



CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

Comprehension check

1) What tasks, do you think, were assigned to the dog and the ox?

Answer: The dog was assigned the task of fetching and carrying sticks, while the ox was assigned the task of ploughing.

2) Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert?

Answer: The camel lived in the middle of the desert because it did not want to work. It ate sticks, thorns, and prickles, and when anybody spoke to it, it said "Humph!" and nothing more.

3) What made the dog, the horse and the ox very angry?

Answer: The man told the dog, the horse and the ox that since the camel cannot work, he would leave it alone and the three of them would have to work double-time to make up for the work not done by the camel. This made the three of them very angry.

4) How did the Djinn know the horse was complaining against the camel?

Answer: The Djinn knew that the horse was complaining against the camel because he was the in charge of all deserts and knew about everything happening in relation to his deserts.

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1) The camel was looking at his own reflection in the pool. What does it suggest to you about the camel?



Answer: The camel's looking at his own reflection in the pool shows that he was proud of his appearance, especially his back. He liked admiring himself.

2) The camel said, "Humph" repeatedly. How did it affect him?

Answer: When the camel said "Humph!" repeatedly despite the Djinn's warning, his back puffed up into a big hump.

3) What, according to the Djinn, was the use of the "humph"?

Answer: According to the Djinn, the hump was useful for storing his food and using it during continuous work for many days.

4) "...he has never yet learnt to behave". In the light of this, what is the writer's opinion about the camel?

Answer: According to the writer, the camel is still a very lazy animal that is unwilling to work. After he got the hump, the Djinn asked him to go out of the desert to help the other three animals. It seems that the camel still did not behave himself and worked lazily in the desert itself. It is for this reason that he was still unable to complete the pending work of those three missed days; and he continued carrying the hump and living in the desert.

Exercise Questions and Answers

1) Can this story be factually true?

Answer: We cannot say definitely if this story is factually true or not. But the story teaches us a very good lesson. It tells us that we must do our share of work diligently and work hard otherwise we will suffer like the



camel. The camel did not work, so the Djinn turned his back into a big hump.

2) What, according to you, is the story about?

Consider the following :

- (i) How the world began.
- (ii) Why everyone should do his/her share of work seriously.
- (iii) How animals are important to humans.
- (iv) How the camel got his hump.

Answer: This is an interesting and illuminating story about an idle camel. It tells us how the camel got his hump. This story also gives us a moral lesson that everyone should do his/her share of work seriously.

3) What did you do over the weekend? Were you generally active or idle?

Please check your back before starting to discuss or answer the question.

Answer: Generally speaking, the weekend is a relaxing period for most of us. But for me, it is a busy period. On Sunday, I play cricket with my friends. I also help my mummy in household work. Besides it, I do the balance of homework which I could not do during weekdays. That is why perhaps I have no hump on my back!

4) There are broadly two categories of workers—those who prefer to do today what they can do tomorrow, and those who prefer to do tomorrow what they can do today. Where do you belong?

Answer: I believe that the postponement of work is a bad policy. That is



why I do not have to make excuses for delay. I do believe in doing today what I can do tomorrow.

