

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Moments Chapter-4 In the Kingdom of Fools
Test Paper-04

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. “This is no place for us. Let’s go.”
 - a. Who says this to whom?
 - b. Why does the speaker say this?
 - c. Which place does the speaker wanted to leave?
 - d. Name the story from which the extract is taken.
2. “While he was waiting for death, he prayed to his guru in his heart, asking him to hear his cry wherever he was.”
 - a. Who is ‘he’ in the given line?
 - b. Why was he waiting for death?
 - c. Does his guru hear his cry?
 - d. Did his guru come to help him?

Short Answer type Questions (30-40 words)

3. Why were the guru and his disciple amazed by the kingdom of fools?
4. Why does the guru think that it is not a good idea to stay in the kingdom?
5. Why was the dancing girl walking up and down the street?
6. What does the bricklayer pleaded in order to exit the execution?
7. What problem does the minister points out in the new stake?
8. What are the guru’s words of wisdom?

Long Asnwers type Questions (100-150 words)

9. Write the character sketch of the disciple.
10. Justify whether the story has the appropriate title “In the Kingdom of Fools.”

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Answers

1.
 - a. The guru says this to his disciple.
 - b. The guru comes to know that they were at the kingdom of fools. He is sure that they can't tell what they'll do to them next.
 - c. The speaker wants to leave the kingdom of fools.
 - d. This extract is taken from - 'In the kingdom of fools.'
2.
 - a. 'He' refers to the disciple.
 - b. He was chosen for the death because the merchant was too thin to fit in the stake so the king ordered to find someone who is fat enough to fit the stake. So, he was waiting for the execution.
 - c. Yes, the guru saw everything in a vision; he had magic powers, he could see far, and he could see the future, present and past.
 - d. Yes, he arrives to save his disciple from the execution.
3. The guru and his disciple were amazed because they found everyone sleeping in the daytime and they wandered around town till evening, when suddenly the whole town woke up and went about its nightly business. And whether they bought a measure of rice or a bunch of bananas, it cost a duddu.
4. The guru knows that they were at the kingdom of fools. And so, the guru ignores to stay there as no one can tell what they'll do next.
5. The dancing girl was walking up and down that street because she had given some gold to the goldsmith to make some jewellery. He made so many excuses and made her walk up and down to his house a dozen times.
6. The bricklayer pleaded that he was not able to keep his mind on building the wall. He remembers very well a dancing girl, who used to go up and down that street all day with her anklets jingling, and he couldn't keep his eyes or my mind on the wall he was building. This way he blames the girl for the death of thief.

7. As the servants sharpened the stake and got it ready for the final impaling of the criminal, it occurred to the minister that the rich merchant was somehow too thin to be properly executed on the stake.
8. Guru's words of wisdom were that the kingdom was full of fools and he tell his disciple to leave the city as he couldn't know what they would do the next moment.
9. The disciple in the story- "In the Kingdom of Fools" is quick decision maker. His guru advises not to stay in the city as it was full of fools and he could not guess what they will do next. But the disciple ignores his guru's words of wisdom and stays at the city for cheap and good food. He made a quick decision by not looking in the possibility of problems in the kingdom of fools. This decision had made a way for his execution. When he was chosen for the execution just because he was fat enough to fit in the stake, he realizes his mistake. While he was waiting for death, he prayed to his guru in his heart, asking him to hear his cry wherever he was. The guru saw everything in a vision, he arrived at once to save his disciple, who had got himself into such a scrape through love of food.
10. Yes, because it was really a kingdom of fools. Everything was different there; the king has changed day to night and night to day. They ordered that everyone should be awake at night, till their fields and run their businesses only after dark and go to bed as the sun rises. Anyone who disobeyed would be punished with death. And, Whether we buy a measure of rice or a bunch of bananas, it cost a duddu. It costs same for every kind of items.

The king is really a big fool he believes whatever story is said by the merchant, the bricklayer, the dancing girl and then the goldsmith. He then, decided to hang the disciple only because the merchant was too thin to be properly executed on the stake. He then believes the guru's trap and plans to be the king of his kingdom for the next life too.