

CLASS IX –MOMENTS
ASSIGNMENTS
CHAPTER-1 THE LOST CHILD

Read the following passages and answer the questions

1. He could not suppress the desire of his heart, even though he well knew the cold stare of refusal in their eyes.
 - a. What does 'he' well know?
 - b. What 'desire of his heart' is being talked of?
 - c. Why has the narrator said that 'he' couldn't suppress his heart's desire?
 - d. What did the child do when he couldn't suppress his desire?
2. Thinking to humour his disconsolate charge by a gift of sweets, the man took him to counter of sweet shop.
 - a. Who is 'the man' being referred here?
 - b. What was the man trying to do?
 - c. What was the real intention of the man?
 - d. What do you mean by the phrase-to humour the disconsolate charge.

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. What aspects evidently show that the child was a nature lover?
4. When did the child feel that his parents would call him 'greedy'?
5. Describe the moment when the child realizes that he is lost.
6. What was the child's reaction when the man took him to the balloon seller?
7. Why was the child lagging behind in the crowd?
8. What excuse will the parents provide for not buying the flowers for the child?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. The author beautifully depicts the typical village fair. Explain in detail.
10. Though the author has beautifully depicted the village fair, he has been more successful in depicting child psychology in the story. Elucidate.

CHAPTER-2 ADVENTURES OF TOTO

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. "He continued hopping up and down for some time, until Grandmother arrived and hauled him, half-boiled, out of the kettle."
 - a. Who is 'he' in this line?
 - b. Who helped him?
 - c. Find out a word from the line that means the same as 'pull with effort'?
 - d. What 'he' wanted to do exactly?
2. "To his surprise he found Nana, without apparent cause, pulling at her halter and trying to keep her head as far as possible from a bundle of hay"
 - a. Who is 'Nana'?
 - b. Who is 'he' in the given lines and why 'he' made a visit to stable?

- c. Why was Nana pulling her head far from the bundle of hay?
- d. What is the meaning of "halter"?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. How does Toto's tail serve as his third hand?
4. Who is Nana? Why Toto and Nana never become friends?
5. How does Toto nearly succeed in boiling himself alive?
6. Why does author say- "Obviously Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long"?
7. How did the ticket-collector come to know about Toto's presence?
8. What did Toto do in the writer's room?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. Describe, in brief, Toto's mischief at lunchtime. How did that situation turn out to sell Toto back to Tonga-driver?
10. Explain the situations Grandfather faced after buying Toto?

CHAPTER-3 ISWARAN THE STORY TELLER

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follows:

1. "He resisted the curiosity to look out lest he should behold a sight which would stop his heart. But the wailing became louder and less feline."
 - a. Who is 'he' in the given extract?
 - b. Where was the wailing sound coming from?
 - c. What is the meaning of 'feline'?
 - d. Why 'he' resisted the curiosity?
2. "Meanwhile all the teachers had climbed up to the terrace of the school building; from there they helplessly watched the depredations of the elephant. There was not a soul below on the ground. The streets were empty as if the inhabitants of the entire town had suddenly disappeared."
 - a. Who said this to whom?
 - b. Why does the speaker say this?
 - c. Why had all the teachers climbed up the terrace?
 - d. What is the meaning of 'depredations'?

Short answer type question from this lesson (30-40 words)

3. Who is Mahendra in the given story?
4. How was Iswaran useful to Mahendra?
5. What harm does the elephant causes in the story narrated by Iswaran?
6. How does Iswaran describes the female ghost to Mahendra?
7. What happens to Mahendra on hearing Iswaran's ghost story?
8. Why did the elephant collapse?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. Explain the daily routine of Mahendra and Iswaran.
10. Explain, in brief, why does Mahendra resign from the job and leaves the haunted place?

CHAPTER-4 KINGDOM OF FOOLS

1. Extract from the lesson
"What have I done wrong? I'm innocent. I'm sannayasi!" he cried.
"That may be true. But it's the royal decree that we should find a man fit enough to fit the stake", they said and carried him to the place of execution. He remembered his wise guru's words.
 - a. "What have I done wrong?" - Who said these words and to whom?
 - b. Why was the disciple fit for the stake?
 - c. Whom did the disciple remember?
 - d. What was the royal decree the executioners were following?
2. Extract from the lesson
"Poor thing, she's absolutely right, thought the king, weighing the evidence. "We've got the real culprit at last. Get the goldsmith, wherever he is hiding. At once!
 - a. What is the poor thing being referred to here?
 - b. Who is the real culprit?
 - c. Why did the king call the girl poor?
 - d. What evidence did the girl give?

Short Answer type Questions (30-40 words)

3. Why was the kingdom called the kingdom of fools?
4. why did the guru leave the place but the disciple decide to stay in the kingdom of fools?
5. What advice was given by the guru to the disciple?
6. What happened to the thief when he entered the rich merchant's house?
7. What decision did the king take after hearing the rich merchant's story?
8. Why did the king decide to punish the disciple instead of the merchant ?

Long Answer type Questions (100-150 words)

9. How did the guru save his disciple from the execution? What happened at the end?
10. The king was foolish enough to dig his own grave?What reasons were there for his doom?

CHAPTER-5 HAPPY PRINCE

Read the following passages and answer the questions:

1. "Why are you weeping then?" asked the swallow. "You have quite drenched me?"
 - a. Who is the swallow talking to?
 - b. Why has the swallow been drenched?
 - c. Who was weeping and why?
 - d. Why did the swallow choose to rest at the feet of the statue?
2. "I am covered with fine gold," said the Prince. "You must take it off, leaf by leaf, and give it to the poor ;the living always think that gold can make them happy."
 - a. What did the Prince ask the swallow?
 - b. What was his intention?
 - c. What belief of the living does the Prince know?
 - d. What nature of the Prince is being reflected from the above extracts?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. Describe the statue of the Happy Prince.
4. How and why has the little swallow come to the statue of the Happy Prince?
5. Why was the swallow not ready to leave the Happy Prince ?
6. How did the swallow and the Prince help the poor seamstress?
7. Why was the Prince called the Happy Prince?
8. What proclamation did the Mayor decide to issue?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. The Angel brought the God the leaden heart and the dead bird as the most precious things in the city. Justify their preciousness.
10. Even though the Prince was called the Happy Prince, he was actually very sad .Write in detail the reasons for his sadness.