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Worksheet No: 4	Topic: The Three Questions Question Bank	Note: English Notebook

Answer the following questions:

1. **What were the three questions that occurred to the King? How would the answers to these questions help him?**

Ans: The three questions that occurred to the king were:

- what is 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. **What answers did the learned men give to the King?**

Ans: 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 other doctors, and some other 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. Why did he decide to consult the hermit?

Ans: 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. What measures did the King take before approaching the hermit?

Ans: 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. Describe the encounter between the King and the hermit until they were interrupted by the arrival of the bearded man.

Ans: 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. How did the King react when the wounded man came running out of the wood? Who was he?

Ans: 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. Why did the man ask for the King's forgiveness? How did the King respond?

Ans: 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. Did the King find the answers to his questions? How?

Ans: 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) **Who are 'I' and 'you' here?**

Ans: 'I' here is the King's enemy and 'you' is the king.

b) **How are the two of them connected?**

Ans: The king had executed the speaker's brother and had seized his property. So, the speaker wanted to take revenge on him and had come to kill him.

c) **Why is the speaker asking for forgiveness?**

Ans: The man is asking for forgiveness as he wanted to kill the King, while the King had helped him recover from his fatal wounds.

2. *'You have already been answered!'*

a) **Who had already been answered?**

Ans: The King had already been answered.

b) **What answer is referred to here?**

Ans: The answers to the three questions posed by the king at the beginning is referred to here.

c) **Do you think the answer is appropriate? Why?**

Ans: Yes, the answer was appropriate. Every moment is precious.

Frame sentences using the following words:

**proclaimed council hermit dismounted recommenced ambush
crouching**

Below given are the examples:

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

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. Why did the King get off of his horse to visit the hermit?

- a) The King wanted to be received a commoner.
- b) The King wanted to be alone to see the hermit.
- c) The hermit was afraid of animals.
- d) The King did not want the hermit to hear him coming.

2. Why did the bearded man follow the king to the woods?

- a) to get the reward from the King for answering his questions.
- b) to ask the hermit questions.
- c) to find the King to warn him of danger.
- d) to kill the King.

3. Which of the following statements best summarizes how the three questions and the king's desire for their answers contribute to the overall narrative?

- a) The three questions provide the framework for the story's structure – their answers are revealed over the course of the story.
- b) The three questions propel the action of the story. The king goes out in search of their answers.
- c) The three questions help create the story's mysterious mood.
- d) The three questions symbolize three things that cannot be known, but that one must search for throughout his or her whole life

4. What was the hermit doing when the king reached his place?

- a) Sleeping
- b) digging the ground
- c) meditation
- d) household chores

5. Why did the bearded man want to kill the King?

- a) Because he had executed his brother and seized his property
- b) Family rivalry
- c) He was popular
- d) He himself wanted to be the king

6. The King and the hermit unfastened the man's clothing. What is the synonym of the word 'unfastened'?

- a) took off
- b) put off
- c) put out
- d) cleaned

7. Hermit was widely known for his

- a) cleverness
- b) wisdom
- c) courage
- d) bravery

8. How did the king and the hermit help the wounded man?

- a) They helped the wounded man by giving him money for his treatment.
- b) They helped the wounded man find a new house.
- c) The king and the hermit removed his clothes and the king dressed his wound twice till he stopped bleeding.
- d) The king and the hermit took the wounded man to a hospital.

9. Why did he ask for the king's forgiveness?

- a) The bearded man asked for the king's forgiveness because he wanted the king's sympathy.
- b) He asked for the king's forgiveness because he had stolen money from the palace.
- c) He asked for the king's forgiveness because he had broken a very expensive vase.
- d) He asked for the king's forgiveness because he had come with the intention of killing the king but the king saved his life.

10.The king forgave the bearded man. What did he do to show his forgiveness?

- a) The king gave him fifty gold coins to show his forgiveness.
- b) The king said that he would send his servants and his own doctor to look after him, and he also promised to return the man his property.
- c) The king helped the bearded man set up his business.
- d) The King agreed to his demands.

ANSWER KEY:

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