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ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT
CLASS: VI

TOPIC:
THE WHITE ELEPHANT

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

A. *“The forester had cunningly noted landmarks while riding back to Benaras and he led the trainers to the lake where the white elephant was gathering bamboo stems for his mother’s evening meal.”*

Q 1 What sort of a man was the forester? How do you know?

Q 2 Why did the forester want to capture the white elephant?

Q 3 How was the forester able to lead the trainers to the white elephant?

Q 4 What was the white elephant doing when the trainers reached there?

B. *‘Don’t fear me, stranger,’ he said. ‘Tell me how I can help you.’ The forester told the white elephant that he had been lost for seven days and nights and could not find his way back to Banaras where he lived.’*

Q 1 Who is the stranger?

Q 2 Where had the stranger come from?

Q 3 How did the elephant help the stranger?

Q 4 Did the forester deserve the Elephant’s kindness and help? Why/ Why not?

C *‘Ah my son!’ she said when he told her his story. ‘You should have listened to me. Human beings have always brought harm to our race.’*

‘Not all of them, mother’ he said triumphantly. The king is noble and generous or I should still be in captivity. Let’s forget the treachery of the forester and think only of the king’s goodness!’

Q1. What is the opinion of the mother about human beings?

Q2. Is the mother right in her assessment of human beings?

Q.3. What is the opinion of the white elephant about the king?

D. Answer the following questions:

Q1. Where did the great herd of elephants live? What speciality did they have?

Q2. Why did the white elephant's mother depend on him for food?

Q3. When the white elephant did not return for a long time, what did his poor mother feel?

Q4. Animals can teach human beings some lessons in the love and care for parents and willingness to help others. Comment.

Q5. The world is made up of good and evil people. Prove this by giving examples from the story 'The White Elephant.'

Q6. 'There is a marked difference between the mother's and son's attitude towards life and man.' Discuss.

Q7. Human beings must be the true caretakers of Nature and Wildlife. Do you agree? Why?