzled the guards of Peel Castle. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

The Dark Passage

1 In the days of Charles II, the King of England, Peel Castle was always garrisoned by soldiers. The guard room was just inside the main entrance of the castle. The passage between the guard room and the captain's room passed through one of the old halls. At the end of the day, soldiers used to take turns to lock the castle gates and carry the keys through the dark passage to the captains' room.

2 About that time, a big black dog with rough, curly hair was seen, sometimes in one room, next time in another. He did not belong to anyone there, and apparently no one knew anything about him. However, every night, when the candles were lighted in the guard room, and the fire was burning, he would come down the dark passage and lay himself down by the hearth. He made no sound but lay on the floor till the break of day, and then he would get up and disappear into the passage.

3 At first, the soldiers were scared of him. Although, they got used to seeing him nearby and gradually lost some of their fear after some time, they still considered him somehow immortal. While he was in the room, the soldiers were quiet and sober. They avoided saying any evil word that might disturb the creature. When it was time to carry the key to the captain, two of them would always go together – no man would face the dark passage alone.

4 One night, however, one fellow had drunk more than was good for him. He began to boast that he was not afraid of the dog. It was not his turn to take the keys to the captain, but to show how brave he was, he insisted on taking them alone and dared the dog to follow him. "Let him come," he shouted ironically; "I'll see whether he is a dog or a devil!"

5 His terrified colleagues tried to hold him back, but he snatched the keys and went out into the passage as fast as he could. The black dog got up slowly and followed him.

6 There was deathly silence in the guard room; no sound was heard except the dashing of waves on the steep rocks of the castle islet. A few minutes passed when there came from the dark passage the most unearthly screams. Not a single soldier dared move to find out what was going on. All looked at each other in deadening horror.

7 Later on, they heard hurrying footsteps, and the terrified fellow came back into the room. His face was ghastly pale and twisted with fear. He spoke not a word then or afterwards. In three days, he was dead, and the black dog disappeared. Nobody ever knew what exactly had happened in the dark passage that night.

Questions

A. In your own words, answer the following questions, each in a complete sentence.

1. When did the dog use to come to the guard room, and when did he use to leave it? **(02)**
2. How did the soldiers behave in front of the dog? **(02)**
3. Why didn't the other soldiers try to find out what was going on? **(02)**
4. What two events make the story mysterious? **(02)**

B. Write numbers to rearrange the following events in chronological (time) order. The first answer is given to you as an example. **(2.5)**

	Events	Numbers
a	The soldiers stood still in horror.	
b	The black dog was never seen again.	
c	The dog laid himself down near the fireplace.	**1**
d	Weird screams were heard in the dark passage.	
e	One careless soldier decided to take the keys alone.	
f	The soldiers avoided to speak ill when the dog was present.	

C. Refer to the text to complete these sentences. **(1.5)**

1. The soldiers took turn to … .
2. Because no soldier was allowed to go into the passage alone … .
3. He decided to take the keys alone and dared the dog to follow him to … .

D. Find words in Paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 that most nearly have the following meanings. **(02)**

1. a loud cry or shout showing pain, anger, or fear
2. an evil spirit, a demon
3. had the courage to challenge
4. became impossible to be seen any longer

E. Rewrite the sentences and make them passive. **(03)**

1. They will send you the boxes next week.
2. Coca Cola has sponsored this program.
3. The manager has locked the door.
4. After they had shut the doors nobody could get in.
5. The organizers of the event welcomed the president.
6. They are inviting hundreds of guests to the opening of the new theater.

F. Fill in the correct form of the verb given. **(03)**

1. The manager ____ to an important customer at the moment, but he ____ you in a few minutes. (SPEAK, SEE)
2. Do you realize that you ____ on my toes? – It hurts! (STAND)
3. I think I ____ a break. I surely deserve one. (TAKE)
4. I wonder if he ____ my number. I ____ him to call me for the last two hours. (FORGET, EXPECT)

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8E Answer Key

A.
1. The dog used to come when the candles were lighted and the fire was burning, and he would leave at day break. **(02)**
2. The soldiers were quiet, sober, and aware not to say any evil word. **(02)**
3. The soldiers didn't run to the passage because they were terribly afraid. **(02)**
4. The two events that make the story mysterious are: the death of the soldier and the disappearance of the dog. **(02)**

B. (2.5)
a : 5
b : 6
c : 1
d : 4
e : 3
f : 2

C. (1.5)
1. The soldiers took turns to **give the keys to the captain**.
2. Because no soldier was allowed to go into the passage alone, **two soldiers would always go together**.
3. He decided to take the keys alone and dared the dog to follow him to **show how brave he was**.

D. (02)
1. scream: a loud cry or shout showing pain, anger, or anger
2. devil: an evil spirit, a demon
3. dared: had the courage to challenge
4. disappeared: became impossible to be seen any longer

E. (03)
1. You will be sent the boxes next week.
2. This program has been sponsored by Coca Cola.
3. The door has been locked by the manager.
4. After the doors had been shut nobody could get in.
5. The president was welcomed by the organizers of the event.
6. Hundreds of guests are being invited to the opening of the new theater.

F. (03)
1. The manager **is talking** to an important customer at the moment, but he will see you in a few minutes.
2. Do you realize that you **are standing** on my toes? – It hurts!
3. I think I **will take** a break. I surely deserve one.
4. I wonder if he **has forgotten** my number. I **have been expecting** him to call me for the last two hours.