

### Just in Time

One night at 11:30, an older African-American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rain storm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her (generally unheard of in the deep South during those conflict-filled 1960s). The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxi cab. She seemed to be in a big hurry! She wrote down his address, thanked him and rode away.

Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant combination console color TV and stereo record player were delivered to his home. A special note was attached. The note read:

*Dear Mr. James:*

*Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes but my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mrs. Nat King Cole*

Dan Clark

### QUESTIONS

**1. Answer the following questions using your own words. (2 points)**

a. Why was the woman in the rain so late at night?

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b. Did the woman give the man something as a reward?

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**2. Are the following statements true or false? (1 point)**

- a. The woman was dry although it was raining.
- b. The fact that the man stopped to help the woman was very usual.

**3. Find a word or phrase in the text which, in context, is similar in meaning to: (1 point)**

- a. to bear, to stand: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Made extremely wet: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Choose a, b or c in each question below. Only one choice is correct. (2 points)**

1. The woman in the text was
- a. young.
  - b. middle-aged.
  - c. old.

