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. H
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 eveni
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!"
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 The order stands withdrawn from this day on

What made the Emperor ask the merchants to guard the kingdom?

1. He was dissatisfied with the performance of his soldiers
2. It was a test to see if the merchants were loyal and would obey him
3. He wanted to try out an idea he had had
4. To test the merchants' resourcefulness
5. To reduce the burden on the soldiers and allow them much needed rest at night

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Explaination:
It was a test to see if the merchants were loyal and would obey him. (We did not mean any **disobedience** but this task is simply beyond our capability. … Emperor said, I am pleased with your truthful reply …)

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