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Reading and Literature Studies — Practice Test

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Reading I - The Night Shift Nurse

Use this reading for question 1.

At three in the morning, the ward is quiet in a way that daytime never is. Machines beep softly, a trolley squeaks down the corridor, and Priya moves from bed to bed with a torch, checking charts and adjusting blankets. She has worked nights for four years, and she knows which patients wake easily and which need only a glance.

Priya says night work taught her patience. Families call at dawn, anxious for news, and she has learned to give clear answers without rushing, even when she is tired. When her shift ends, she walks home as the city wakes, feeling that she has held a small part of the world steady through the dark.

1 **Priya works the night shift and moves between beds**

- A checking charts and adjusting blankets
- B serving meals to families
- C cleaning the whole ward alone
- D operating all machines

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2 **Priya has worked nights for**

A three months

B ten years

C one year

D four years

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3 **Priya says night work taught her**

A how to avoid tiredness

B how to sleep during shifts

C patience, especially with anxious families at dawn

D speed above all else

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4 **When her shift ends, Priya walks home**



A in an ambulance

B as the city wakes

C before midnight

D with the families

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5 **The image of holding the world steady suggests Priya feels her work is**

A quietly important and responsible

B unimportant and boring

C dangerous and frightening

D temporary and easy

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. D
3. C
4. B
5. A

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