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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. How does the leader of the thieves intend to discover Ali Baba's identity after Cassim is killed?
 - (A) He plans to hide in the cave and wait for Ali Baba to return to the riches.
 - (B) He orders his men to determine Cassim's identity and find people connected to him.
 - (C) He sits in town disguised as an oil merchant and listens to people's conversations.
 - (D) He puts up wanted signs for Ali Baba, hoping his neighbors turn in Ali Baba for a reward.

2. How does Ali Baba feel about Morgiana?
 - (A) He is unsure about her loyalty but does not know whom else to turn to for assistance.
 - (B) He does not believe she is intelligent and believes he can trick her into helping him without giving her any of the riches.
 - (C) He wants her help but does not believe she deserves any of the riches because she is only a servant.
 - (D) He trusts in her because his brother and wife have trusted her.

3. If someone feels **flabbergasted**, he or she is _____.
 - (A) incredibly furious and angry
 - (B) utterly astonished or amazed
 - (C) tremendously greedy and self-centered
 - (D) extremely honest and trustworthy

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4. Which detail from the story shows that the leader of the thieves is determined to find the person who stole from him?
- Ⓐ The leader disguises himself in order to enter Cassim's house and says a prayer over his body.
 - Ⓑ The leader leaves Cassim's body atop the riches as a warning to looters.
 - Ⓒ Even after he has been arrested, the leader sends men to find Ali Baba.
 - Ⓓ The leader spends the whole day knocking on the doors of all the houses on Cassim's street.
5. Why does Ali Baba feel obligated to allow the oil merchant to stay the night?
- Ⓐ Ali Baba is aware the merchant is the leader and has a plan to apprehend him.
 - Ⓑ Ali Baba wants to be courteous and does not know the merchant is the leader in disguise.
 - Ⓒ Ali Baba is terrified that the leader will hurt him if he does not permit him to stay.
 - Ⓓ Ali Baba knows the merchant is the leader but thinks he can justify why he took the riches.
6. On the basis of the story, what can you tell about Morgiana?
- Ⓐ She is an intelligent and shrewd woman.
 - Ⓑ She is greedy and materialistic and only thinks about money.
 - Ⓒ She has no loyalty to Vashti or Ali Baba.
 - Ⓓ She is foolish and makes reckless decisions.

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7. A person who is **unscrupulous** is _____.
- Ⓐ dishonest
 - Ⓑ greedy
 - Ⓒ successful
 - Ⓓ intelligent
8. What conclusions can you draw about Ali Baba's character on the basis of his actions in the story?
- Ⓐ He is incapable of making decisions for himself and always turns to others for direction.
 - Ⓑ He is very intelligent and methodical and takes time to think his way out of every difficult situation.
 - Ⓒ He is clever and bold but oftentimes does not think through the consequences of his actions.
 - Ⓓ He thinks he is better than most people around him and looks down on them constantly.
9. Which of the following events happens first?
- Ⓐ The leader of the thieves is furious that someone has stolen from him.
 - Ⓑ Cassim forces Ali Baba to show him how to enter the cave.
 - Ⓒ Ali Baba confides in Morgiana and asks for help.
 - Ⓓ Fatima asks to borrow the scale from Vashti.
10. Which of the following words is a synonym for **spurious**?
- Ⓐ distraught
 - Ⓑ uneducated
 - Ⓒ false
 - Ⓓ unhealthy
11. **Extended Response:** What can you tell about Morgiana's character on the basis of what she chooses to do with her part of the fortune?
12. **Extended Response:** How might the story have ended differently if Ali Baba had not received help from Morgiana?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Ali Baba

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. (B) *Problem and Solution*
2. (D) *Analyze Character*
3. (B) *Vocabulary*
4. (D) *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. (B) *Cause and Effect*
6. (A) *Analyze Character*
7. (A) *Vocabulary*
8. (C) *Analyze Character*
9. (D) *Sequence Events*
10. (C) *Vocabulary*
11. Students' responses will vary but should include the following ideas: *Morgiana used her fortune to start a business that kept her family rich for generations. On the basis of this information, we can conclude that she is a clever woman who thinks things through thoroughly.*
12. Students may note that, had it not been for Morgiana, Ali Baba would have been killed by the leader of the thieves for stealing from the cave.