

Subject-English

Class- 6

Topic- Unseen Passage

Read the following passage carefully.

A little boy lived in a village situated on the bank of river Ganga. He was orphan and used to get his food from the people living in his village. Everyday, He used to play in a garden which was situated in his village. One day the boy sat leaning against the trunk of a tree, cried and sighed, "I am hungry." "Eat my fruits", said the kind tree and it bent down one of its branches. The little boy ate fruits and felt satisfied.

Many years passed and the boy grew up. Then once again he sat under the tree with a look of dejection and helplessness. "What is it?", the tree asked. "My wedding day is bare a week away and I have nowhere to live. "Cut down my branches and build yourself a house", said the tree. The young man sat to work immediately.

Time passed and now the young man was a sailor. Once again he sat under the tree with a look of remorse on his face. It again what the matter was, he pleaded, "My captain is cruel, so to survive I must own a ship." "Cut down my trunk and build a ship", said the tree.

The sailor grew old but once again he turned to the tree with a laden expression on his face. It was cold and the sailor leaned on his stick was trembling. "Make a fire of me", said the stump of the tree. It soon burnt in the fire softly humming a tune.

Answer the following questions briefly.

1. Where did the little boy live?
2. Why did the tree say to the boy to eat its fruits?
3. What did the man do to survive himself?
4. How did the tree help the before his marriage?
5. Did the tree remain alive at last? If yes, why/If not, why not?
6. Name the different parts of this tree?
7. How many times did the tree help a single human being?
8. Find the word from the passage which is opposite of 'Kind'?
9. Find from the passage a word similar to "a strong feeling of sadness"?

Suggested answers of the above passage:

- 1.The little boy lived in a village situated on the bank of river Ganga.
- 2.Tree said to the boy to eat its fruits because the little boy was hungry.
- 3.To survive himself the man cut down the tree's trunk and built a ship.
- 4.The tree helped the man before his marriage by asking the young man to cut down its branches and build a house for himself.
- 5.No, the tree did not remain alive at last because it gave all its different parts to a boy who grew up as an old man.
- 6.Fruits, branches, trunk and stump are the different parts of this tree.
- 7.The tree helped a single human being four times.
- 8.'Cruel' is the word opposite of 'Kind'.
- 9.'Dejection' is the word from the passage which is similar to "a strong feeling of sadness".

Read the following passage carefully.

I have talked of the necessity for prayer, and I have dealt with the essence of prayer. We are born to serve our fellow men, and cannot properly do so unless we are wide awake. There is an external struggle raging in man's breast between the powers of darkness and of light, and he, who has not the sheet anchor of prayer to rely upon, will be a victim to the powers of darkness.

The man of prayer will be at peace with himself and with the whole world: the man who goes about the affairs of the world, without a prayerful heart, will be miserable and will make the world also miserable.

Apart, therefore, from its bearing, on man's condition after death prayer has incalculable value for man in this world of living. We, inmates of the ashram, who came here in search of truth and for insistence on truth, professed to believe in the efficacy of prayer, but had never up to now, made it a matter of vital concern. We did not bestow on it the care that we did on other matters. I awoke from my slumber one day and realized that I had been woefully negligent on my duty in the matter. I have, therefore suggested a measure of stern discipline, and far from being any the worse, I hope, we are the better for it, it is so obvious.

Answer the following questions briefly.

1. What kind of struggle is raging in man's heart?
2. Why, according to the author, are we born?
3. Why do the inmates come to the Ashram?
4. Who will become the victim to the powers of darkness?
5. What did the author realize one day when he awoke from his slumber?
6. Who will get peace with himself and the world?
7. Write the word from the passage opposite in meaning to 'happy'?
8. Write the word from the passage which means 'sleep'?