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COMPREHENSION CHALLENGE

[GAMESHOW EDITION]

Read the passage and answer Questions 1 to 10.

<p>In the mist-shrouded mountains of Nepal's Hongu River Valley, you will find a wiry and unassuming man named Mauli Dhan. He is believed to be one of the rare few still involved in this perilous and difficult journey of honey harvesting. It has been 42 years since Mauli developed a passion for honey-hunting. It all began when he was 15 after he assisted his father with a honey harvest for the first time. In the decades since then, Mauli has risked his life to harvest the sweet substance from the same cliffs his father began harvesting a generation ago.</p>	5
<p>Mauli sits beside the fire pit in his dilapidated, one-room home. The walls, riddled with cracks, look as if they could cave in at any moment. Most homes visible from his doorway have bright blue metal roofs, but his is made of thatched grass, a sign of poverty. No other honey hunter except Mauli is allowed to rip hives from the rock walls with his bare hands. However, clearly the honour doesn't bring in a great deal of cash.</p>	10
<p>Now, at a hundred metres in the air, Mauli dangles on a bamboo rope ladder, surveying the section of granite he has to climb to reach his goal: a pulsing mass of thousands of giant Himalayan honeybees. The bees are guarding gallons of sticky fluid known as <i>mad</i> honey which is roughly six times the price of regular Nepali honey. The Kulung people have used the honey for centuries as a cough syrup and an antiseptic. For Mauli, honey-hunting is the only way to earn the cash he needs to buy the few staples he cannot produce himself in his land, such as salt and cooking oil.</p>	15
<p>With bees stinging him through his clothes and the ladder swinging in space, Mauli realises that he is too old to be attempting this dangerous honey harvest. Since he is not attached to a safety rope, it would be certain death should he lose his grip. As such, Mauli has to push aside such a thought and concentrate on the problem at hand.</p>	20
<p>He swings his leg over to the rock and steps onto a small ledge, barely the width of a brick. Letting go of the rope ladder, he shuffles sideways to make room for his assistant to join him. Navigating his way deftly around the terrain has become second nature to him. Now, both men share the narrow ledge.</p>	25

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Answer the questions given to you in complete sentences

Q1. _____

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Ans: _____

Q2. _____

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Ans: _____

Q3. _____

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Ans:

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Q4. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the boxes below to indicate the order in which the points are described in the passage.

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Q5. _____

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Ans: _____

Q6. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right.

Ans:

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to

Name: _____

Q7. _____

_____ []

Ans:

Q8. Which two of the following words correctly describe

Put a in the box beside each of your answers. []

Ans: alarmed
 alert
 afraid

 confident
 satisfied
 confused

Name: _____

Q9. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

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Statement	True / False	Reason

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Q10. _____

_____ []

Ans: _____

