

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Moments Chapter- 4 In the Kingdom of Fools**  
**Test Paper-05**

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

1. “To their astonishment, they found that everything cost the same, a single duddu — whether they bought a measure of rice or a bunch of bananas, it cost a duddu.”
  - a. Who are ‘they’ in the extract?
  - b. Why were they astonished?
  - c. Are they both attracted by the cost?
  - d. What is the guru’s reaction?
2. “Please listen to me before you give your orders. It’s true I built this wall and it was no good. But that was because my mind was not on it.”
  - a. Who says this to whom?
  - b. Why does the speaker say this?
  - c. Why was the speaker’s mind not in building the wall?
  - d. Name the lesson from which the given extract is taken?

**Short Answer type Questions (30-40 words)**

3. What did the king and the minister do to make their kingdom different?
4. How does the dancing girl distract the bricklayer?
5. Why were the servants immediately sent all over the town to look for a man who would fit the stake?
6. Who was the real culprit in the view of king?
7. How and who arrived to save the disciple from the execution?
8. Who released the guru and his disciple from the prison? why?

**Long Answer type Questions (100-150 words)**

9. Do you think that the king in- “In the Kingdom of Fools” is really a fool? Give reasons to support your answer.
10. Name all the people who tried in the king’s court, give reasons for their trial.

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**Answers**

1.
  - a. 'they' refers to the guru and his disciple.
  - b. Whether they bought a measure of rice or a bunch of bananas, it cost a duddu. The guru and his disciple were delighted. They had never heard of anything like this.
  - c. No, only disciple was attracted by the same cost for all items.
  - d. The guru said to leave the place as early as possible because the city is full of fools, he can't predict what they will do next.
2.
  - a. The bricklayer says this to the king.
  - b. Because, he wanted to exit the execution.
  - c. A dancing girl was walking up and down, with her anklets jingling. She was young and so, she distracted him while building the wall.
  - d. In the Kingdom of Fools.
3. The king and his minister didn't want to run things like other kings, so they decided to change night into day and day into night. They ordered that everyone should be awake at night, till their fields and run their businesses only after dark and go to bed as soon as the sun rises.
4. The dancing girl was walking up and down the street, with her anklets jingling to the meet goldsmith. She was young and so, she distracted him.
5. The minister ordered a new stake to be made ready for the execution. It occurred to the minister that the rich merchant was somehow too thin to be properly executed on the stake. So, the king ordered to find someone who would fit the stake.
6. The rich merchant is the real culprit according to the king. In the king's view, his father is the true murderer. But he was dead and somebody must be punished in his place. The merchant inherited everything from his father so he has to take his sins too.
7. While the disciple 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 had magic powers, he could see far, and he could see the future as he could see the present and the past. He arrived at once to save his disciple, who had got himself into such a scrape through love

of food.

8. That night, the king and his minister went secretly to the prison, released the guru and the disciple, because they wanted to be the king and minister in their next life too. They disguised themselves as the two, and as arranged beforehand with loyal servants, were taken to the stake and promptly executed.
9. The king in the story- “In the Kingdom of Fools” is really a fool. As for his foolishness he run things different from other kings he changes night to day and day to night. He ordered that everyone should be awake at night, till their fields and run their businesses only after dark and go to bed as soon as the sun rise. Anyone who disobeyed would be punished with death. In their kingdom everything costs the same – a duddu. Then, he hears whatever story is said by the merchant, the bricklayer, the dancer and then, the goldsmith. He just tried to find someone to punish for the thief’s death. He finds the culprit at last but the merchant is too thin for the stake so, the king orders to find someone who could fit in the stake. This proves the foolishness of the king. He believes the trap of guru. To become the king of his own kingdom for his next life he executes himself.
10. The people who have tried in the king’s court:
  - i. The merchant on whose house the thief went for theft. Because his house’s wall was too weak and it fell on the thief’s head and he died on the spot.
  - ii. The bricklayer who has built the merchant’s house. He built a weak wall and it fell on the thief.
  - iii. The dancing girl who used to walk up and down the street with her anklets jingling. She distracted the bricklayer.
  - iv. The goldsmith who made the dancing girl walk some many times to his door.
  - v. The merchant whose house the thief came. His father ordered jewellery for the coming wedding so the goldsmith delayed the dancer’s jewellery. Since his father is dead and his son have inherited everything from him he should also inherit his father’s sins.
  - vi. The disciple, because the merchant was too thin to be properly execute on the stake.