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Reading Comprehension Passage 34 MCQ Test With Answers – TOO YOUNG TO RESIGN TO HIS FATE

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TOO YOUNG TO RESIGN TO HIS FATE

They banged the door and went off up the stairs, their keys jangling in the distance. I looked around me. Bare concrete walls and floor. The door was a massive piece of timber and steel. The window was high up in the wall, below ground level and looking on to another wall. A bare electric bulb, over the door, shone through wire grating.

The bed was a wooden bench with a pillow of the same material. However, I had three blankets, and I lay down and wrapped myself in the blankets. But the pillow was too much for me. I reversed, putting my feet on the pillow, with my head resting on my jacket. The pillow was too hard for my feet, too. It strained my ankles, keeping them there. Then I wanted to use the lavatory. It was in a corner from the door. I stood over it, my bare toes on the bare concrete floor. As I stood, waiting over the lavatory, I heard a church bell ringing in the frosty night, in some other part of the city. Cold and lonely it sounded, like the most depressing noise that ever attacked the ear of man.

I got back on my bench, coiled myself up, so that my feet avoided the wooden pillow, in some comfort, and realized my doom. Even if I got away with a few years only, on account of my age, it was forever. It wasn't even possible that Monday should come when at least I'd get a walk up the stairs. The clock was not made that would pass the time between now and Monday morning. It was like what we were told about the last day, ***Time is, time was, time is no more***. And Jesus Christ, even now, I was only locked up for ten minutes.

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1. ***The young man has been thrown into a***
   A) concentration camp. **B)** church cellar.
   C) courthouse. **D)** military barrack.
   E) prison cell.

2. ***Cross out the incorrect statement:***
   A) The young man is all by himself in his cell.
   B) There is a bare electric bulb hanging from the ceiling.
   C) He has got three blankets, but there is no ordinary pillow.
   D) The cell is probably empty, save for the lavatory, the wooden bench, the "pillow" and the three blankets.
   E) The bed was made of wood, and so was the "pillow".

3. ***Mark out the correct statement:***
   A) It was a very hot day that day.
   B) The young man has got only a few years to live.
   C) The "pillow" was not comfortable at all.
   D) The young man was cold because he was naked.
   E) On Mondays, they let him walk up the stairs.

4. ***The young man is looking forward to Monday, because on that day he will***
   A) be released from prison.
   B) be taken to church.
   C) be taken to another cell.
   D) presumably appear before a court.
   E) meet Jesus Christ in person.

5. ***Mark out the correct statement:***
   A) It was Jesus Christ who locked him up ten minutes ago.
   B) His feet are more comfortable on the wooden pillow than his head is.
   C) His cell is in the basement of the building.
   D) Church bells warn people of the cold outside.
   E) He wants to use the lavatory again on Monday.

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