

Chapter 4: The Story of Gautama's Quest

EXERCISE [PAGE 85]

Exercise | Q 1. (a) | Page 85

Complete the following sentence with reference to the passage:

Gautama, the Buddha, was born over two thousand five hundred years ago, as _____.

SOLUTION

Gautama, the Buddha, was born over two thousand five hundred years ago, as **Prince Siddharth.**

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Complete the following sentence with reference to the passage:

The king was determined to prevent his beloved son from _____.

SOLUTION

The king was determined to prevent his beloved son from **renouncing the world.**

Exercise | Q 1. (c) | Page 85

Complete the following sentence with reference to the passage:

For six years did Gautama practice _____

SOLUTION

For six years did Gautama practice **intense asceticism.**

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Complete the following sentence with reference to the passage:

He realised that making the body suffer was not _____.

SOLUTION

He realised that making the body suffer was not **the way to enlightenment and truth.**

Exercise | Q 1. (e) | Page 85

Complete the following sentence with reference to the passage:

To this day, we venerate this tree as _____.

SOLUTION

To this day, we venerate the tree as **the Bodhi Tree.**

Exercise | Q 2.(a) | Page 85

Write a short note on the following :

Prince Siddharth's protected life.

SOLUTION

The king surrounded Prince Siddharth with every imaginable luxury and comfort. The king had three magnificent palaces, and the Prince lived a secluded and protected life in the beautiful atmosphere of these mansions. At the age of twenty-nine, Siddharth went out to see his kingdom and meet his subjects.

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Write a short note on the following :

The 'four signs' that Prince Siddharth beheld.

SOLUTION

The 'four signs' that Prince Siddharth beheld are an old man, a diseased man, a dead man, and a monk. These four signs were witnesses to the impermanence of the world. After seeing them, the Prince wondered what the cause of sorrow was, and if there was a way out of it.

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Write a short note on the following:

The message in the vision.

SOLUTION

The message in the vision was that one must not take to extremes. One must follow the middle path. Taking to extremes, like making the body suffer intensely, is not the way to enlightenment and truth.

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Write a short note on the following:

Sujata's offering

SOLUTION

Sujata was a beautiful girl who appeared before Prince Siddharth, carrying a bowl filled with sweetened milk and rice. When she saw his weak condition, she offered the bowl at his feet and requested him to accept her offering of milk and rice. Buddha accepted her offering.

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Read aloud a paragraph of your choice from the passage.

SOLUTION

Students do it by your self.

Exercise | Q 4 | Page 85

Visit a library:

Read stories about Gautama Buddha. Relate one story in the class.

SOLUTION

Students do it by yourself.