

## 08. Watchman of the Lake

### I. Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence each:

1. Why were the roads being repaired in Mara's village in 'The Watchman of the Lake'? (K)
2. Who did the village headman consider as a 'lunatic' in 'The Watchman of the Lake'? (K)
3. The village headman was angry with Mara because \_\_\_\_\_ (K)
  - a. He wanted to marry his daughter.
  - b. He disturbed the good work.
  - c. None of the above
4. Why was the headman in a hurry to complete the road work? (C)
5. The village headman asked Mara to keep away from the road workers because— (K)
  - a. He was disturbing them by talking about his dream
  - b. He was destroying the road
  - c. He was snatching away the implements of the workers
6. According to Mara, why was the village headman jealous of him?
7. Who threatened to lock up Mara if he did not go out of sight for two days? (K)
8. Who had given the greatest gift to Mara in 'Watchman of the Lake'? (K)
9. Who commanded Mara to tell the king to build a tank to the river Veda? (K)
10. Who helped Mara to escape from the cellar? (K)
11. Where was Mara waiting for the King? (K)
12. Why was Mara waiting for the king in a tree? (K)
13. When the king was passing through Mara's village, there was a sudden confusion as \_\_\_\_\_. (K)
  - a. the king fell down on an unrepaired road.
  - b. Mara jumped down from the branches of a tree before the king.
  - c. someone tried to attack the king.
14. Who had given Bhima iron decoction when he was a baby? (K)
15. Who was Mara's Jailor in 'The Watchman of the Lake'? (K)
16. Where was Mara held as a prisoner in 'The Watchman of the Lake'? (K)
17. \_\_\_\_\_ was bound and thrown into the cellar in 'The Watchman of the Lake'. (K)
  - a. Mara
  - b. Racha
  - c. Bhima
18. Who had come in Mara's dream to talk about the tank? (K)
19. How did Mara manage to draw the attention of the king? (C)
20. The command of the Goddess to Mara was to \_\_\_\_ (K)
  - a. wait for the king in the tree.
  - b. tell the king to build a tank for the river Veda.
  - c. drink iron decoction to become strong like Bhima.

21. \_\_\_\_\_ believed that Mara had the grace of the gods upon him.(K)
- The Village headman
  - The fisherman
  - The king
22. Who was initially appointed as the watchman of the lake by the king in 'Watchman of the lake'?(K)
23. According to Mara, the command of the Goddess about the creatures of the lake was \_\_\_\_\_ (K)
- One can catch fish occasionally.
  - Only gulls(birds) should be caught.
  - Nothing that flies, swims or walks should ever be killed.
24. According to Mara, \_\_\_\_\_ comes down the mountain to slake its thirst in the dead of the night. (K)
25. Why did the visitor from the farthest village come to Mara?(K)
26. Mara rushed to the king's palace because he wanted to save \_\_\_\_\_(K)
- his own life.
  - the king.
  - the lake.
27. Mara was trembling at the king's palace because,(K)
- he was afraid of the king
  - he was afraid of the safety of his son
  - he was terrified of the wrath of the Goddess.
28. Where did Hanuman find Sanjeevini, according to Mara, in 'Watchman of the Lake'?(K)
29. Who was Mara waiting for, hiding in the tree? (K)
30. What is described as the 'life-blood of the King's subjects'? (K)
31. Who summoned the king on the torrential night?(K)
32. Name the river mentioned in 'Watchman of the Lake'.(K)
33. What had the Goddess instructed Mara in his dream, in 'Watchman of the Lake'?(K)
34. The Goddess considered river Veda as her \_\_\_\_\_. (K)
- daughter
  - own plaything
  - life-blood
35. What does the Goddess regard as her own plaything in 'Watchman of the Lake'?(K)
36. What did Mara convey to the king late at night?(K)
37. What was the command of the Goddess when she appeared in Mara's dream for the first time?(K)
38. \_\_\_\_\_ was the mood of the Goddess when she appeared in Mara's dream for the first time?(C)
- Protective, motherly, and divine.
  - Fierce, unkind and threatening.
  - Disagreeing, demanding and commanding.
39. What was the mood of the Goddess when she appeared in front of Mara on the stormy night?(K)
40. What was the suggestion given by Mara to save the lake?(C)
41. What was Mara's last request to the king before he sacrificed his life? (K)
42. Who was appointed as the watchman of the lake after Mara?(K)
43. Who ordered Ganga to perform his father's duties after the death of Mara? (K)

44. Whose idol is installed on the top pedestal in the shrine? (K)
45. Whose idol is installed on the lower pedestal in the shrine? (K)

**II Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 80-100 words each:**

1. Write about Mara's dream in "Watchman of the Lake".(C)
2. What instructions did Mara give his son about the lake and the creatures?(K)
3. What mythological story did Mara narrate about the sacred spot to the King.(K)
4. What did Mara tell the king about the tank on the stormy night?(C)
5. Give an account of Mara's vision of the Goddess on the night of the storm.(K)
6. How did Mara save the lake?(E)
7. Why did Mara meet the king for the first time?(C)
8. How did Mara manage to meet the king for the first time?(K)
9. Describe the circumstances that prompted Mara to meet the king on the stormy night. (E)
10. How did the king respond to Mara's information about the command of the Goddess?
11. Describe Mara's reaction to the Goddess on the stormy night.(E)
12. What did Mara request the Goddess and the king to save the lake.

**III. Answer the following in about 200 words.**

1. Why did the headman call Mara a lunatic? Give reasons(A)
2. 'Nature is both protective and destructive' How does the play bring out this idea?(A)
3. Why did Mara treat the fisherman and the visitor differently?(A)
4. Describe the sacrifices made by Mara to build and to save the lake.(E)
5. Do you think Mara took his responsibilities seriously in 'Watchman of the lake'? Illustrate.(E)
6. Contrast the different moods of the Goddess that are portrayed in 'Watchman of the Lake'.(E)
7. How did Mara prepare his son to become the watchman of the lake?(A)(E)
8. How was Mara treated differently by the king and the Village headman in 'Watchman of the Lake'.(A)
9. Compare and contrast the different circumstances that prompted Mara to meet the king.(A)
10. Mara is a common man with an uncommon determination. Do you agree? Justify.(A)
11. Sketch the character of Mara in 'Watchman of the Lake'. (A)
12. What were the incidents that led the king to build the shrine in 'Watchman of the Lake'?(A)