



## 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.

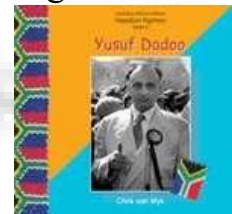
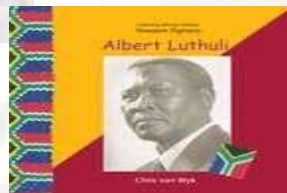
For instance the value of freedom is known better to Mandela who remained behind the bars most of his life. Think about a bird or animal which is caged as they have the habit of living with full freedom but in the cage they are not free and their conditions are pitiable.

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 Norris



❖ 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.

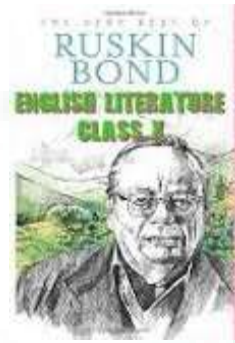
**❖ Answer the following questions in 100-120 words:**

**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.









### Writing Skills

**Q 1 Write a story in about 150-200 words which begins as the following :**  
“A little girl was walking down the street. She saw a poor old man shivering on the pavement. She.....

A little girl was walking down the street. She saw a poor old man shivering on the pavement. She went near that old man and gave him the blanket which she was carrying with her. Then she asked him if he would come with her to her house. The poor old man had no choice. He quietly stood up and walked to her house. When they reached home, the girl asked the old man to wait there just for a few minutes. Then she went inside her house. There she explained her parents the whole story.

She wanted them to give shelter to that man. Actually, her father was the richest man of the town. He owned a very big house with outhouse for servants. The girl wanted her parents to allow that man to live in one of the outhouses. In the beginning, they refused to agree with her proposal. Then asked her parents if they give him shelter then it would be her best ‘birthday gift’. That day was her birthday and she was the only child of her parents. On hearing such words, her parents agreed. They also felt proud of their daughter that she had a such a great moral values at a very little age.

Afterwards she came and held the hand of that man and brought him inside the house. After a few days of care and affection, the man became healthy. Then he started looking after their garden. Flowers bloomed in the garden and happiness bloomed in the family because of the little angel.

## **Q.2 LETTER WRITING**

- You are Aryan/Amrita of C/43, Hauz khas, New Delhi. You have read a report in a magazine mentioning that there are 12 million child workers in your country. It is a national problem. Write a letter in about 120-150 words to the editor of “The Indian Express”, giving your views on why child labour exists and how it can be abolished.

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**The Editor**

**The Indian Express**

**New Delhi**

**Sub: Problem of Child Labour .**

**Sir,**

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to raise my voice against the worst social evil-child labour. Childhood is the best period of one's life. But it is unfortunate on the part of children that, despite the ban on child labour, imposed by government, the practise are still prevalent in our society. Data shows that there are 12 million child workers in our country.

The root cause of the problem is lack of awareness and poverty. Poor parents send their children to earn, rather than sending them to school. They seek financial support from them. But this practise has adverse impact on their well being-physically, mentally and emotionally.

I hope, through media, the general public should be made aware of the children's plight. Poor parents should otherwise be compensated. Rules against child labour should be followed strictly.

**Thanking you**

**Yours sincerely**

**Aryan**

**Q.3 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It is roughly the size of the continent of Australia and covers an area of nearly 2.8 million square miles. The Amazon rainforest gets its life from the majestic Amazon River which runs through the heart of the region. Amazon is also the **second largest** river in the world. The rainforest is simply the drainage basin for the river and its tributaries. The vast forest consists of four layers, each featuring its own ecosystems and specially adapted plants and animals.

The forest floor is the lowest region. Since only two percent of the sunlight can filter through the top layers to the understory very few plants grow there. The forest floor, however, is rich with rotting vegetation and bodies of dead animals which quickly break down and get integrated into the soil as nutrients. Tree roots stay close to these available nutrients and decomposers such as millipedes and earth worms use these nutrients for food.

The understory is the layer above the forest floor. Much like the forest floor, only about 2 to 5 percent of the sunlight reaches this shadowy realm. Many of the plants in the understory have large, broad leaves to collect as much sunlight as possible. The understory is so thick that there is very little air movement. As a result, plants rely on insects and animals to pollinate their flowers.

The layer above the understory is **the canopy**. This is where much of the action in the rainforest occurs. Many plants growing in this layer have specially adapted leaves with drip tips. Drip tips allow water to flow off the leaves and thus prevent mosses, fungi and lichens from infecting the leaves. Leaves in the canopy are very dense and filter about 80 percent of the sunlight. The canopy is where the wealth of the rainforest's fruits and flowers grow.

**Answer the following questions.**

- 1. Which is the world's second largest river?**
- 2. How important is the Amazon River for Amazon rainforests?**
- 3. Why do very few plants grow in the understory of the rainforests?**

**4. Why is there very little air movement in the understory?**

**5. What is the layer above the understory called?**

**6. Find the word from the passage which means 'grand'.**