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THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT IN THE WORLD

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. "It is Christmas Day, Tommy.....What are we waiting for?"

- a) Whom does the word 'Tommy' refer to?
- b) Who started walking towards whom?
- c) What was the occasion to celebrate?

Q2. "Suddenly she reached out and took my hand.....Come closer Jim dear, sit down."

- a) Whom does the word 'she' refer to?
- b) Who was Jim?
- c) Whom did the speaker think to be Jim?

II) Short answer type questions

- 1) Where did the author find the letter?
- 2) How did the German and the British celebrate Christmas?

THE TSUNAMI

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. "Alma's mother and aunts stood clinging to the leaves.....where she was brought to Port Blair."

- a) Where was Alma's mother and aunt?
- b) How did Alma save herself?
- c) Where was Alma when she woke up?

Q2. "Before the giant waves slammed in the coast in India.....Could not be enticed to come out"

- a) What did wild and domestic animals seem to know?
- b) What did the elephants do?
- c) What was the reaction of the wild animals?

II)Short answer type questions:

- 1)How did Tilly's geography lesson help her?
- 2)What did Alma's father do when he realized that Tsunami was going to hit the Island?
- 3)How can we say that animals have sixth sense?
- 4)What did the animals do before the giant waves slammed into the coast of India and Sri Lanka?

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST

I)Short answer type questions:

- 1)Mention the following:
 - a)Two examples of evil social practices prevailing during British rule.
 - b)Two oppressive policies of the British.
 - c)The person who tried to reform the society.
- 2.Give three reasons that helped the British to subdue Indian princes.
- 3.Who is an artisan? Why do you think the artisans suffered?
- 4.What helped the East India Company to subdue the Indian Princes one by one?
- 5.Give one reason for the uprising of the revolt 1857?
- 6.How did English education help the English?

BEPIN CHOUDHURY'S LAPSE OF MEMORY

I)Extract based questions:

Q1. "And yet the man knew a great deal about him.....he was in Kanpur at his friend Haridas Bagchi's place."

- a)Who knew a great deal about whom?
- b)What intimate details did the man know?
- c)What was the only mistake the man was making? Why was it a mistake?

Q2. "He came out of the station, took a taxi and drove the town for a while.Would a trip to Hudroo Falls help?"

- a)Who came out of the station?
- b)What did he realize after driving around the town?
- c)What did he want to confirm after visiting the Hudroo Falls?

II)Short Answer type questions:

- 1.What would Bepin Choudhury do every Monday?
- 2.How did Bepin try to decide whether he was right on Parimal Ghosh?
- 3.How did Chunni use his imagination?
- 4.What all things did Parimal Ghosh tell Bepin Babu to remind him of his visit to Ranchi?
- 5.What does Chunnit make Bepin realise through his letter?

THE SUMMIT WITHIN

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. "Of all the emotions which surged through me as I stood on the Summit of Everest,.....all roads hereafter would lead down?"

- a) What was the dominant emotion of the narrator?
- b) "Thank God it's all over!" What was all over?
- c) Why would all roads lead down hereafter?

Q2. "The Physical conquest of a mountain is only one part.....It is spiritual."

- a) What is only one part of the achievement?
- b) What satisfaction does man get after the physical conquest of a mountain?
- c) What is the experience other than physical?

II) Short answer type questions

1. What is one's feeling after climbing the Summit of Everest?
2. What is more than a physical conquest of a mountain?
3. What is the scene around when one stands on the summit?
4. How does the experience of climbing the summit change you completely?

THIS IS JODY'S FAWN

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. "Pa says it would be ungrateful.....I'll help him find it."

- a) Whom does the word 'it' refer to?
- b) In what matter were the boy and his daddy right?
- c) Where did the boy ride with Mill-Wheel?

Q2. "He dipped his fingers in the milk.....The fawn blew and sucked and snorted."

- a) Who is "He" in the above lines?
- b) Why did the fawn suck milk greedily?
- c) How did 'he' feed the fawn?

II) Short answer based questions:

1. What was Penny's feeling when Jody brought the fawn home?
2. How did Doe save Penny's life? What did Jody want to do in return?
3. How did Jody find the fawn?
4. How did Jody take care of the fawn?

A VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. "Surely, I wanted to say,.....his long pale fingers."

- Whom do the words 'I' and 'his' refer to?
- Why did the narrator feel guilty?
- Why did the other person tap at the little switch?

Q2. "Is there any advice..... olympics are a waste of time."

- Whom does the narrator ask for advice for the disabled?
- What was the other person's advice?
- What was waste of time for the other person?

II) Short answer type questions:

- Why did Cambridge become something else for the writer?
- How did Stephen Hawking respond to anybody?
- 'I could feel his anguish'. What was the anguish that the writer could feel?
- Describe the physical appearance of Stephen Hawking.
- What was Stephen's advice to the disabled?

A SHORT MONSOON DIARY

I) Short answer type questions:

- How did the author describe the valley?
- When was there no dearth of food for insectivorous birds?
- How did the hills look like in mist?
- What does the author's grandmother ask him not to kill ? Why?

THE GREAT STONE FACE-I

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. "Mother". Sa he, while the Great Stone Facewe may see a man some time , with exactly such a face as that".

- What did the speaker wish of the Great Stone Face ?
- What would the speaker do if he found a man with such a face?
- What was an old prophecy?

Q2. "And why not?" cried a third,.....Ernest could not recognise it."

- Whom are the people discussing about in these lines?
- To whom was this man being compared?
- What could Ernest could not recognise?

II) Short answer type questions:

- 1.What belief did the people of valley have?
- 2.Who were the two persons whom people considered to near resemblance to Great Stone Face?
- 3.Describe the Great Stone Face.
- 4.Who was Gathergold?
- 5.How did the people of valley welcome the General?

THE GREAT STONE FACE-II

I)Extract based questions:

Q1. “Who are you,.....He shook his head and sighed.”

- a)Who is the speaker of the first line?
- b)What book was the speaker reading?
- c)Why did Ernest examinee the poet’s features again and again?

Q2. “Then all the people looked.....bearing a resemblance to the Great Stone Face.”

- a)What prophecy was fulfilled?
- b)Where did the poet and Ernest walk to?
- c)What did Ernest still hope for?

II)Short answer type questions:

- 1.What made Ernest well known?
- 2.What did Ernest imagine while listening to the poet?
- 3.What did Ernest feel after reading the poems?
- 4.Why did Ernest’s words have power?
- 5.What message did Ernest’s words utter?

THE ANT AND THE CRICKET

I)Extract based questions:

Q1. “At last by.....starvation and sorrow.”

- a)Why did the cricket go to the ant?
- b)What made the cricket bold?
- c)What would happen if the ant did not give him any grain?

Q2. “My heart was.....You sang, Sir, you say?”

- a)To whom is the ant talking?
- b)When was the heart light of the speaker of the first three lines?
- c)What did ant suggest to her listener?

GEOGRAPHY LESSON

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. “When the jetreached ten thousand feet.”

- a)At what height did the jet reach?
- b)What was clear from that height?
- c)What was the logic of geography?

Q2. “When the jet rose.....it was not clear why.”

- a)At what height was the jet?
- b)What was clear from that height?
- c)What was difficult to understand from that height?

THE MACAVITY

I)Extract based questions:

Q1. “Macavity’s a Mystery : he’s.....the scene of crime-Macavity’s not there!”

- a)What is the other name given to Macavity cat?
 - b)What kind of cat is Macavity?
 - c)Why is Macavity the bafflement of Scotland Yard?
- Q2. “Macavity’s a ginger cat,.....his whiskers are uncombed.”

- a)Why is Macavity called a ginger cat?
- b)How would you know that it is a Macavity cat?
- c)What kind of coat and whiskers did Macavity have?

II)Short answer type questions:

- 1.What does Macavity stand for?
- 2.What is the cause of flying squad’s despair?
- 3.Find out rhyming words and rhyming scheme.
- 4.How does Macavity break the law of gravity?

THE LAST BARGAIN

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. “Come and hire me,.....he went away in his chariot.”

- a) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
- b) What does ‘ sword in hand’ suggest?

c) Why could the king not conquer the narrator?

Q2. "In the heat of the mid-day.....but I turned away."

- a) Why were the houses with the doors shut?
- b) What did the old man bring out?
- c) How did the speaker react to the old man's offer?

Q3. "The sun glistened on the sand,.....made me a free man."

- a) Where was the child playing?
- b) What did the child seem to know?
- c) How did the speaker feel after talking to the child?

II) Short type of answers:

1. What is bargain?
2. Who is looking for work and what is he waiting for?
3. Why did the narrator deny the offer of the king?
4. Describe the surrounding where the child was playing.

THE SCHOOL BOY

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. "But to go to school in a summer morn,.....In sighing and dismay."

- a) What drives away all the joy?
- b) What does 'cruel eye outworn' refer to?
- c) How do the little ones spend the day?

Q2. "How can the bird that is born.....And forget his youthful spring."

- a) With whom is the child comparing himself to?
- b) Explain, 'droop his tender wing'.
- c) What can the child not forget?

II) Short answer type questions:

1. Do you think the school boy is a happy child? Why/Why not?
2. What does this school boy love?
3. What drives this joy away?
4. Explain phrase 'eye outworn'.
5. Why does he compare himself with a bird in a cage or a plant that withers?
6. What message does the poet want to convey through this poem?

THE DUCK AND THE KANGAROO

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. "Said the Kangaroo to the Duck.....Matiz!' said the Kangaroo."

- a)What requires a little reflection?
- b)What was the objection of the Kangaroo?
- c)What would happen to the Kangaroo?

Q2. "Said the Kangaroo, 'I'm ready!.....As the Duck and the Kangaroo?"

- a)What was the Kangaroo ready for?
- b)How did the Kangaroo ask the Duck to sit and where?
- c)How many times did they hop around the world?

II) Short answer type questions:

- 1.What did the two friends, the Duck and the Kangaroo decide?
- 2.Describe the line that shows Duck requests to Kangaroo to take him for a long trip?
- 3.Where did the Duck decide to go?
- 4.Why is Kangaroo worried to take the Duck on the tip of his tail?
- 5.What solution did the Duck find out to this problem?

WHEN I SET OUT FOR LYONNESSE

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. "When I set out for Lyonesse.....A hundred miles away."

- a)How far was Lyonesse?
- b)What lit the poet's lonesomeness?
- c)What was the weather condition there?

Q2. "When I returned from Lyonesse.....With Magic in my eyes."

- a)What was in the poet's eyes when he returned from Lyonesse?
- b)What did the people note in the poet's eyes?
- c)Was the poet happy or sad?

II) Short answer type questions:

- 1.What is Lyonesse?
- 2.Why did the poet visit a parish?
- 3.On his return from the parish what two things did people notice about him?
- 4.In which season did he set out on his journey for Lyonesse?
- 5.Who accompanied him in his loneliness?
- 6.Why did prophet and wizard not guess about the magic in the poet's eyes?

ON THE GRASSHOPPER AND CRICKET

I) Extract based questions:

Q1. “The poetry of earth is never dead.....From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead.”

- a) How long does the poetry of the earth live?
- b) Where do the birds hide during the hot sun?
- c) Where will the voice run?

Q2. “The poetry of earth is ceasing never:.....The grasshopper’s among half lost;”

- a) When does the frost wrought a silence?
- b) What does the cricket’s song say?
- c) What does the cricket’s song seem like?

II) Short answer type questions:

1. Discuss poet’s love for nature.
2. What do winter and summer season suggest?