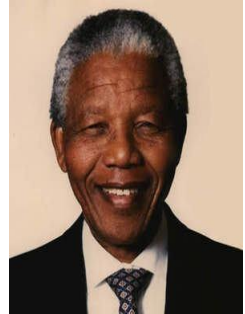




L 2 NELSON MANDELA : LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

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New Vocabulary

Apartheid

Dignitaries

Oppression

Rare privilege

Emancipation

Gedecked

Chevron

Oppressor

Words – meanings

Transitory = Not permanent

Virtuous = Full of virtues

Racial domination = Control due to race

Besieged = Surrounded

Wrought = Done

Q.1 Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words:

a) Why did inauguration ceremony take place in the amphitheatre formed by the Union Building in Pretoria ?

Ans: It was the first democratic , non-racial government taking oath in South Africa . The ceremony was attended by dignitaries from more than 140 countries around the world and thousands of people of south Africa of all the races to make the day memorable. So it took place in the amphitheatre formed by the Union Building in Pretoria.

b) What did Mandela think for oppressor and oppressed ?

Ans : Mandela always thought that both oppressor and oppressed are deprived of their humanity. Oppressor is a prisoner of hatred while oppressed has no confidence in humanity, so both of them need to be liberated. He always desired people to live with dignity and respect.

c) What freedom meant to Mandela in childhood ?

Ans: During childhood , the meaning of freedom for Mandela was quite limited. He considered it to be free to run in the fields, to swim in the clear stream, free to roast mealies and ride the board backs of slow moving bulls He wanted to out at night .It was a transitory freedom.

Q 2 Answer the following questions in 100 to 150 words:

a) Describe the value of freedom for the human beings and how it is important for the growth of civilisation and humanism as described in the lesson ‘Nelson Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom’

Ans. Everybody whether human or other creature wants to live free as freedom is natural to all living beings . The value of freedom is better known to that human being who has not tasted it till he gets it. A person who is chained with the limits and not allowed to perform his duties freely, values freedom more than anyone else.

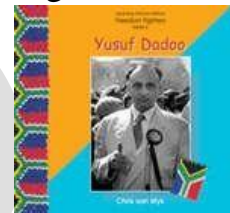
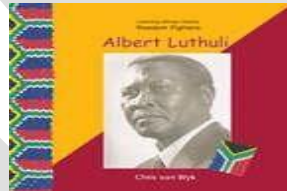
For instance the value of freedom is known better to Mandela who remained behind the bars most of his life. Think about a bird or animal which is caged as they have the habit of living with full freedom but in the cage they are not free and their conditions are pitiable.

Similarly , life becomes a hell if we are deprived of freedom. There is no growth of civilisation as it grows only when one has freedom. As if a man is free to do his duties, he can produce better results. An oppressed person always commits mistakes and unable to perform well, so freedom is important for the growth of civilization.

b) Would you agree that the “ depths of oppression” create” heights of character” ? How does Mandela illustrate this / Can you add your own examples to this argument?

Ans: Yes I agree that the” depths of oppression “ create “ heights of character ”When Mandela said in his speech in swearing – in ceremony, he described that how the decade of brutality and oppression of the white people had an unintended effect of creating great African patriots like Oliver Tambo, Walter Sisulu , Luthuli, Dadoo and many more.

They were all the men of courage , wisdom and large heartedness. They suffered a lot for the freedom of the nation and the equal rights of the black people. In similar manner, in our country there were many great patriots like Mahatma Gandhi ,Chandra Shekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and many more who suffered lot for our freedom but remained courageous



while facing utmost cruelty at the hands of British.

P 3 A TIGER IN THE ZOO by Leslie Noris



❖ Word Meanings:

- 1) Rage – anger
- 2) Stalk – walk with pride
- 3) Lurking – staying hiding
- 4) Snarling – growling
- 5) Fang – teeth

❖ Extract based questions:

A) “He should be lurking..... plump deer pass”

- 1) The tiger is passing through_____.
a) **Grass** b) trees c) mountains d) river
- 2) For whom is tiger waiting near the water hole?
a) Fat elephant b) fat hare c) **fat deer** d) fat ox
- 3) Find the word from the passage which means same as ‘fat’.
a) Lurking b) sliding c) rage d) **plump**
- 4) Who is ‘he’ here?
a) The lion b) **the tiger** c) the camel d) the giraffe

B) “He hears the last voice.....at the brilliant stars”.

- 1) Who hears the last voice at night?
a) **Tiger** b) horse c) wolf d) rabbit
- 2) The last voice that he hears is that of____.
a) Trucks b) airplane c) **patrolling cars** d) trains
- 3) At what does he stared with his brilliant eyes?
a) Sky b) sun c) moon d) **stars**
- 4) Which word means the same as ‘speaking’ in the passage?
a) patrolling b) stares c) **brilliant** d) concrete

❖ Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

- 1) Describe some of the activities of the tiger as stated by the poet.
➤ Some of the activities of the tiger as stated by the poet are – walking along the cage, hearing the patrolling of cars, ignoring visitors and staring at the brilliant stars of the sky.
- 2) Why does the tiger express his anger quietly?

- The tiger expresses his anger quietly, because he is helpless. He can do nothing from behind the bars. He is not free as he was in the forest. The tiger's strength is locked behind the bars. Thus it can only show anger.

3) What does the poet want to convey through the poem?

- The poet exhibits the miserable life led by the animals in the zoo. He shows the two different lives i.e. in the zoo and the life at a natural habitat. According to the poet, animals should not be caged. They should be let free in the wild. Even they have a right to remain free. They should not be caged for our personal interests.

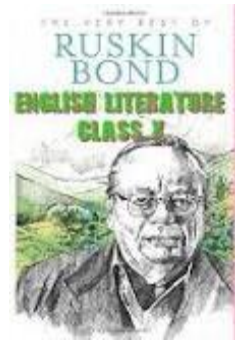
❖ Answer the following questions in 100-120 words:

- 1) Do you agree that wild animals should be caged? Comment 'yes' or 'no' giving reasons.**

- Wild animals should not be caged. This is well known fact that tiger is a royal species which is on the verge of extinction. In ancient times, tigers moved around freely in the forests. But today, they are caged and left in the zoo for the entertainment of people. In fact, they are not meant for confinement. The result is that their off spring also does not learn to hunt, when they are caged. Caging wild animals also leads to disturbance of ecological balance. So, wild animals should be let free. They belong to the forest. Cages are not meant for a wild animal, specially a tiger. We should not cage them for our personal interest. Even animals love to live in their natural habitat along with their families. We should not separate them from their families.

L2 THE THIEF'S STORY

By Ruskin Bond



❖ Word meanings:

- 1) Grunting – making a low sound
- 2) Stray – of the street
- 3) Queer – strange
- 4) Slid – put slowly
- 5) Stuck – clung

❖ Answer the following question in 30 – 40 words:

1) What condition did Anil put forward before appointing Hari Singh as a servant?

- Before appointing Hari Singh as a servant, Anil told him that he would not give Hari a regular salary. He had to cook food for both and Anil could only feed him, to this Hari agreed willingly.

2) How did Anil come to know that Hari Singh had run away with his money?

- Perhaps Anil might have woken up at night and discovered that Hari was not present in the house. Moreover, he found the wet notes under his mattress. Out of that, he gave a fifty rupee note to Hari and reacted normally.

3) Why does Anil not hand the thief over to police?

- Anil was a large hearted person. He forgave Hari Singh as he wanted to reform him. He knew that Hari Singh was sorry for his act. So, he did not think it right to hand him over to police. Anil gave another chance to Hari to improve his habits.

❖ Answer the following question in 100 – 120 words:

1) Why did the thief befriend with Anil? Why did he steal Anil's money? Why did he come back and put Anil's money back?

- The thief befriended with Anil because he wanted to have an acquaintance with him so as to make him his next victim. Moreover, he needed a place to live. He started to work for Anil who was a credulous person. Anil started teaching him how to read and write. One day Anil brought a bundle of notes. The thief stole the money though he was cut of practice and had not robbed anyone for so many days. After stealing the money, he planned to go to Lucknow. But at the station, his inner conscience pricked him and did not allow him to go. His heart changed as he wanted to be an educated man. So, he returned back and placed the money back to its place. Hari was grateful to Anil because Anil had taught him to read and write and was helping him in becoming an educated man. With education, Hari would be able to achieve much more in life. So he didn't want to hurt Anil losing his trust.

2) Write a brief character sketch of Hari Singh in the light of his honesty.

Express your opinion

- Hari Singh, a boy of 15, was an experienced and successful thief. He was successful because of his cleverness and intelligence. He planned everything meticulously before choosing his victims. He went to places where he would meet an unsuspecting victim. He would then win his confidence to get a job. After sometime, he used to run away after stealing money from there. Then he used to change his name to befool the police and his former employers. Thus he was a

- liar. He got a job as a cook, though he could not cook well. He was a greedy boy. He was cruel enough to rob a simple and trusting man like Anil. He managed to steal six hundred rupees from his house. But, there is transformation in the end of the story, when he decides to come back to Anil and keep his trust alive. This shows that there is goodness concealed in even the worst of men. Hari Singh wanted to become an educated person in future. He wanted to mend his ways by becoming a big, clever and respected man and earn his livelihood honestly instead of stealing.

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