

Question:**ENGLISH Reading Comprehension**

Read the following passage and answer the question given below it: One day while talking to his ministers, the Emperor, The merchants were deeply concerned to hear this. F the city? For hours on end, they discussed the matter go to the old commander who lives near the palace a merchants and they proceeded to the commander's h as I tell you". The merchants agreed. The next evening their heads and began to **chant**, "It is our turn now." merchants. Word of this reached the Emperor's ears commanded angrily. "Explain this **odd** behaviour!" T merchants, accordingly, folded both his hands and p keeping accounts and making profits. We cannot **pa** capability. We have no training". The Emperor said, Majesty, but the **credit** goes to the retired command advice. The order stands withdrawn from this day on

Why were the merchants dressed strangely?

- 1 They were unaccustomed to wearing soldier's uniforms
- 2 To provide entertainment to the people
- 3 As a deliberate act of defiance to show their disrespect to the Emperor
- 4 The retired commander had instructed them about how to dress.
- 5 None of these

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Explanation:

The retired commander had instructed them about how to dress. (The next evening, **as instructed**, they wore their armour back to front, carried their weapons in baskets on their heads ...)

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