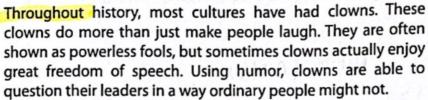
READING COMPREHENSION



Read the following text and answer the questions.

An Honorable Tradition

The word "clown" is sometimes used to label a person as foolish. But being called a clown is not always an insult. The art of clowning is an old, honorable tradition. It includes not just modern-day circus clowns but court Jesters, who performed for kings or emperors, and theatrical clowns, who were onstage as early as 500 years ago.







For example, in ancient China, the Emperor Shih Huang-Ti ordered the Great Wall of China to be built. During its construction, thousands of workers died due to poor working conditions. The Emperor planned to have the Great Wall painted, which would have resulted in even more lives lost. The Emperor's jester, Yu Sze, was the only person who dared to criticize this plan. He did so jokingly, but his jokes persuaded the Emperor not to paint the Great Wall. For this Yu Sze is now celebrated as a national hero in China.

Clowns remind us that humor can be one of the most effective ways to influence people. The clowns of our culture— those who make us laugh and look at life in new ways— may not represent foolishness at all, but wisdom in disguise.

- Based on its use in paragraph 1, it can be understood that honorable belongs to which of the following word groups?
 - 1 smart, wise, intelligent
 - 2 helpful, beneficial, useful
 - 3 ancient, old-fashioned, traditional
 - 4 respected, admirable, praised and any and admirable and a solution and a soluti
- (b) The author of this passage is most interested in
 - 1 presenting the history of clowns
 - ② Bexplaining why Yu Sze is a hero
 - 3 discussing the role clowns play in a culture
 - 4 making people feel better about being called a clown

