Тексты с заданиями для чтения

по английскому языку (6 класс)

I

The giraffe.

The giraffe is the tallest animal. His head is about five meters above the ground. It has its good and bad sides. The giraffe can eat leaves from high trees because he has a long neck and a strong tongue. But it’s difficult for the giraffe to eat the grass. When the giraffe drinks water, lions and leopards often hide in the tall grass ready to catch him. It is very bad for the giraffe, because he can’t raise his head quickly and run away.  The giraffe can live for months without water.

He gets most of the water from what he eats. Also, because his heads is so far from the ground, a giraffe can see danger and can quickly walk away or run away.

1) The giraffe is the strongest animal.

        a) true             b) false             c) not stated

2) He has a long neck.

        a) true             b) false             c) not stated

3) The giraffe eats only grass.

       a) true             b) false             c) not stated

4) The giraffe can run fast.

        a) true             b) false             c) not stated

5) He can’t raise his head fast.

        a) true             b) false             c) not stated

6) The giraffe can’t live without water for a long time.

       a) true             b) false             c) not stated

7) He can see danger because he has a long neck.

       a) true             b) false             c) not stated

                                                          II

                                          A story about a parrot

Once there lived a man who had a parrot. The man tried to teach the parrot to speak. But the parrot could learn only the phrase, “There is no doubt about it.” (в этом нет сомнения). The parrot always said these words and always gave the same answer. “There is no doubt about it”.

At last the man decided to sell (продавать; sold = V 2) the parrot. He went to the street and began to cry, “Twenty dollars for a very clever parrot!”

One woman heard this. She came up to the parrot and asked, “ Are you worth twenty dollars?” The parrot answered, “There is no doubt about it”.

“What a clever parrot”, she said and bought the bird.

After some days the woman couldn’t listen to the parrot any more. She said, “What a fool I was to buy this parrot and throw away so much money.Twenty dollars!”

Then the parrot cried, “There is no doubt about it”.

This time the parrot was right.

True, false or not stated:

1. The parrot learned a lot of words.

        a) true             b) false            c) not stated

2. The man liked his clever bird so much that he decided not to sell it.

        a) true             b) false            c) not stated

3. The woman thought that the parrot was very clever.

        a) true             b) false            c) not stated

4. The parrot said the same words.

         a) true             b) false            c) not stated

5. The woman sold the parrot.

         a) true             b) false            c) not stated

            III

                                             The King and the Painter  
  
       There was a king who thought he could paint very well. His pictures were very bad but the people to whom he showed them were afraid to tell him the truth. They all said that his pictures were wonderful and they liked them very much.  
      One day the king showed his pictures to a great painter who lived in his country and said, "I'd like to know what you think of my pictures. Do you like them?"  
       The painter looked at the king's pictures and said, "My king, I believe that your pictures are bad and you will never be a good artist."  
      The king got very angry and sent the painter to prison. Two years passed and the king wanted to see the painter again.  
     "I was angry with you," he said, "because you didn't like my pictures. Now you are a free man again and I am your friend." The king talked with the painter and invited him for dinner. The dinner was wonderful. And they enjoyed it very much.  
      After dinner the king showed his pictures to the painter again and asked, "Well, how do you like them now?" The painter turned to a soldier who was standing behind him and said, "Take me back to prison."  
  
     I.  Was the King a good painter?      
           1.Yes, people liked his pictures very much.

            2.No, his pictures were bad.  
           3.He didn't paint pictures at all.

     II.Why were people afraid to tell the King the truth about his pictures?                  
           1.Because they were afraid of him.

            2.Because they enjoyed the dinner.  
           3.Because the King could paint very well.

     III.Did the painter like the King's pictures?  
            1.Yes, he liked them very much.

             2.No, he said that the King was a bad artist.

             3.The King didn't show the pictures to the painter.

      IV.What happened to the great painter who told the King the truth?

              1.The king invited him for dinner.  
             2.The king sent him to prison.   
             3.The king talked with the painter.

       V.Why did the painter asked the soldier to take him back to prison?      
             1.Because he didn't like the king's pictures.  
             2.Because he enjoyed the dinner.  
             3.Because he liked to be in prison.