



WORK SHEET – **THE THREE QUESTIONS**

Class: VIII

Sub: ENGLISH

**Answer the following questions:**

1. The three questions that occurred to the king were, the right time to begin everything, who were the right people to listen to and whom to avoid, and what is the most important thing to do. The king thought that he would never fail in anything he undertook if he knew the answers to these questions.
2. The learned men gave diverse answers to the king which confused him. To the first question, while some said that to find the right time to do something, one should draw up a table of days, months and years and live according to it, some others said that it was impossible to decide beforehand when the right moment is and that one should always attend to all the things that went on and do what was most needful. Yet others said that the king needed a Council of wise men to tell him the right time to do anything, and some others suggested that to know the right time for something, one needed to know what was going to happen, beforehand, and hence the king should consult magicians. As for the second question, again, many said the right people to listen were his councillors, while many others said priests, certain others said doctors, and some others said warriors. And for the third question, some said the most important thing to do was science, while some others said skill in warfare, certain others religious worship.
3. The king was confused with the diverse answers he got and was not satisfied; hence he decided to go to the hermit to get answers to his questions, because he was known to be a very wise man.
4. The hermit received only common people, so the king put on common clothes and before reaching the hermitage, dismounted from his horse, left his bodyguard behind and went on alone.
5. The hermit had been digging the ground when the king arrived. He listened to the king's questions and did not answer him at all and went on digging. Even when the king offered to dig the ground, he simply handed the spade to him, thanking him. The king repeated the question, but the hermit never answered him.
6. When he saw that the man was wounded, the king immediately set to work, dressing up his wound. He kept tending to him till he regained consciousness and even brought water for him when he asked for it. Later, by sunset, the king and the hermit together carried the man into the hut and laid him on the bed, where he soon fell asleep. The man was an enemy of the king who had sworn revenge against the king for executing his brother and seizing his property.

7. The man had come there to kill the king but was wounded at the hands of his bodyguard. It was the king's attention that saved him from death. He was touched by the fact that he was saved by the man he wanted to kill, and hence asked for forgiveness and promised to be loyal to him always. The king was happy to make peace with his enemy and to have the man for a friend, and immediately forgave him and promised to restore his property.

8. Yes, the king found the answers to his questions. His experience at the hermit's home taught him that the most important time is Now! The most necessary man is he with whom he is. And the most important affair is to do good.

### Reference to Context:

1. 'Now, if I live, and if you wish it, I will serve you as your most faithful slave, and will bid my sons do the same. Forgive me!'
  - a) 'I' here is the King's enemy and 'you' is the king.
  - b) The king had executed the speaker's brother and had seized his property. So, the speaker wanted to take a revenge on him and had come to kill him.
  - c) The man is asking for forgiveness as he had wanted to kill the King, while the King had helped him recover from his fatal wounds.
2. 'You have already been answered!'
  - a) The King had already been answered.
  - b) The answers to the three questions posed by the king at the beginning is referred to here.
  - c) Yes, the answer was appropriate. Every moment is precious.

### Make sentences using the following words:

1. The government proclaimed that the epidemic was under control.
2. An official meeting for the council of advisors is scheduled for Tuesday.
3. There were a lot of hermits in the ancient times.
4. The lady in red coat dismounted the bus very fast.
5. The game recommenced after a delay.
6. An ambush is a long-established military tactic.
7. I saw a tiger crouching in the woods.