



**Question:****ENGLISH Reading Comprehension**

Read the following passage and answer the question given below it: The Emperor had inherited a peaceful and prosperous kingdom. One day a man from a far-off land arrived at court. He stated that he was from a far-off land and had been appointed a courtier. The Emperor and those at court were interested in what he had to say. He said, "Your Majesty, you are destined for great things. It is not your duty to rule this kingdom alone. Travel, see the world and conquer. Tell the other rulers of the world that their rulers are weak and that they are to be their rulers." The Emperor was **stunned** to hear this and began debating among themselves. "It is true that we are weak and that there is truth in this."

So the newly appointed courtier shrewdly planted the seeds of doubt. He made arguments in **favour** of this idea the Emperor finally decided to follow. The newly appointed minister planned the first campaign against the Emperor. He was justified in waging war against him. Having the superior army, he won there.

With every victory, the new minister would **urge** the Emperor to do more. He would not complain out of respect and loyalty to their ruler. He would only do so in the daily administration and to resolve disputes, signs of weakness. He would be oppressed when he attacked a kingdom. He would plan to take a large part for himself and grew richer.

An old man who had been a minister in the Emperor's court was dismissed later when the Emperor was out riding in the forest he heard a man talking to two owls doing there. The man pointed to two owls in the trees and said, "They are negotiating the marriage of fifty villages on her wedding day. To which the second village will be the ruins and as such were worthless but with the Emperor's error of his ways. He returned home immediately, realizing his error and dismissed the fortune teller from his court.

Why did the Emperor reward the old man?

- 1 For his talent of talking to birds
- 2 He was successful at reconstructing the destroyed villages.
- 3 He felt sorry for his plight in his old age and wanted to do something to help.
- 4 For naming an imaginative story to the Emperor
- 5 For showing the Emperor where his duty lay

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**Explanation:**

For showing the Emperor where his duty lay. (... When the Emperor heard this he realized the error of his ways. ...)





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