

CBSE TEST PAPER-05
Class 12 English Core (The Tiger King)

General Instructions:-

- All questions are compulsory.
 - Question No.1 to 7 carries 3 marks each.
 - Question No. 8 to 10 carries 6 marks each.
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1. Why did Maharaja proclaim tiger ban in his kingdom?
2. Were the minions of Maharaja loyal to him, why or why not?
3. When Maharaja did not find tigers in his own kingdom, what did he do to fulfill his vow?
4. Was Maharaja able to kill hundredth tiger? What did he tell his Dewan to do after shooting the last tiger?
5. How did the Maharaja die?
6. What was the original name of the Tiger King?
7. Why did the Maharaja send for the state astrologer?
8. Kalki has used many humorous incidents to create interest in the story of the Tiger King. Narrate about five such incidents.
9. Do you justify the killing of tigers by the Tiger King in self-defense? Why or why not?
10. How did the Dewan try to help the Maharaja in his mission?

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Answers

1. Maharaja proclaimed a ban on tiger hunt in his kingdom because he had vowed to kill hundred tigers to save his life. He was informed by his head astrologer that hundredth tiger would bring his death. Thus, to prove his forecast, the king vowed to kill hundred tigers.
2. The minions of Maharaja were not loyal to him. They were afraid of the Maharaja who was eccentric and would fire them if they went against him. He had threatened the Diwan of his job when the king was unable to find the hundredth tiger.
3. When Maharaja did not find tigers in his own kingdom, he married a princess of neighboring kingdom where tiger population was maximum. Whenever he visited his wife's kingdom, he killed five or six tigers at a time.
4. No, Maharaja was not able to kill hundredth tiger. He had shot at the tiger, but the bullet missed the target. The tiger being old and infirm, fell unconscious at the sound of the gun. After shooting the last tiger he told his Dewan to bring the carcass in a procession and erect a tomb in its honor.
5. The Maharaja had brought a wooden tiger as a gift for his son on his third birthday. It was carved by an unskilled craftsman who left tiny slivers of wood unfinished. One of such slivers entered in his hand. He removed it and kept playing and next day he developed gangrene. He was operated upon but he died during the operation.
6. The original name of the Tiger King was His Highness Jamedar-General, Khiledar-Major, Sata Vyaghra Samhari, Maharajadhiraja Visva Bhuvana Samrat, Sir Jilani Jung Jung Bahadur, M.A.D., A.C.T.C., or C.R.C.K.
7. After killing the first tiger, the Maharaja was extremely excited and was proud of achieving the feat. In order to show the dead beast to the astrologer he send for him and wanted to know his answer.
8. Kalki has used many humorous incidents to create interest in the story of the Tiger King. Following are the five incidents:
 - i. When compelled to continue, the astrologers came out with it. "This is a secret which should not be revealed at all. The child born under this star will one day have to meet its death.

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- ii. A baby barely ten days old opens its lips in speech! Not only that, it also raises intelligent questions!
 - iii. "I shall cut off my tuft, crop my hair short and become an insurance agent," the astrologer finished on an incoherent note.
 - iv. You may go on a boar hunt. You may conduct a mouse hunt. We are ready for a mosquito hunt. But tiger hunt!
 - v. Your ancestors were married to the sword. If you like, marry the gun. A Tiger King is more than enough for this state. It doesn't need a Tiger Queen as well!".
9. Killing of tigers or any other animal by anyone in self-defense is justified. However, wanton killing and that too to prove once might is unjust. The tiger king was predicted to be killed by a tiger. But, after he killed the first tiger, the astrologer informed him to beware of the hundredth tiger. To save his own life, he started killing tigers and killed ninety tigers. Such killing is unjustified. Killing of animals blatantly in a brutal manner for game cannot be called self-defense. Every species has a right to live and prosper. God has created these animals to bring a balance in nature. By killing them, we are bringing an imbalance in nature. Thus, it is unjustified.
10. The old Dewan was wise and knew how to cajole the Maharaja and help him in his mission of killing the hundredth tiger. He kept the tiger, which he had brought the old tiger from the People's Park in Madras, hidden in his house. When he found the Maharaja was getting anxious and impatient to shoot the tiger, he brought the tiger near Maharaja's camp. In the midnight, he dragged the old tiger into his car with the help of his wife. He drove the car to the forest and hauled the breast out of the car and pushed it down on the ground near his camp.