



QUESTION BANK – THE HAPPY PRINCE (2020-21)

Class: IX

Sub: ENGLISH

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. What gilded over the Happy Prince?
  - a) Thick layer of mud
  - b) Silver threads
  - c) Thin leaves of fine gold
  - d) Sapphires and Rubies
2. Who flew over the city and to where was it going?
  - a) A myna to its nest
  - b) A parrot to England
  - c) A little swallow to Egypt
  - d) An Eagle to the mountains
3. What did the statue of the Happy Prince have for its eyes?
  - a) Two bright diamonds
  - b) Two huge emerald stones
  - c) Two bright pearls
  - d) Two bright sapphires
4. What did the Happy Prince have on his sword-hilt?
  - a) Two bright sapphires
  - b) A large red ruby
  - c) Two bright rubies
  - d) A large emerald
5. Why did the statue weep?
  - a) It was hungry
  - b) It saw the ugliness and the misery of its city
  - c) It wanted to fly like the swallow bird
  - d) It was deeply shocked

**REFERENCE TO CONTEXT QUESTIONS**

1. *Then he saw the statue on the tall column. "I will put up there," he cried. "It is a fine position with plenty of fresh air."*
  - a) Who is the "I" here?
  - b) Whose statue was it?
  - c) Where was the statue put up?
  - d) What was special about the statue?

2. *“Why are you weeping then?” ..... ‘What! Is he not solid gold? said the swallow to himself. He was too polite to make any personal remarks.*
- Who said this to whom?
  - What was not made of solid gold?
  - To whom was the swallow polite to make any personal remarks?
  - Who was weeping and why?
3. *“Far away”, continued the statue in a low musical voice, “far away in a little street there is a poor house. One of the windows is open ..... a woman seated at a table.”*
- Who said this to whom?
  - About whom was the statue talking about?
  - What was the woman doing?
  - What was bothering the woman?

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS-**

- Why did the Happy Prince send a ruby to the seamstress?
- Why did the Happy Prince request the swallow to stay for another day?
- When and how did the Happy Prince realise the true meaning of life? What did this realisation prompt him to do?
- How did the swallow exhibit the values of unconditional love and devotion?

Or

The swallow was to fly away to Egypt. Why did he decide to stay on with the Happy Prince? What does this act of his show about his character?

- How did the Happy Prince discover true happiness? How did he spread it?

Or

What the Happy Prince does as a statue should have been done by him when he was alive? Discuss.

- Describe the sufferings of poor people in the city. How did The Happy Prince help them?
- What happened to the statue of the Prince and the swallow in the end?
- Draw a brief character sketch of the Happy Prince.
- Give a brief Character-sketch of the swallow.
- The little swallow was as noble as the Happy Prince. Describe how the swallow played an important role in helping the Happy Prince to carry out his noble deeds?
- True happiness is found only in making others happy. Comment with reference to the story ‘The Happy Prince’.