

**USS EXAMINATION - FEBRUARY 2016****Paper II - Part A - English****Read the story.**

A boy stole a writing - tablet from one of his school fellows and took it home to his mother. Instead of giving him a sound thrashing, she told him what a clever chap he was. When he grew up, he began to steal more valuable things, until one day he was caught in the act and sentenced to death. Among the crowd that lined the road to the place of execution he caught sight of his mother and obtained permission to whisper one word to her.

He ran upto her and put her ear close to his mouth. Suddenly he bit it off. She screamed and the crowd rebuked him. But he replied, "She has been the ruin of me. If she had given me the stick when I stole that tablet, I would never have stood where I stand today.

**Now, answer the following questions:**

1. The thief obtained permission

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| A to go to his house   | B to whisper one word to his mother |
| C to have a good feast | D to see the crowd                  |

2. Which is the most appropriate moral of this story

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| A Spare the rod and spoil the child | B Honesty is the best policy   |
| C As you sow, so shall you reap     | D A stitch in time saves nine. |

3. The word 'execution' means;

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| A the act of putting one to death | B giving permission to go            |
| C giving punishment               | D freeing somebody from imprisonment |

4. Why did the son bit his mother's ear?

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| A He thought that his mother was responsible for his plight. |
| B He liked his mother very much.                             |
| C He thought that his mother brought up him perfectly.       |



12. Dog barks; Rat .....

- A roars  
B squeaks  
C meows  
D hoots

**Read the poem given**

Whose woods these are I think I know  
His house is in the village, though  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow  
My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

**Answer the following questions:**

13. Where does the owner of the woods live?

- A Forest  
B Village  
C Farmhouse  
D Near the frozen lake

14. Which lines show that it is winter season?

- A 4th and 8th  
B 7th and 8th  
C 4th and 7th  
D 1st and 8th

15. The word which means 'strange'

- A queer  
B frozen  
C woods  
D rear