ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Reading Comprehension Passage 35 MCQ Test With Answers – LIFE IN AN OCCUPIED TOWN

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Explanations

1. ***Read the first paragraph carefully and cross out the inappropriate statement below:***
✓ E) Some of the townsfolk had turned traitor because they had been bought by the enemy.
Paragraph 1 says the traitors helped the invaders because many of them believed it was for **a better state and ideal way of life**. Nothing suggests they were **bought** (paid) by the enemy, so this is the inappropriate statement. The other statements match the text. The coal barges came empty and went away loaded. The snow fell and melted before it finally **fell and stuck**. The miners' 'mistakes' were part of their **silent, waiting revenge**. People looked at the traitors **coldly**.

2. ***Read the second paragraph carefully and cross out the inappropriate statement below:***
✓ D) Some young English soldiers made their escape and went to England.
Paragraph 2 says that **a group of young men escaped and went to England**. These were young men from the occupied town, not **English soldiers**, so this statement is the inappropriate one. The other statements match the text: the railroad **clung to the mountains**, food was **issued only to the obedient**, the many 'accidents' were really sabotage, and young men fled to England, which shows the townsfolk saw England as a friend.

3. ***The story is set in _____ country.***
✓ B) a conquered
The passage describes **the people of the conquered country** living under invaders, so the story is set in **a conquered** country. Not **the invaders'** country, because the invaders came from somewhere else and occupied this town. Not **a tropical** country either: the text describes heavy snow and a long winter.

4. ***Some of the men had turned traitors because***
✓ B) many of them had believed the occupation would benefit their country.
Paragraph 1 says the traitors helped the invaders, and **many of them believed it was for a better state and ideal way of life**. In other words, they thought the occupation would be good for their country. Not **the control they took was insecure**, because that is what happened after they became traitors, not the reason they did it.

5. ***The best thing the invaders could do to stop the would-be saboteurs proved to be***
✓ D) giving food rations to only those who obeyed.
Paragraph 2 says the food supply was **issued only to the obedient and withheld from the disobedient**, so **the whole population turned coldly obedient**. That was the method that worked best. Not **shooting people in reprisal**, because the text says **it made no difference**. The bombing of the coal mine was done by the English, not by the invaders.

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