

• Reading Comprehension 5 Level 5

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Dan, Sarah, Ted, and Rebecca have been playing a friendly game of poker for almost an hour. So far, Ted has the biggest pile of winnings, with a total of \$5.45. Sarah has won a small sum, and Rebecca has lost more than Dan.

Questions

- 1) At this stage of the game, who has lost the most money?
 - A. Ted
 - B. Sarah
 - C. Dan
 - D. Rebecca
- 2) How much money might each player have started with, if each player started with the same amount?
 - A. \$4
 - B. \$6
 - C. \$8
 - D. Not enough information is provided
- 3) If the game started at 7:00, what time might it be at this stage of the game?
 - A. 7:30
 - B. 7:50
 - C. 8:00
 - D. 8:45
- 4) At this stage of the game, who has/have won money?
 - I. Ted
 - II. Sarah
 - III. Dan
 - A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III

Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

The passage tells us that "Rebecca has lost more than Dan." This lets us know that Rebecca and Dan have lost money. Since Rebecca has lost more than Dan, we know that she has lost the most money. This means choice **(D)** is correct. The passage tells us that Ted "has the biggest pile of winnings," and that "Sarah has won a small sum." This lets us know that Ted and Sarah have won money. This eliminates choices **(A)** and **(B)**. The passage also tells us that "Rebecca has lost more than Dan." Choice **(C)** is incorrect.

2) **A**

The passage says that, "Ted has the biggest pile of winnings, with a total of \$5.45." Since Ted has the biggest pile of winnings, and each player started with the same amount, he must have started with less than \$5.45. Answer **(A)** is correct. The values in choice **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)** are all higher than \$5.45. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) **B**

The passage says that "Dan, Sarah, Ted, and Rebecca have been playing a friendly game of poker for almost an hour." If the game started at 7:00, and has been going on for almost an hour, then the only time that makes sense is 7:50. Therefore **(B)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choice **(A)**, **(C)**, or **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) **B**

We know that Ted has won money, because the passage tells us that he "has the biggest pile of winnings." This supports **option (I)**. We also know that Sarah has won money, because the passage says that Sarah has "won a small sum." This supports **option (II)**. Finally, we know that Dan has not won money. This is because the passage says that "Rebecca has lost more than Dan." If Rebecca has lost more than Dan, this implies that Dan has also lost money in addition to Rebecca. This eliminates **option (III)**. Therefore **(B)** is correct.