

One day a wolf felt very hungry. He wandered here and there in search of food but he could not find any thing to eat. At last he saw a flock of sheep grazing in a pasture. he wanted to eat one but they were guarded by a hound. The shepherd's son was also tending the flock vigilantly. The wolf found himself helpless. At last he hit upon a plan. He hid himself in the skin of a sheep and safely went into the flock. The hound could not find out the wolf in disguise. He killed a sheep and ate it without being caught. In this way he ate up many sheep and their number began to fall every day. The shepherd was greatly worried but could not find out the thief.

**Question:** (i) Why did the wolf wander about? (ii) Did he find anything to eat? (iii) Why was the wolf helpless? (iv) How did he get into the flock? (v) Why was the shepherd worried?

On a hot summer day, a fox felt very thirsty. He went about in search of water but could find water nowhere. At last he reached a well. He peeped into it. Unfortunately, he slipped and fell into the well. A goat happened to pass by the well and looked into it. She said to the fox, "What are you doing here?" The cunning fox replied, "Dear niece, I am enjoying a swim down here. It is very pleasant, come down and jump into the well." **Question:** (i) What happened to the thirsty fox? (ii) Who passed by the well just then? (iii) What did the goat do? (iv) What did the goat say to the fox? (v) What did the fox say in reply?

King Robert Bruce ruled over Scotland. He had been defeated many times by the English. He ran for his life and hid himself in a cave. He had lost all hope to win. As he lay there thinking if he should give up his struggle or not, he saw a spider trying to reach its cobweb in the ceiling of the cave. It fell down again and again but did not give up its attempt. At last the little insect reached its ninth attempt. This gave courage to King Bruce. He made up his mind to fight and this time he won the battle. **Question:** (i) By whom had Robert Bruce been defeated many times? (ii) Where did he hide himself? (iii) What did he see in the cave? (iv) After how many attempts did the spider succeed? (v) What lesson did King Bruce learn from the spider?

Khalid was extremely kind hearted and just to the people. His army had strict orders not to do any harm to the farmers, aged persons, women, children and other civilians. They are the real strength of society, "he said. "They should always be treated with kindness and respect." This was something new for the conquered people, who felt very happy now. The Iranian and Byzantine officers were very harsh on them. Khalid's treatment won their hearts so much they began to hate their cruel old masters. **Question:**

(i) How did Khalid treat the people? (ii) What were the orders given to the Army? (iii) What did he say about the farmers and civilians? (iv) How had their former masters treated them? (v) How did Khalid win the hearts of the conquered people?

A man is known by the company he keeps. A good student should avoid the company of those who keep playing all the time. Many students miss their classes and seldom do their home work because fellow students do the same. There are hardworking students also who work while others play. They know when to study and when to play. They play when it is time to play. They enjoy the game of their choice because they know that playing games is essential for health. A sickly student is not so quick in learning his lesson as a healthy one.

**Question:**

(i) What kind of company should a good student keep? (ii) Why do some students miss their classes? (iii) Why do good students enjoy good health? (iv) Why are games necessary for students? (v) In what does the success of a student lie?

Newspapers keep us constantly in touch with the whole of mankind. In olden days, a man's world consisted of his own village and one or two neighbouring villages. It was difficult for him to know what was going on in the other parts of the country. But today, the press assisted by rapid means of communications brings us news from the farthest corner of the globe. The press is also responsible for educating public opinion. The laws of a nation are really shaped by its press. In fact, the public receives guidance from the newspapers. Thus, their power in modern times is really great. **Question:**

(i) What good do the newspapers do to us? (ii) Why in olden days, why could man could not know what was going on in far off places? (iii) What is the responsibility of press today? (iv) How are the laws of a country shaped now a days? (v) How are news papers a source of public guidance?

Making pottery on the potter's wheel is called "throwing". The thrower is a very skilful workman. But there is another method of shaping articles out of clay-moulding. A plaster mould is made and the clay is pressed into it. This is a quicker and less difficult way and must be used to make things like handles, but all the most beautiful pottery is thrown. When the piece of pottery is taken off the wheel, it is put aside to dry, after which may be painted on it with special colours that will stand great heat. It is then ready to be fired. This is done in a large oven, or kiln. The pieces of pottery are placed in earthenware tubs called 'Saggers' so that the flames cannot touch the pottery. Question:

(i) What is throwing? (ii) What is the other method of shaping articles? (iii) What is the advantage of Moulding? (iv) How does the potter make designs on the pieces of pottery? (v) How is pottery baked in fire?

Early rising is a good habit as it gives us a early start of our day's work. We gain time while the late risers are asleep. The early risers have another advantage also and that is that they enjoy good and sound health. Those who are out of bed early have plenty of time to do their work carefully, steadily and completely. They do not have to put off anything to the next day. The early riser is always happy, fresh and smart. He enjoys his work while those who get up late find their duty dull and dry and do it unwillingly. Early rising is therefore, a key to success in life. Question:

(i) What kind of habit is early rising? (ii) Why can an early riser do more work than the late riser? (iii) Why does an early riser enjoy good health? (iv) Why does a late riser find his work dull and dry? (v) What is the key to success in life?

Iqbal is not only the greatest poet of our age, but also one of the greatest poets of all times. There are not many poets who wrote so many great poems as he did. He did not write poetry for poetry's sake. He was, in fact, much more than mere a poet. He was a leaned man. He was a great scholar. He was a great philosopher. He was a political leader of great importance. But more than anything he was Muslim who had great love for Allah and his prophet (Peace Be Upon Him). He wrote poetry to express the great and every lasting truth of philosophy, history and Islam. He from the deep sleep. He asked the Muslims of the whole world to unite. Question:

(i) Why is Iqbal considered to be one of the greatest poet of all times? (ii) Did he write poetry for poetry's sake? (iii) How can you say that Iqbal was much more than a mere poet? (iv) What kind of Muslim was Iqbal? (v) With what aim did he write poetry?

One day the girl found a coin. It rolled away before the broom when she was sweeping the yard, and fell with little clatter against the wall. She ran and picked it up. Someone had dropped it while crossing the yard a perhaps had not even troubled to look for it. It was worth little. But it seemed a whole fortune to her who never had anything of her own before. She rubbed it clean on sleeve of her blue cottn jacket and put it into her pocket. Question:

(i) What did the girl find? (ii) When did she find it? (iii) How had the coin been there? (iv) What was the worth of the coin? (v) Why was it a whole fortune for her?

Indian National Congress was founded in 1885 by a liberal English man Mr. A.O. Hume. He had joined the Indian Civil Service in 1849 and retired from service after shouldering different responsibilities. He had been watching ugly law and order situations in the country quite frequently. He was of the opinion that the high handed rule of the Britishers was paving way for an unexpected outburst of violence. His plan was to put a safety valve to minimise the mounting sentiments against the British rule. It was meant to provide an outlet which could ventilate the revolutionary spirit. Mr. Hume put his plan before Lord Duffrin. Question:

(i) Who founded the Indian National Congress? (ii) Who was Mr. A.O. Hume? (iii) When was the Indian National Congress founded? (iv) Why did Hume think of founding this political organisation? (v) With whome did he disuss his plan?

Camel is rightly called the "Ship of desert". It is the best means of transport in deserts. Camels go slow. But they go on walking for hours on the burning sand and in the blazing sun. Camels carry heavy loads, much more in weight than any other beast of burden can. While other animal's feet sink into the sand, nature has made the feet of camel so that it is not at all difficult for it to walk on sand. The camel is superior to all other animals because it can go without food and drink for days and weeks together. It can store food and water. Its hump is also a store of food which the camels use when they get noghint to eat and drink for many days. In

deserts, only bushes grow here and there and the camel can live on these. Question:

(i) Why is camel called the ship of desert? (ii) Is it for its speed that it is called the "ship of desert"? (iii) What difficulty have other beasts of burden to face while walking on the sand? (iv) Why does a camel walk easily on the loose-sand of the desert? (v) What special quality makes camel superior to other animals used for transport?

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