

Aztec Attack!

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Izquioxchitl was carrying a large heavy urn of

- 1 **milk** **wine** **water** **beer**

to her

- 2 **father** **grandfather** **uncle** **aunt**

and her brother who were working in the fields. Father asked why she had been sent. "I've been punished for breaking the red and black

- 3 **cup** **vase** **plate** **dish**

when I was cleaning." Father stopped to rest and the children chased each other around the

- 4 **road.** **hill.** **field.** **river bank.**

When they started work again Izquioxchitl climbed up the

- 5 **rock** **tree** **cliff** **hill**

to see what was on the other side. She saw

- 6 **tens** **armies** **hundreds** **thousands**

of men marching towards her. She immediately ran to warn the others.

Section B

- 1 Why did Izquioxchitl stumble across the field?

- 2 Why was Izquioxchitl punished?

- 3 Why was Izquioxchitl's father pleased to see her?

- 4 Why do you think 'Pochotl sighed' when he saw his father pick up his sickle once more?

- 5 How did Izquioxchitl know 'she would have to run all the way back home'?

- 6 What does the author mean by the sentence 'What she saw took her breath away'?

- 7 Izquioxchitl had never seen an army before. What do you think made her know 'that it was serious trouble'?

- 8 What action of Izquioxchitl's mother suggests this was not the first time an army had invaded the settlement?

Section C

Briefly, write how you would feel if either:

You are a boy and you know you would be sent into battle **or** you are a girl and you know you would be made to stay behind.