

## 2. Too Dear!

### One Mark Questions

1. Mention any one of the commodities that was taxed by the king of Monaco in 'Too Dear!'.
2. Name the special source of revenue in the kingdom of Monaco in 'Too Dear!'.
3. What business does the King of Monaco monopolise in 'Too Dear!'?
5. Mention one of the sources of the King's special revenue in 'Too Dear!'.
6. What was the initial punishment given to the criminal by the council in 'Too Dear!'?
7. Mention one of the reasons for altering the death sentence to life imprisonment in 'Too Dear!'.
8. The King's special revenue in 'Too Dear!' came from
  - a. gaming house.
  - b. poll tax
  - c. tax on tobacco.
9. How many soldiers were there in the kingdom of Monaco in 'Too Dear!'?
10. How much did the king spend on the criminal annually in 'Too Dear!'?
13. Where is Monaco situated in 'Too Dear!'?
16. How much would a guillotine and an executioner cost if supplied from France in 'Too Dear!'?
18. The people of Monaco mentioned in 'Too Dear!' were
  - a. sociable.
  - b. peaceable.
  - c. fashionable.
19. What is the population of Monaco in 'Too Dear!'?
20. Who according to the Council was a brother monarch in 'Too Dear!'?
21. How much money did the Italian Government demand to supply guillotine and an executioner?
22. Name the 'Toy Kingdom' mentioned in 'Too Dear!'.
23. Who is referred to as 'a rascal' by the king in 'Too Dear!'?
24. Where did the criminal settle after emigrating in 'Too Dear!'?
25. What did the criminal do to earn his living after his release in 'Too Dear!'?
26. What was the new item of expenditure in 'Too Dear!'?
27. Which government is Republican and has no proper respect for king in 'Too Dear!'?
28. Who was a 'Brother Monarch' in 'Too Dear!'?
29. How much did the criminal receive as advance before leaving Monaco in 'Too Dear!'?
30. Which was the only place of gambling in Europe as mentioned in 'Too Dear!'?
31. Who fetched the criminal's food initially in 'Too Dear!'?
32. Where was the criminal's food fetched from in 'Too Dear!'?
33. How long was the criminal in the prison in 'Too Dear!'?
34. What does the keeper of the gaming house pay to the Prince in 'Too Dear!'?
35. Who gains more from the gaming house in 'Too Dear!'?
36. How much land would each inhabitant get if all the land in Monaco were divided?
37. What was unusual about the murder committed in Monaco in 'Too Dear!'?
38. What work did the prisoner do after being released from the prison in 'Too Dear!'?
39. The king had to find a special source of revenue because
  - a. the income from the taxes was insufficient.
  - b. his people drank and smoked less.
  - c. the people of Monaco gambled a lot.
40. The death sentence in 'Too Dear!' was altered because
  - a. the king wanted to show mercy to the criminal.
  - b. doing so would not be expensive.
  - c. no one was willing to execute the criminal.

41. When the guard was dismissed, the criminal in 'Too Dear!'
  - a. was happy and tried to run away.
  - b. worried about the guard's family.
  - c. did not show any sign of running away.
42. The criminal in 'Too Dear!' agreed to go away from the prison after
  - a. he was offered pension.
  - b. he was allowed to emigrate.
  - c. the guard was dismissed.

#### 4 Mark Questions

1. How does the narrator describe the 'Toy Kingdom' in 'Too Dear!'?
2. Why did the authorities in Monaco fail to carry out the death sentence in 'Too Dear!'?
3. What made the king of Monaco alter his decisions in dealing with the criminal in 'Too Dear!'?
4. What made the king of Monaco alter the death sentence to life imprisonment in 'Too Dear!'?
5. Describe the efforts of the ministers in carrying out the death sentence in 'Too Dear!'.
6. Why does the criminal in 'Too Dear!' refuse to escape from the prison? Explain.
7. Why did the criminal finally get a pension in 'Too Dear!'? How did this benefit him?
8. How did the criminal spend his life after he was given a pension in 'Too Dear!'?

#### 6 Mark Questions

1. The king of Monaco is a man without a decisive stand. Do you agree with this? Substantiate your answer with reference to 'Too Dear!'.
2. 'Too Dear!' ridicules the foolishness of rulers. Discuss.
3. You can't earn stone palaces by honest labour. Justify this statement with reference to 'Too Dear!'.
4. 'It is a good thing that the criminal committed his crime in Monaco.' Why does the narrator in 'Too Dear!' feel so? Explain.

#### Passive Voice (Q. No. 26)

1. A few years ago a murder \_\_\_\_\_ (commit). The case \_\_\_\_\_ (try) in the most judicial manner. The criminal \_\_\_\_\_ (sentence) to death.
2. A letter \_\_\_\_\_ (send) to the French government. A prompt reply \_\_\_\_\_ (receive). It said that a machine and an expert \_\_\_\_\_ (could supply) but the cost would be 16,000 francs.
3. The general \_\_\_\_\_ (call). He \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) to find a soldier who would cut the man's head off. The general talked it over with the soldiers. But the soldiers said, "It is not a thing we \_\_\_\_\_ (have, teach).
4. The guard \_\_\_\_\_ (dismiss). It \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to offer the criminal a pension. The pension fixed was 600 francs. This \_\_\_\_\_ (announce) to the prisoner.
5. A crime was reported to the Prince of Monaco. The Prince \_\_\_\_\_ (amaze), for a murder \_\_\_\_\_ (commit) in his toy kingdom. The ministers \_\_\_\_\_ (summon) to discuss the matter.
6. In the toy Kingdom, a council \_\_\_\_\_ (call) to consider what \_\_\_\_\_ (could, do). It \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to send a letter to the king of Italy.
7. The king of Italy was a brother monarch, and \_\_\_\_\_ (might, induce) to do the thing cheaper. So the letter \_\_\_\_\_ (write), and a prompt reply \_\_\_\_\_ (receive).
8. The Council met again. The General \_\_\_\_\_ (summon) and he \_\_\_\_\_ (instruct) to ask his soldiers if they \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) to cut the criminal's head off.

9. The Prince agreed to this, and the matter \_\_\_\_\_ (arrange). There was a small lock-up where people \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) temporarily. The young fellow \_\_\_\_\_ (put) there.

### Reported Speech (Q. No. 27)

1. Minister : Why do you not run away? There is no guard to keep you. The Prince will not mind.  
Criminal : I know it. But I have nowhere to go.
2. Minister : The cost of execution will be 16,000 Francs.  
Prince : The wretch is not worth the money. Can't it be done, somehow cheaper?  
16,000 francs is more than two francs a head on the whole population. The people will not stand it.
3. Prince : You must find some cheaper way of dealing with this rascal.  
The present plan is too expensive.  
First Minister : In my opinion we must dismiss the guard.  
Second Minister : Then the fellow will run away.  
First Minister : Let him run away.

### Expressions (Q. No. 29)

1. The kinglet would \_\_\_\_\_ the account of his income and expenditure at the end of every year. When he noticed new items of expenditure, he would \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of each item.  
(reckon up, gave up, look over)
2. The council suggested that the only way \_\_\_\_\_ the criminal was to dismiss the guard. The guard was dismissed but the criminal did not run away. So one of the ministers decided to tell him \_\_\_\_\_ to do so.  
(straight out, to look over, to get rid of)
3. The criminal was asked to run away. But the criminal said that people would \_\_\_\_\_ on him if he did so. He also said that he had \_\_\_\_\_ of working.  
(got out of the way, turn their backs, be hanged)
4. There were about 7000 inhabitants in Monaco. The taxes fetched meager income. Therefore the kinglet was \_\_\_\_\_ to feed his courtiers and himself. But he found a new source of income by which he could \_\_\_\_\_ money and lead a luxurious life.  
(rake in, hard put to it, straight out)

### Linkers (Q. No. 30)

1. The special revenue came from a gaming house, \_\_\_\_\_ people played roulette. Some of the little German Sovereigns used to keep gaming houses of the same kind \_\_\_\_\_ some years ago they were forbidden to do so. The reason they were stopped was \_\_\_\_\_ these gaming houses did so much harm. A man would come and try his luck. \_\_\_\_\_ he would risk all he had and lose it.

(because, then, where, but)

2. The criminal refused to go away \_\_\_\_\_ they had ruined his character \_\_\_\_\_ people would turn their backs on him. \_\_\_\_\_ he had got out of the way of working. He said they might do as they liked, \_\_\_\_\_ he would not go away.

(but, for, besides, and)

3. The criminal received one third of his pension in advance \_\_\_\_\_ left the kingdom. \_\_\_\_\_ crossing the frontier, he settled down on a bit of land. \_\_\_\_\_ he started market gardening \_\_\_\_\_ fetched him good profit and he lived peacefully and well.

(and, later, after, which)

4. The criminal remained in the prison for a year. \_\_\_\_\_ when a year had passed, the kinglet was shocked to see the amount spent for his keep. \_\_\_\_\_ he summoned his council to consider the matter. The council considered \_\_\_\_\_ reconsidered. \_\_\_\_\_ they decided to dismiss the guard who watched the criminal.

(finally, but, therefore, and)

5. The death sentence was altered to life imprisonment. This would enable the Prince to show his mercy \_\_\_\_\_ it would come cheaper. \_\_\_\_\_ there was no strong prison fit for permanent use. \_\_\_\_\_ they managed to find a place \_\_\_\_\_ would serve the purpose.

(but, and, which, however)