



CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

Comprehension Check

1. Why did the king want to know answers to three questions?

Ans: The king wanted to know answers to three questions because of the thought that came to his mind that he would never fail if he knew answers to these three questions.

2. Messengers were sent throughout the kingdom

(i) to fetch wise men.

(ii) to find answers to the questions.

(iii) to look for the wise hermit.

(iv) to announce a reward for those who could answer the questions.

Mark your choice:

Ans: (iv) to announce a reward for those who could answer the questions.

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Complete the following sentences by adding the appropriate parts of the sentences given in the box.

1. Many wise men answered the king's questions,

2. Someone suggested that there should be a council of wise men

3. Someone else suggested that the king should have a timetable

4. The king requested the hermit

5. The king washed and dressed the bearded man's wound,



- but the bleeding would not stop.
- to answer three questions.
- but their answers were so varied that the king was not satisfied.
- and follow it strictly.
- to help the king act at the right time.

Ans: 1. Many wise men answered the king's questions, but their answers were so varied that the king was not satisfied.

2. Someone suggested that there should be a council of wise men to help the king act at the right time.

3. Someone else suggested that the king should have a timetable and follow it strictly.

4. The king requested the hermit to answer three questions.

5. The king washed and dressed the bearded man's wound, but the bleeding would not stop.

Working with the text

Answer the following questions.

1. Why was the king advised to go to magicians?

Ans: In order to decide the right time for doing something urgent, one must look into the future. Since only a magician could do that, the king was advised to go to magicians.



2. In answer to the second question, whose advice did the people say would be important to the king?

Ans: In answer to the second question, some said that the people most necessary to the king were his councillors, others said, the priests. A few others chose the doctors. And yet others said that soldiers were the most necessary.

3. What suggestions were made in answer to the third question?

Ans: In answer to the third question, some said science will be most important. Others suggested fighting, and some said religious worship.

4. Did the wise men win the reward? If not, why not?

Ans: No, the wise men did not win the reward. The king got different answers for all the three questions he asked. He was not satisfied with any of them.

5. How did the king and the hermit help the wounded man?

Ans: The king and the hermit helped the wounded man by providing him the shelter and protected him from the army. The king washed and covered the wound of the man with his handkerchief, but the blood would not stop flowing. The king re-dressed the wound until it stopped bleeding. They took him to the hut for taking rest and the king also gave him fresh water after being treated.

6. (i) Who was the bearded man?

(ii) Why did he ask for the king's forgiveness?



Ans: (i) Bearded man was the enemy of the king who swore to revenge him for seizing his property and putting his brother to death.

(ii) He asked for the king's forgiveness as the king had saved his life. He came there for taking revenge on the king but instead the king helped him to get better.

7. The king forgave the bearded man. What did he do to show his forgiveness?

Ans: The king showed his forgiveness by sending his servants and his own doctor to look after him, and he promised to give back the wounded man his property.

8. What were the hermit's answers to the three questions? Write each answer separately. Which answer do you like most, and why?

Ans: In answer to king's first question, the hermit said that there is only one important time 'Now'. It is the only time when you have power to act. In answer to king's second question, the hermit said that the most important person is the one with whom we are at the present. In response to king's second question, the hermit answered that the most important thing to do is to do that person good. I like the answer of the first question the most because time has the supreme power. It can take you to heights if you do something good and can also make you fall on ground if you don't act in presence. One should live and act in the present.



Working with language

1. Match items in List A with their meanings in List B.

fainted: lost consciousness

Use any three of the above words in sentences of your own. You may change the form of the word.

Ans:

- (i) wounded : severely injured
- (ii) awoke : got up from sleep
- (iii) forgive : pardon
- (iv) faithful : loyal
- (v) pity : feel sorry for
- (vi) beds : small patches of ground for plants
- (vii) return : give back

I will ask my parents to **forgive** me for my bad behaviour.

Dog is a **faithful** animal.

I feel **pity** for that poor child.

2. Each of the following sentences has two blanks. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the word given in brackets.

He has to help me. Do you think he will remember his? (promise)

He has promised to help me. Do you think he will remember his promise?

(i) The said that only fresh evidence would make him change his



(judge)

(ii) I didn't notice any serious of opinion among the debaters, although they from one another over small points. (differ)

(iii) It's a fairly simple question to , but will you accept my as final? (answer)

(iv) It isn't that should always be the mother of invention.

(necessary)

(v) Hermits are men. How they acquire their no one can tell.

(wise)

(vi) The committee has to make Jagdish captain of the team. The is likely to please everyone (decide)

(vii) Asking for is as noble as willingness to (forgive)

Ans: (i) The judge said that only fresh evidence would make him change his judgement.

(ii) I didn't notice any serious difference of opinion among the debaters, although they differed from one another over small points.

(iii) It's a fairly simple question to answer, but will you accept my answer as final?

(iv) It isn't necessary that necessity should always be the mother of invention.

(v) Hermits are wise men. How they acquire their wisdom no one can tell.

(vi) The committee has decided to make Jagdish captain of the team.



The decision is likely to please everyone.

(vii) Asking for forgiveness is as noble as willingness to forgive.

Speaking and Writing

Question 1.

Imagine you are the King. Narrate the incident of your meeting the hermit.

Begin like this :

The wise men answered my questions, but I was not satisfied with their answers. One day I decided to go and meet the hermit....

Answer:

The wise men answered my questions, but I was not satisfied with their answer. One day I decided to go and meet the hermit who was known for his wisdom. When I reached his hut, he was digging the earth. He greeted me and kept digging. I put my questions before him but he even kept mum.

He was feeling tired. I took the spade and started digging for him. I repeated my request for answering the questions. Just then a bearded man came there. I had to redress his wound and console him. The hermit served him with food and shelter. Before coming back, I repeated my questions to the hermit. At last the sage gave answers to my satisfaction. I had made peace with my enemy by then.

Question 2.

Imagine you are the hermit. Write briefly the incident of your meeting the



king. Begin like this :

One day I was digging in my garden. A man in ordinary clothes came to see me. I knew it was the king...

Answer:

One day I was digging in my garden. A man in ordinary clothes came to see me. I knew it was the King, but kept digging. I worked hard and got tired. He put three questions before me to answer, but I kept quiet. He asked me to give my spade and he started digging.

Just then I saw a bearded man coming and made the king turn around. I, with the help of the king dressed the wounded man and took him into the hut. I served him with food and he slept. The king repeated his questions. Only then I gave the answers to his satisfaction. He thanked me with a bow and went to his capital.

