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TOEIC Reading Comprehension 1 (Advanced)

Read the passage No:1 and answer the questions

Soft-bodied animals like caterpillars often fall a prey to voracious hunters like birds or reptiles. Despite having no means to 'actively' defend themselves, with weapons like claws or jaws, they have nevertheless, evolved other equally effective deterrents.

A particular species of the caterpillar lives at an altitude of over 2,500 meters in the Himalayas. It uses prominent colors to inform would-be predators of its inedibility.

In the event that an inexperienced or adventurous bird did eat the caterpillar, it would probably vomit it out soon after, and subsequently desist from attacking similar species in the future. Though this would do the unfortunate victim no good, the species benefits.

A rare example of the martyr among animals.

1) Caterpillars cannot defend themselves because they

- a. Are lazy
- b. Have no claws or jaws
- c. Are passive animals
- d. Cannot acquire weapons

2) The expression 'other equally effective deterrents' means

- a. Deterrents that are as powerful as those the caterpillars have
- b. Preventive weapons which have equal effect of others
- c. Preventive equipment which is as effective as something that has been already mentioned in the passage
- d. Mechanism which scares everyone equally well

3) The Himalayan caterpillar uses prominent colors to

- a. Defend itself
- b. Warn the predator
- c. Reveal itself
- d. Attack the predator