

## Discovering Tut: the Saga Continues

### Case Study Based Questions

**1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

They remain the richest royal collection ever found, and have become part of the pharaoh's legend. Stunning artefacts in gold, their eternal brilliance meant to guarantee resurrection, caused a sensation at the time of the discovery, and still get the most attention. But Tut was also buried with everyday things he'd want in the afterlife: board games, a bronze razor, linen undergarments, cases of food and wine.

**(A) The line, "They remain the richest royal collection ever found" can be best classified as:**

- (a) a fact
- (b) an opinion
- (c) a theme
- (d) a plot point

**(B) Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below:**

Statement (I): The stunning findings in the Valley of the King attracted a lot of tourists.

Statement (II): Tourists have damaged much of the Tomb where King Tut was laid.

- (a) Statement (I) is true but Statement (II) is false.
- (b) Statement (I) is false but statement (II) is true.
- (c) Both Statements (I) and (II) cannot be inferred.
- (d) Both Statement (I) and (II) can be inferred.

**(C) How can one assert that Tut's burial took place in March or April?**

**Ans. (A)** (a) a fact

**Explanation:** The line can be classified as a fact. It is not an opinion because it doesn't express any feeling, attitude or a belief. Hence, (a) is correct.

**(B)** (a) Statement (I) is true, but Statement (II) is false

**Explanation:** As mentioned in the story, tourists from around the world descended into the rock cut tomb of king Tut to pay their respects. However, it is nowhere written that the tourists have caused damage to the tomb. Hence, (a) is correct.

**(C)** Tut's burial took place in March or April. This can be said because of the presence of



garlands of willows and olive leaves, lotus petals, wild celery and cornflowers in the first nested coffin.

**2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

When he finally reached the mummy, though, he ran into trouble. The ritual resins had hardened, cementing Tut to the bottom of his solid gold coffin. "No amount of legitimate force could move them," Carter wrote later. "What was to be done?" The sun can beat down like a hammer this far south in Egypt, and Carter tried to use it to loosen the resins. For several hours, he set the mummy outside in blazing sunshine that heated it to 149 degrees Fahrenheit. Nothing budged.

**(A) What kind of trouble was faced by Carter?**

- (a) Tut's mummy was missing.
- (b) Huge rush was there beside the body of Tut.
- (c) Tut's body had stuck to the bottom of the coffin.
- (d) He was applying force in the wrong direction.

**(B) Fill in the blank with an appropriate answer.**

The synonym of the word 'Budged' is .....

**(C) Howard Carter worked for several hours to melt the resins. What opinion can be formed about Carter after reading this line?**

**Ans. (A)** (c) Tut's body had stuck to the bottom of the coffin.

**Explanation:** Three nested coffins were found by Carter. In the first, he found a shroud adorned with garlands of olive leaves and flowers, but when he reached the mummy, he got into a trouble. He found that the ritual resins had become quite stiff. It cemented Tut to the bottom of his solid gold coffin. Hence, (c) is correct.

**(C)** shift

**Explanation:** Budged means to move or to cause something to move. So, the synonym is 'shift'!

**(C)** One can form an opinion that Howard displayed optimism as he had high hopes for the future. He was also dedicated as he had discovered King Tut's tomb after years of continuous searching.

