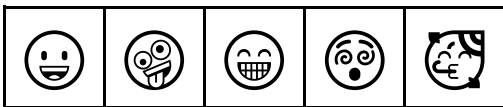




GATE/ASET Reading Comprehension Sample Paper 2

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Reading passage 2

The ANZAC Deception: The Untold Story



In the shadows of the Great War, amidst the heroism and havoc, there emerged stories of incredible courage and cunning. Among these, the tale of Matilda "Tilly" Hughes stands out for her role in the intricate web of espionage woven by the Allied forces against the Central Powers. Tilly, a young nurse from Sydney, served near the front lines, where she ingeniously used her position to relay critical intelligence back to the Australian and British forces.

Matilda "Tilly" Hughes: The Coded Courier

Tilly Hughes from Australia found herself stationed in Egypt, a nexus of military activity and a staging ground for operations in the Gallipoli campaign and the broader Middle Eastern theatre. Recognizing the strategic importance of her role, Tilly leveraged her access to both the wounded soldiers returning from the front and the military mail system. She began encoding messages into seemingly innocuous letters home. Using a simple yet effective system devised by Allied intelligence, Tilly conveyed information about enemy troop movements, fortifications, and morale. Her letters would pass through enemy hands, their true significance hidden beneath the mundane details of life at the front.

The ANZAC Biscuit: Symbol of Love and Subterfuge

Amidst the backdrop of war, the ANZAC biscuit emerged not only as a culinary symbol of the

Australian and New Zealand Army Corps' indomitable spirit but also as a tool of espionage. Originally crafted by loved ones to withstand the long journey to the front lines, these biscuits were made from durable ingredients that did not spoil easily, such as oats, sugar, flour, coconut, butter, and golden syrup. Unbeknownst to many, these humble treats occasionally concealed secret messages.

Tilly and others like her would sometimes hide coded messages within the packaging of ANZAC biscuits sent to soldiers. These messages, once received, could be passed along to intelligence officers, providing valuable insights into the enemy's condition and plans. The biscuits, therefore, served a dual purpose: nourishing the body and the intelligence efforts of the Allied forces.

Legacy of Courage and Innovation

The contributions of individuals like Matilda Hughes and the innovative use of everyday items like the ANZAC biscuit exemplify the ingenuity and resilience of those involved in the espionage efforts of World War I. While the daring exploits of spies and saboteurs often capture the imagination, it was the quiet courage of individuals like Tilly, using their wits and available resources, that significantly impacted the war's outcome.

The legacy of these efforts is a testament to the fact that in war, victory is not just won on the battlefield but also through the silent battles waged in the shadows, where information is the currency of success. The story of Tilly Hughes and the coded ANZAC biscuits reminds us of the unconventional warfare waged by ordinary individuals called upon to do extraordinary things.

Questions

1. What role did Matilda "Tilly" Hughes play during the Great War?
 - A) A cook who cooked Anzac Biscuits
 - B) A coder to code messages
 - C) A nurse who used her position to send coded messages.
 - D) A pilot for reconnaissance missions
2. Where was Tilly Hughes stationed during her espionage activities?
 - A) France
 - B) Germany
 - C) Egypt
 - D) Australia
3. What did Tilly Hughes encode messages into to relay critical intelligence?
 - A) Official military reports

B) Seemingly innocuous letters home

C) Radio broadcasts

D) Newspaper articles

4. What was the dual purpose of ANZAC biscuits during the war?

A) To serve as a meal and a weapon

B) To nourish the body and serve as currency

C) To provide entertainment and sustenance

D) To nourish the body and support

5. How did Tilly Hughes and others conceal coded messages in ANZAC biscuits?

A) By writing on the biscuits with edible ink

B) By hiding messages in the biscuit dough

C) Within the packaging of the biscuits

D) By using the biscuits to spell out Morse Code

6. What does the story of Tilly Hughes and the ANZAC biscuits illustrate about warfare?

A) That physical strength is paramount to success

B) That victory is achieved only through technological superiority

C) That information and cunning can play crucial roles in warfare

D) That food supply is the most critical aspect of war strategy

Answer Key

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