Topic: **Chapter 3: A Man with No Heart**

FICTION Comprehension Passage [20 marks]

Read the following text carefully and then answer the questions below.

Dorothy, the Scarecrow and Toto came to a great forest. It was dark there, but they kept on walking. Then they came to a little house, built of wood. No one was there, and the door was not locked. Dorothy went in. She saw a bed of dried leaves in one corner.

It was almost night-time. Dorothy felt hungry, but she was too tired to eat. She lay down on the leaves with Toto beside her. Soon she fell into a deep sleep. The Scarecrow, who was never tired and never hungry, stood in another corner. He waited quietly until morning came.

When Dorothy woke up, the sun was shining brightly through the trees. Dorothy, Toto and the Scarecrow left the little house. They walked through the forest until they found a stream. There Dorothy washed her face. She sat down and ate some of the bread. She gave some bread to Toto, too.

Suddenly she heard a deep groan.

'What was that?' she asked. 'I don't know,' replied the Scarecrow. 'Let's go and see.'

They heard another groan. Dorothy ran forward and then stopped with a cry of surprise. Standing beside a tree, with an axe in his hands, was a man made of tin. He did not move. It looked as if he could not move at all.

'Did you groan?' asked Dorothy. 'Yes,' answered the tin man, 'I did.' He could not move his lips, so he did not speak well. 'I've been groaning here for more than a year,' he said. 'No one ever heard me before.'

'What can I do for you?' Dorothy asked. She felt sorry for the poor man.

'Get an oil can and oil me,' the tin man answered. 'My joints have rusted so much that I cannot move. There is an oil can on a shelf in my house.'

'That must be where we stayed last night,' thought Dorothy.

1. **What is the main theme of the passage?** **[/1]**

a) Being kind and helping others in need.

b) Learning how to build a wooden house.

c) The importance of eating healthy food.

2. **Explain why the Tin Man was unable to move.** **[/1]**

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3. What does Dorothy's response to the Tin Man's situation reveal about her character? [/1]

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4. Identify a word from the passage that means a deep sound expressing pain or discomfort. [/1]

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5. Rewrite the following sentence in the simple past tense. [/1]

Dorothy walks through the forest.

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6. Identify the noun phrase in the following sentence. [/1]

The poor Tin Man stood beside a tree. _____

7. Rewrite the sentence using an appropriate sentence starter. [/1]

_____, Dorothy heard a deep groan.

8. Complete the following simile with a suitable word. [/1]

The Tin Man stood as still as a _____.

9. Which proverb would best advise Dorothy to think carefully before choosing an unfamiliar path? [/1]

a) Look before you leap.

b) Better late than never.

10. Write the contracted form of the following expression. [/1]

Did not _____

11. How can you say that the Scarecrow was different from Dorothy? [/1]

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12. Why do you think the Tin Man was surprised when Dorothy heard him? [/1]

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13. Combine the following sentences using the correct connective. **[/1]**

The Tin Man could not move. His joints had rusted.

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14. Identify the example of onomatopoeia from the following words. **[/1]**

a) Forest b) Groan c) House

15. Rewrite the given sentence in past continuous tense. **[/1]**

Dorothy sleep on the dried leaves when the night passed.

16. What does the Tin Man's rusted body symbolize in the passage? **[/1]**

a) His inability to move and his need for help.

b) His strength and power.

c) His love for living in the forest.

17. What evidence from the passage suggests that the Tin Man had been neglected for a long time? [/1]

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18. Complete the sentences using the simple present tense. **[/1]**

a) The Tin Man _____ (need) oil to move his joints.

19. **Rewrite the sentence using correct punctuations.** **[/1]**

Dorothy asked did you groan

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20. Choose the sentence that correctly uses the phrasal verb look after in the context of the chapter.

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a) Dorothy looked after Toto by giving him some bread.

b) Dorothy looked after the forest by walking through it.

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