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Question Bank	Topic: The Special Prize	Note: Notebook Work

THE SPECIAL PRIZE

1. How did Mohan guess that the headmaster was angry? Why did the headmaster send for Tapan?

Mohan guessed from the headmaster's tone of voice that he was angry. The headmaster sent for Tapan because Haren, the village shopkeeper, had complained to the headmaster about Tapan's misdeed.

2. What had Tapan done? Why?

Tapan and a number of other boys had thrown stones at Haren's shop the previous evening. Tapan had been the ringleader. Tapan had done so because the shopkeeper charged higher prices and gave less. The paper bags he gave goods in, were padded and added to the weight of the objects being purchased.

3. Describe how Tapan controlled the ox.

Tapan brought a stave and some rope and slowly approached the ox. Waiting for the right moment he jumped on to its back and put the rope in its mouth as if bridling a horse. The Ox was taken by surprise but the moment it realised that someone was riding it, it started stamping and bucking. Tapan held the rope firmly and managed to balance himself on the ox.

The ox crashed into the school compound and then into the room of class VII. The teacher and the students were frightened and scattered in different directions. The dazed ox broke several glass panes with its horns. Finally, it ran away into the field far away from the school. In this way Tapan tried to tame the ox.

4. What damage did the incident with the ox lead to? How was Tapan punished?

While Tapan was trying to control the ox, it moved into the school building and then into the room of class VII. As it trashed about to get rid of Tapan, many window panes were broken. The teacher and the students were petrified and ran in different

directions, almost causing a stampede. Students were hurt and the school building suffered damage. Tapan was caned by the headmaster and had to pay a fine of twenty-five rupees.

5. How did Tapan help the old woman?

The old woman had fever. She could hardly walk. On seeing the plight of the old woman, Tapan offered to help her. He carried her begging basket and supported her by holding her hand.

6. What did the headmaster see Tapan do when he was out for a walk?

The headmaster saw the school's bad boy, Tapan, holding an old beggar woman's hand, carrying her begging basket on his head. Walking alongside, jeering at him were two boys of his class Naren, the one who came first, and Mahesh. Two weeks later, the headmaster was returning home from his walk. On the road, he saw the same ox that Tapan had tried to tame lying with a broken leg. Kneeling beside it was Tapan, rubbing medicine on its injured leg and bandaging it. There were tears in Tapan's eyes.

A2. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

“It is in agony.”

(a) Who said this?

Answer: Tapan said these words.

(b) Who is being referred to as 'it'?

Answer: 'It' refers to the ox.

(c) Why was 'it' in agony?

Answer: The ox was hurt and its leg was broken.

(d) What did the speaker do to lessen the agony of 'it'?

Answer: Tapan crushed a few medicinal leaves and dressed the injured leg of ox with the pulp.

“How heartless they are!”

(a) Who said this?

Answer: The old woman said these words.

(b) Who are being referred to as 'heartless'?

Answer: The two boys Naren and Mahesh are being referred to as heartless.

(c) Why are they referred as heartless?

Answer: The two boys instead of lending a hand to the old lady who was ill, made fun of Tapan.