

* Select the most appropriate options as answers and complete the following sentences : [12]

1. Encyclopedia Brown lived at _____.

- (A) London (B) Idaville (C) New York (D) Boston

Ans. : (B) Idaville

2. Chief Brown was _____.

- (A) a detective (B) a lawyer
(C) the Chief of Police (D) a teacher

Ans. : (C) the Chief of Police

3. The mysteries were usually discussed at the _____ in the Brown family.

- (A) dining table (B) drawing room (C) garden (D) library

Ans.: (A) dining table

4. When Chief Brown stared at his soup it meant _____.

- (A) he was sick (B) he was angry
(C) he had a mystery he couldn't solve (D) he disliked the soup

Ans. : (C) he had a mystery he couldn't solve

5. Tim Nolan was suspected of being involved in _____.

- (A) a bank robbery (B) a jewellery robbery
(C) a car theft (D) a kidnapping

Ans. : (B) a jewellery robbery

6. Nolan couldn't be arrested because :

- (A) The clerk refused to testify (B) No evidence was found
(C) He escaped (D) He confessed and was freed

Ans.: (A) The clerk refused to testify

7. _____ was clipped to Nolan's will.

- (A) A map (B) A photograph
(C) A sheet from his desk calendar (D) A cheque

Ans. : (C) A sheet from his desk calendar

8. _____ first tried to explain the four words grammatically.

- (A) Chief Brown (B) Davenport (C) Encyclopedia (D) Mrs. Brown

Ans. : (D) Mrs. Brown

9. "Nom" stands for _____ in the code.



(A) Sunday

(B) Monday

(C) Tuesday

(D) Wednesday

Ans. : (B) Monday

10. "Utes" stands for _____ in the code.

(A) Tuesday

(B) Wednesday

(C) Thursday

(D) Friday

Ans.: (A) Tuesday

11. "Sweden" stands for _____ in the code.

(A) Sunday

(B) Monday

(C) Wednesday

(D) Friday

Ans. : (C) Wednesday

12. The unwritten fifth word in the code is _____.

(A) Sunday

(B) Friday

(C) Saturday

(D) Thursday

Ans. : (B) Friday

*** Say whether the following sentences are true or false :**

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13. Chief Brown cleared his desk and went home when he couldn't solve a case.

Ans. : True

14. The Diamond Mart robbery happened five years ago.

Ans. : True

15. Nolan was arrested immediately after the robbery.

Ans. : False

16. Mrs. Brown was a high school teacher of English.

Ans. : True

17. "Hurts" stood for Wednesday.

Ans. : False

*** Select the most appropriate words from the box and fill in the blanks in the text given below :**

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18. Encyclopedia Brown often helped his father solve _____.

Ans. : mysteries

19. The Diamond Mart was on _____ Avenue.

Ans. : Sixth

20. Davenport had not been seen since the _____.

Ans. : hold-up

21. The code words stood for days of the _____.

Ans. : week



22. The jewellery was found in a jug of earth under a _____ tree.

Ans. : fir

*** Answer The Following Questions In One Sentence.**

[11]

23. What unusual thing did Tim Nolan do just before his death?

Ans. : Just before his death, Tim Nolan left a calendar sheet with a four-word coded message clipped to his will, which was intended for Davenport.

24. Who died on Tuesday?

Ans. : Tim Nolan died on Tuesday.

25. How much was the stolen jewellery worth?

Ans. : The stolen jewellery was worth one million dollars.

26. What clue did Nolan leave with his will?

Ans. : Nolan left a calendar sheet with four words with his will.

27. What grew in the jug where jewellery was hidden?

Ans. : A young fir tree grew in the jug where jewellery was hidden.

28. What was Encyclopedia's real name?

Ans. : Encyclopedia's real name was Leroy.

29. Why was he called Encyclopedia?

Ans. : He was called Encyclopedia because he read many books, never forgot facts, and was full of knowledge like an encyclopedia.

30. Who knew Encyclopedia by his real name?

Ans. : Encyclopedia's only parents and teachers knew him by his real name.

31. Where did Nolan and Davenport first meet?

Ans. : Nolan and Davenport first met in the prison in South Carolina.

32. What business did Nolan start after being released?

Ans. : After being released, Nolan started a small palm-tree nursery in Idaville.

33. What did Nolan's will leave to Davenport?

Ans. : Nolan's will left everything he owned to Davenport, including his palm-tree nursery.

*** Answer the following questions.**

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34. Why did Davenport disappear right after the jewellery hold-up? What might his plans have been if, Nolan had not died?

Ans. : Davenport disappeared right after the jewellery hold-up to avoid suspicion after the robbery. He also wanted to avoid being caught and to lay low while the

police were actively investigating the robbery. If Nolan hadn't died, they might have planned to meet later and share the hidden jewellery once when the search had died down.

35. Analyse the role of the four-word coded message in the story.

Ans. : The four-word coded message acted as a clue that needed careful interpretation. It tested the characters' intelligence, focused the investigation, and ultimately helped Leroy connect the message to the stolen jewellery.

36. Why did Encyclopedia keep quiet about helping his father?

Ans. : Encyclopedia never spoke about helping his father because he didn't want to seem different from other boys. He preferred a normal life, although he solved cases that even the police could not. He let his father take the credit while he quietly helped at home.

37. What did Encyclopedia's pals say about him?

Ans. : Encyclopedia's friends said that Encyclopedia was like a library and a computer rolled into one, but much more user-friendly. This was because he read more books than anyone in Idaville, and he never forgot any fact he learned.

38. Why wasn't Nolan arrested after the Diamond Mart robbery?

Ans. : Nolan wasn't arrested after the Diamond Mart robbery because, although a clerk thought she recognised him when one robber's mask slipped, she wasn't absolutely sure. Without her testimony and with no traces of the stolen jewellery, the police had no solid proof against him.

39. Why was Mrs. Brown hopeful after reading the four words?

Ans. : Mrs. Brown was hopeful because she trusted Encyclopedia's sharp mind. She knew he usually needed just one question to solve a case, even before dessert at dinner. She believed the four words held the key to solving the mystery of the missing jewellery.

40. Why did the code not make sense to others?

Ans. : The code didn't make much sense to others because it seemed like random words: Nom, Utes, Sweden, Hurts. Only someone searching for a hiding place, like Davenport, or someone with sharp reasoning like Encyclopedia, could connect them to days of the week.

41. What was the significance of the fifth word?

Ans. : The fifth word was "Friday," represented by "Fir." It pointed directly to the young fir tree in Nolan's palm-tree nursery. Beneath this tree, inside a jug of earth, the stolen jewellery was hidden.

42. Why did Chief Brown never tell others about Encyclopedia's role in solving cases?



Ans. : Chief Brown never told others about Encyclopedia's role in solving cases because Encyclopedia preferred a normal life and did not want to seem different from other boys; he was content to let his father take the credit while he quietly assisted.

43. What was suspected about Tim Nolan and Daniel Davenport in connection with the jewellery robbery?

Ans. : It was suspected that Tim Nolan and Daniel Davenport were the culprits in the jewellery robbery because they were friends who met in prison, lived together just before the robbery, and Davenport disappeared immediately after the robbery, while Nolan left a suspicious coded note.

* Answer the following questions.

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44. Nolan and Davenport were very close. Support this statement with evidence from the text.

Ans. : Nolan and Davenport were very close. They met in prison and became close friends during that time due to shared interests. When they were released from the prison, they worked together on a jewellery robbery. Davenport lived with Nolan before the robbery. Their high level of trust and closeness is so deep that Nolan left a secret four-word coded message about the location of the hidden loot to Davenport.

45. What does Mrs. Brown's interest in the case tell us about her?

Ans. : Mrs. Brown's interest in the case tells us that she is intelligent, curious and enjoys intellectual challenges. She engages herself as she asks questions and tries to understand the code. Her background as a teacher of English and other subjects indicates she is analytical and observant. It is a true that she couldn't solve the puzzle but her willingness to engage in the case shows that she gives value to logic and critical thinking. She supports her family's interest in solving crimes. In brief, she is a dynamic lady.

46. Explain why Chief Brown was proud of his son.

Ans. : Chief Brown was proud of his son because of his extraordinary intelligence, keen observation, and logical reasoning skills. Though he was just an eighth grader, he was able to crack tough cases that experienced persons could not do. Encyclopedia solved mysteries quickly, like finding the jewellery with one question. His humility and quiet support in helping his father also earned his father's deep respect and admiration. Undoubtedly, he is a unique boy.

47. Why were Chief Brown's suspicions regarding Nolan and Davenport justified, even when there was a lack of concrete proof?

Ans. : Chief Brown's suspicions regarding Nolan and Davenport were justified, even when there was a lack of concrete proof because Nolan and Davenport were friends

from prison, lived together before the robbery. His suspicions were based on solid circumstances based on evidence. Their criminal history, sudden disappearance after the robbery, and the coded note found in Nolan's notebook all pointed towards their involvement.

48. Write a character sketch on Leroy with the help of the character traits table given in 'Let us discuss' section.

You may begin it like this:

Encyclopedia was a knowledgeable eighth grader who never forgot a fact that he read.

Ans. : Encyclopedia was a knowledgeable eighth grader who never forgot a fact that he read. He was extremely observant and had a logical mind. He was modest and humble and an excellent young detective. He had extraordinary intelligence, he didn't like to brag about the help he gave his father in solving police cases. He wanted to stay grounded and blend in with other boys of his age. As a good listener, he quietly understood his parents' discussions. His cleverness allowed him to solve cases with just one question. His quiet confidence, humility, and sharp mind made him not only a great detective but also a likable and dependable character.

49. Why was Chief Brown unable to solve the case of the stolen jewellery?

Ans. : Chief Brown was a smart and quick police officer, but this case lacked clear evidence. The jewellery had never been recovered, and although Nolan was suspected, there was no testimony against him. Davenport had disappeared, making the case even more difficult. The mysterious four-word code clipped to Nolan's will confused even him, but Encyclopedia, with his unusual reasoning skills, managed to crack it.

50. Describe Encyclopedia's personality and abilities.

Ans. : Encyclopedia, whose real name was Leroy, was a boy with extraordinary intelligence. He read more books than anyone in Idaville and never forgot a fact. Known for his sharp memory and logical mind, he often solved mysteries that baffled even experienced police officers. His nickname suited him because his head was "filled with facts from A to Z." Despite his talents, he stayed humble and never boasted about helping his father.

51. How did Nolan and Davenport plan the robbery?

Ans. : Nolan and Davenport met in prison and bonded over common interests. After Nolan's release, he started a palm-tree nursery in Idaville. Davenport moved in with him a week before the Diamond Mart robbery. During the robbery, a clerk thought she recognised Nolan when his mask slipped, but she wasn't sure. With no proof and no trace of jewellery, Nolan escaped punishment while Davenport disappeared.

52. What role did the code play in recovering the jewellery?

Ans. : The code was Nolan's last attempt to communicate with Davenport before dying. Written on a calendar sheet, the four words stood for days of the week, pointing indirectly to the fifth day—Friday. "Fir" symbolized the fir tree in Nolan's nursery. The police later found the stolen jewellery buried beneath the fir tree in a jug of earth. Without Encyclopedia's brilliant decoding, the case might have remained unsolved forever.

53. Explain Chief Brown's method of dealing with unsolved cases and how Encyclopedia assisted him.

Ans. : Chief Brown's method of dealing with unsolved cases, especially when lacking clear evidence, was to set aside the case files when he was personally unable to solve them, like when he cleared his desk. Encyclopedia assisted by using his extraordinary intelligence and logical reasoning to crack the complex clues, such as the four-word code, which led to the recovery of the jewellery when the police investigation had stalled.

54. How does the story build suspense around Nolan's death and his will?

Ans. : The story builds suspense around Nolan's death by making it seem suspicious (dying shortly after the robbery, Davenport disappearing) and by the mysterious, unexplained four-word coded message clipped to his will, which suggests a secret that only the intended recipient, Davenport, or someone clever like Encyclopedia could decipher. The ambiguity of Nolan's death and the cryptic clue create tension about the hidden treasure.

*** Read the following prose extract carefully and answer the questions given below:** **[16]**

Chief Brown would have liked to tell everyone about his only child. But who would believe him? Who would believe that the best detective alive was an eighth grader? So, he said nothing.

Encyclopedia never spoke of the help he gave his father. He didn't want to seem different from other boys. But there was nothing he could do about his nickname. He was stuck with it.

Only his parents and teachers called him by his real name, Leroy. Everyone else called him Encyclopedia.

55. Complete the following sentence with a suitable reason.

Chief Brown's dilemma can be called unique because _____

56. What can be inferred about why Encyclopedia never spoke of the help he gave his father?

- (A) He is shy and lacks confidence in his abilities to share his insights.
- (B) He wants to avoid the jealousy others might feel about his skills.
- (C) He desires to blend with the other boys to prevent seeming different.
- (D) He is embarrassed about being smarter than most adults around him.



57. The parents choose not to call their son 'Encyclopedia'. Select the reason that is false.

(A) For them, he is more than his unique abilities; he is their child, with a personal identity.

(B) Calling him by his real name reflects their affection and the desire to acknowledge him as an ordinary boy.

(C) They want him to be remembered as different from the others around.

58. What does the writer mean by the fact that Leroy was 'stuck with' the name Encyclopedia?

Ans. : 1. Chief Brown's dilemma can be called unique because he knew his son was the best detective around. He wanted to tell everyone about it, but no one would believe an eighth grader could be so talented that he could solve serious cases better than trained adults.

2. (C) He desires to blend with the other boys to prevent seeming different.

3. (C) They want him to be remembered as different from the others around.

4. It means everyone called him Encyclopedia because of his vast knowledge but he couldn't change this nickname. Everyone around him used it so often that he had no choice but to accept it.

Chief Brown studied the four words: Nom Utes Sweden Hurts. He shook his head and passed the notebook to Mrs. Brown again. "Can you figure it out?"

"Nom is a shortening of nominative, a grammatical term," stated Mrs. Brown, who had taught English and other subjects in high school. "Utes is an American Indian tribe. Sweden is a country in northern Europe. Hurts is hurts."

She lifted her gaze to Encyclopedia and shook her head.

"I can't figure it out," she confessed.

"Davenport disappeared right after the hold-up," Encyclopedia reminded her.

59. What does Chief Brown's reaction of shaking his head suggest about his understanding of the four words?

(A) He is confident that the words are a clue.

(B) He is confused, unable to make sense of the words.

(C) He believes the words are random and meaningless.

(D) He thinks the words are unrelated to the case.

60. Identify whether the given statement is true or false.

Mrs. Brown explained the actual meanings of the individual words rather than decoding the hidden message behind them.

61. What does Mrs. Brown's inability to decode the words suggest about the message?

62. Complete the following sentence suitably.

The purpose of Encyclopedia's reminder in the last line of the extract was to _____ (refocus the discussion on the context of the crime/suggest that the coded

message was meant for Davenport/imply that the message was likely a clue about the location of the stolen jewellery)

Ans. : 1. (B) He is confused, unable to make sense of the words

2. True

3. Mrs. Brown's inability to decode the words about the message suggests that the message is cleverly coded and hidden and requires specific insight to understand.

4. The purpose of Encyclopedia's reminder in the last line of the extract was to **imply that the message was likely a clue about the location of the stolen jewellery.**

"I got a court order this morning," Chief Brown said. "Officers Lewis and Maloney just about took Nolan's house apart. They didn't find one piece of the stolen jewellery."

"Is there some mystery about Nolan's death yesterday?" Mrs. Brown inquired.

"Yes and no," Chief Brown answered. "Nolan suffered from a bad heart for many years. Yesterday morning he had a stroke. He must have realised he was dying. With his last strength, he managed to put his will on the kitchen table. It leaves everything he owns, including his palm-tree nursery to Davenport."

63. Find the synonym of the word 'secret' from the passage.

64. Who ordered Nolan's house to be searched?

65. What was Nolan suffering from for many years?

66. Where did Nolan place his will before dying?

Ans. : 1. 'mystery'

2. The court ordered Nolan's house to be searched.

3. Nolan was suffering from bad heart for many years.

4. Nolan placed his will on the kitchen table.

"Right," Encyclopedia said. "The code is simple, especially as it's written on a sheet from a calendar. Davenport will understand it easily. Still, it wouldn't make much sense to someone who isn't looking for a hiding place."

"Leroy!" Mrs. Brown exclaimed. "What do the four words mean?"

"You already guessed, Mom. They tell where the jewellery is hidden."

Mrs. Brown looked ready to explode with impatience, "Where?"

Encyclopedia smiled.

"Why, under the fifth word," he said.

67. Find the synonym of 'restlessness' from the passage.

68. Who explained the code?

69. What did Mrs. Brown ask Encyclopedia about?

70. Where did Encyclopedia say the jewellery was hidden?

Ans. : 1. 'impatience'

2. Encyclopedia explained the code.

3. Mrs. Brown asked Encyclopedia about the meaning of the four words.

4. Encyclopedia said that the jewellery was hidden under the fifth word.

