

Today and it was the same in the past. Most people spent most of their lives finding food, clothes and somewhere to live. They had no time to take any interest in things outside their own family, their own village or town or their country.

Nevertheless, for thousands of years even the poorest and most hard-working farmers have watched the sky. Why? Because the sun, clouds, moon and stars were part of their daily life. They knew that, without the sun, they and their families would starve, for the crops would not ripen. They watched the sky for clouds because rain does not fall from a cloudless sky, and without rain, their crops would die.

6. 'Today' in the passage means
  - (a) This very day
  - (b) Now a days
  - (c) This week
  - (d) This year
  
7. They knew by this, the writer means \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) all farmers knew
  - (b) the majority of people knew
  - (c) the poorest farmers knew
  - (d) the most hard-working farmer knew
  
8. Would starve, for the crops would not ripen means \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) would starve before the crops would ripen
  - (b) would starve waiting for the crops to ripen
  - (c) would starve because the crops had not ripened already
  - (d) would starve even with the sun
  
9. The writer says that the crops died
  - (a) before they ripened
  - (b) when it did not rain for along time
  - (c) when it rained
  - (d) when the sky was cloudless
  
10. The writer explains why important to farmers
  - (a) the Sun, Clouds, Moon and Stars were
  - (b) the moon was
  - (c) the Sun and Clouds were
  - (d) the Stars were

Obi waited anxiously for his mother's return His mother had gone to the market and it was raining heavily. He sat near a sitting-room window and watched the street for his mother.

As the rain lessened, he saw his mother coming. He jumped out and ran to meet her. On reaching her, he threw himself delightfully at her and said "Welcome Mum". He took her load off her head.

Obi's mother was very happy with her Son. She hugged him and said, 'thank you, my dear child". They hurried into the house.

She unpacked her basket and brought out four hot "Akara" balls she gave two to Obi, one to Ifeoma, his Sister, and ate one herself.

11. Who waited anxiously for the mother's return?
  - (a) Ifeoma
  - (b) Obi
  - (c) the father
  - (d) the family