

## The Last Bargain

Read the stanzas carefully and answer the questions that follow. Tick the correct alternative:

(1)

*The sun glistened on the sand, and the sea waves broke waywardly.  
A child sat playing with shells.  
He raised his head and seemed to know me and said, "I hire you 'with nothing"  
From hence forward that bargain struck in child's play made me a free man.*

Question 1.

What was the time then?

- (a) Sunset
- (b) Noon
- (c) Sunrise
- (d) Late night

▼ Answer

Answer: (a) Sunset

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Question 2.

What was the child doing on seashore?

- (a) Playing with oysters
- (b) Playing with shells
- (c) Playing with sand
- (d) Nothing doing

▼ Answer

Answer: (b) Playing with shells

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Question 3.

What did the child offer?

- (a) His power
- (b) A bag of gold.
- (c) Nothing
- (d) A smile

▼ Answer

Answer: (c) Nothing

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Question 4.

Give the meaning of 'glistened'.

- (a) sparkled

- (b) powerful
- (c) cleaned
- (d) none

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) sparkled

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(2)

*"Come and hire me," I cried, while in the morning  
I was walking on the stone-paved road.  
Sword in hand the King came in his chariot.  
He held my hand and said. "I will hire you with my power."  
But his power counted for naught, and he went away in his chariot.*

Question 1.

Who wrote the poem "The Last Bargain"?

- (a) Rabindranath Tagore
- (b) Thomas Murrey
- (c) R.L. Stevenson
- (d) Sarojini Naidu

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Rabindranath Tagore

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Question 2.

Where was the poet walking in the morning?

- (a) in a grassy park
- (b) on a stone-paved road
- (c) in a garden
- (d) on the roof

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) on a stone-paved road

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Question 3.

What was the poet saying?

- (a) Come and hire me
- (b) Come and help me
- (c) Come and play with me
- (d) None of the above

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) None of the above

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Question 4.

Power counted for naught. Here 'naught' means:

- (a) decent
- (b) wealth
- (c) useless
- (d) useful

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) useless

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(3)

*In the heat of the mid-day the houses stood with shut doors.  
I wandered along the crooked lane.  
An old man came out with his bag of gold.  
He pondered and said, "I will hire you with my money."  
He weighed his coins one by one, but I turned away.*

Question 1.

Name the poet of the poem 'The Last Bargain'.

- (a) John Keats
- (b) Rabindranath Tagore
- (c) William Blake
- (d) T.S. Eliot

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Rabindranath Tagore

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Question 2.

Who came there to have a bargain?

- (a) An old man
- (b) A maid
- (c) A king
- (d) A small child

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) An old man

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Question 3.

What was the result of the offer?

- (a) The poet accepted it
- (b) The poet rejected it
- (c) The poet shouted at the old man
- (d) The poet became mute

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) The poet rejected it

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Question 4.

Give the meaning of 'ponder'.

- (a) to walk
- (b) to think
- (c) to help
- (d) to say

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) to think

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