

CBSE TEST PAPER-03
Class - 12 English Core (Tiger King)

General Instruction:

- Question No. 1 to 7 carry three marks each.
 - Question No. 8 and 10 carry six marks each.
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1. What led the Maharaja to start out on a tiger hunt?
2. What is the reason for the Tiger King's sudden decision to marry?
3. How did the Tiger King meet his end? What is ironical about his fate?
4. What sort of hunts did the Maharaja offer to organize for the high-ranking British officer? What trait of the officer does it reveal?
5. Why was the Maharaja so anxious to kill the hundredth tiger?
6. What warning did the astrologer give to the Tiger King when he killed the first tiger? Did the prediction of the astrologer come to be true?
7. Why did the Maharaja double the land tax?
8. How did the Dewan manage to arrange the hundredth tiger for the Maharaja?
9. How did the Maharaja reach the state of losing his life?
10. How did the Tiger King stand in danger of losing his kingdom? How was he able to avoid the danger?

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Answers

1. The Maharaja knew the old saying that killing even a cow in self-defense was no sin. So, in order to save his own life and prove the astrological prediction wrong, he started shooting all his enemies, i.e. the tigers he found in the forests of his state and nearby regions.
2. In order to defeat the astrologer's prophecy, the Maharaja had to kill a hundred tigers. He had already killed seventy tigers and the tiger population in his state neared extinction. For this reason, he wished to marry a girl in the royal family of a state with a rich tiger population, where he would kill the rest of the tigers.
3. The Tiger King met his end through the wooden tiger, which he had bought as a gift for his son on his third birthday. While he was playing with his son, a splinter of the poorly made toy tiger pricked the king's hand. The infection turned into a sore, which spread all over his arm. In spite of the best surgeons, the king's life could not be saved.
4. Tiger hunting was banned in Pratibandapuram. When the British official came with a tiger hunt request, the Maharaja told him that he may conduct a boar hunt, a mouse hunt, even a mosquito hunt, but not a tiger hunt. In reply to this, the British officer said that he only wanted to be photographed holding a gun and standing near the dead body; the tiger could be killed by the Maharaja. This shows the shallowness of character of the officer.
5. When the Maharaja was barely ten days old, the chief astrologer had predicted that a tiger would be the cause of his death. When the Maharaja was twenty, he killed one tiger. When he asked his astrologer, the astrologer said that he would kill ninety-nine tigers, but he should be fearful of the hundredth tiger. That was the reason why the Maharaja was so anxious to kill the hundredth tiger.
6. When the Maharaja boasted about killing the first tiger, the astrologer said that he may kill ninety-nine tigers, but must be "very careful with the hundredth tiger." Yes, the astrologer was absolutely true in this prediction, because finally the Maharaja was killed by the hundredth tiger.
7. The Maharaja had successfully killed ninety-nine tigers but struggled hard to find the hundredth tiger. Once there came a news of a tiger being spotted at a hillside village but

it turned out to be untrue. This infuriated the Maharaja, who ordered the Dewan to double the land tax in order to punish the villagers for the false news.

8. The Dewan had brought a tiger from the People's Park in Madras and kept it hidden in his house. Nobody was aware of it. The Maharaja called Dewan and asked him to search the tiger as soon as possible otherwise search another job for himself or double the land tax. Maharaja even said that he will exempt the land tax for three years if anyone brings a tiger to him. When the Maharaja threatened him of dire consequences, he understood that the only way to save him was to 'plant' a tiger for the kill.

So, he and his aged wife dragged the tiger to the forest where the king was hunting. They left the tiger in the forest and informed the King about the same. The king took aim and the beast soon collapsed.

9. Maharaja wanted to give a unique gift to his son on his third birthday. As he ignored his family because of the tiger hunt for many years, now he wanted to make up for that. So, he bought a wooden toy tiger as a gift for his son on his birthday.

The tiger brought by the Maharaja, was carved by an unskilled carpenter that had tiny wooden slivers on it. One of the slivers pierced Maharaja's right hand which led to infection. The wound turned into a suppurating sore and that needed to be operated soon. Three surgeons were called from Madras who operated on Maharaja. Though the operation was successful but the doctors declared that they couldn't save Maharaja's life. The irony is, in the fact that, in spite of killing nearly all the tigers in the area, he had to face his death by a tiger, be it a toy tiger.

10. Once a high-ranking British officer visited Pratibandapuram. As he was fond of hunting tigers, he expressed his wish of tiger hunting to the king, but the king refused permission. Then the British officer requested that he only wanted to be photographed holding gun and standing over the dead body of the tiger and the Maharaja could kill the tiger. However, the Maharaja denied him this permission too, fearing that it would lead to further similar requests from other officers.

As the Maharaja did not want to upset the British officer and risk losing his kingdom, he sent a fifty diamond rings to the wife of the officer. The lady kept all the rings and sent him a note of thanks. In this way, the king managed to save his kingdom.