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Reading Comprehension Passage 15 MCQ Test With Answers – A DISASTROUS DAY AT THE GABLES

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(Please note: The following questions are related to a specific reading passage, which is available solely before the first question. Remember, it may be helpful to refer back to the reading text while answering the questions to ensure accuracy.)

A DISASTROUS DAY AT THE GABLES

Bessie worked for Aunt Harriet for three years. During that time she so gained my aunt's confidence, that she was put in charge of the domestic staff. Aunt Harriet could not find words to praise Bessie's industry and efficiency. On top of all her other qualifications, Bessie was an expert cook as well. To put it in a nutshell, she acted the role of the perfect servant for three years before Aunt Harriet discovered her "one little weakness".

Let me tell you the whole story now. After being absent from her country cottage for a week, my aunt unexpectedly returns one afternoon with a party of guests and instructs Bessie to prepare dinner. Not only is the meal, however, well below the usual standard, but also Bessie seems unable to walk steadily. She bumps into the furniture and keeps making mumbling remarks about the guests. When she comes in with the last course -- which is a huge pudding -- she trips on the carpet and the pudding goes flying through the air, narrowly missing my aunt, and crashing on the dining table with considerable force. Despite the fact that this is considered great fun among the guests, Aunt Harriet is horrified. She reluctantly comes to the sad conclusion that Bessie is drunk. The guests, needless to say, have realized this from the moment Bessie has opened the door for them and, long before this final catastrophe, they have had a difficult time trying to conceal their amusement.

Anyway, the poor girl is dismissed instantly. After her departure, Aunt Harriet discovers piles and piles of empty wine bottles of all shapes and sizes neatly stored in what has once been her ideal servant's personal wardrobe. Apparently, they have somewhat mysteriously found their way up there from the wine cellar!

Story adapted from L.G. ALEXANDER'S, Question and Answer.

1. ***Aunt Harriet used to think that Bessie was***
   A) a lazy drunkard.
   B) in charge of the domestic staff.
   C) the best servant she could ever find.
   D) an expert cook despite her one little weakness.
   E) acting the role of the perfect servant.

2. ***We understand that Aunt Harriet***
   A) is completely trustworthy.
   B) enjoyed entertaining unexpected visitors.
   C) often left The Gables on visiting other people.
   D) is a little too naive.
   E) was given to mumbling about the guests.

3. ***The guests***
   A) had tried not to show that they were aware of the situation.
   B) reluctantly came to the conclusion that Bessie was drunk.
   C) had mysteriously found their way there from the wine-cellar.
   D) dismissed the poor girl instantly.
   E) didn't consider the situation funny.

4. ***We may conclude from the passage that Aunt Harriet***
   A) is rather well-off and probably a widow.
   B) is an expert cook herself.
   C) hates wine.
   D) is always complaining about her servants.
   E) knows a lot about human nature.

5. ***A suitable title for the passage, by way of irony, might have been:***
   A) An Expert Cook **B)** The Ideal Servant
   C) Guests for Dinner **D)** A Drunken Girl
   E) A Funny Day