

The Reward
Lord Dunsany

Q3. Answer the following questions. (in one or two sentences)

i. What was the subject discussed at the Club?

Ans. The subject discussed at the Club was of opportunity and determination. Some said that opportunity was required for success. According to others, only determination was needed. Jorkens emphasized if man stuck to get something, he got it.

ii. What did Terbut think of Jorkens' argument?

Ans. Terbut disagreed with Jorkens when he claimed that anything could be got with determination. He asked Jorkens if it was possible to get 'Anything'. Jorkens stuck to his claim and said 'Anything'. Terbut inquired if some one could be the skating champion of Sahara. Jorkens again replied in affirmation.

iii. How did Jorkens convince that a man can become a skating champion of the Sahara?

Ans. In order to convince that a man can become a skating champion of the Sahara Jorkens said that he'd make the money, and he'd build a skating-rink in the Sahara and organize a competition there. He further said that he'd be skating champion all right, if he really gave all his time to it.

iv. How did Gorgios persuade his people to make his country strong?

Ans. Gorgios delivered speeches to persuade his people to make his country strong. He told them that the glory of their country and of its ancient throne would be increased if the post of Court acrobat were created. He gave examples of other Courts and greater ones.

v. What was the viewpoint of the parents of Gorgios?

Ans. The viewpoint of the parents of Gorgios was like that of many other people. His parents also thought that only determination was not sufficient for success. They were of the view that opportunity was also needed along with the determination for success.

Short Questions

vi. What were the arrangements made for the function of inauguration?

Ans. The great throne-room had been turned into a kind of gymnasium. Great curtains of red and gold were hung along the walls. High swings of acrobats hung down with gilded ropes from ceiling. A row of neat hurdles was arranged on the polished floor.

vii. Describe the scene of inauguration. Write five sentences.

Ans. The throne-room was decorated for the inauguration. Gorgios had worn a brilliant dress. He walked slowly in his pointed shoes and leaned on a gilded stick. He came to the hurdles. Royal smiles were directed towards him and gentle applause broke out. Then, he was led to a seat. His life's ambition was achieved.

viii. What were the feelings of Gorgios on the occasion?

Ans. Gorgios had mixed feelings on this occasion. He was happy that he had at last achieved his life's ambition. At the same time, he was sad as his ambition had taken the golden period of his life to be achieved. One more thing which worried him was that he had become too old to perform any trick.

ix. Did Gorgios use any short cut to achieve his ambition?

Ans. No, Gorgios did not use any short cut to achieve his ambition. He stuck to his ambition with determination. He worked hard for it. He spent a long time for the purpose. He sacrificed the golden period of his life to achieve his ambition. Even, he had to join politics to become a Court acrobat.

x. How long had Gorgios to stick to get his ambition achieved?

Ans. Gorgios had stuck for more than sixty years to get his ambition achieved. It seems to be unbelievable that a person can be so determined to achieve his ambition but it was true in Gorgios' case. He was very young and strong in the beginning but became very old and feeble in the end.

The Use of Force
William Carlos Williams

Q3. Answer the following questions.

i. What was the condition of the parents on the arrival of the doctor?

Ans. The parents were all very nervous on the arrival of the doctor. They were eyeing the doctor up and down distrustfully. They were not telling the doctor more than they had to. They were expecting from the doctor to tell them. That's why they were spending three dollars on him.

ii. What was the behavior of the child with the doctor?

Ans. The child's behaviour with the doctor was not good. She was non co-operative and stubborn in her response. Although she was sick and needed to obey his commands for her treatment yet her reaction showed that she was much afraid of the doctor.

iii. She had a fever for three days, hadn't she?

Ans. Yes, she had a fever for three days. Her father disclosed this thing to the doctor. They did not know what that had come from. The mother had given her things like people had done, but that did not do any good. There had been a lot of sickness around so they contacted the doctor.

iv. Did the girl change her expression when the doctor said, "Does your throat hurt you?"

Ans. When the doctor asked, "Has she had a soar throat?" both the parents answered in negative. The girl's expression did not change even when the mother asked her, "Does your throat hurt you?" She did not move her eyes from the doctor's face.

v. Why did the doctor call the sick girl by her first name?

Ans. The doctor called the sick girl by her first name in order to win her confidence. He smiled in his best professional manner and asked for her first name. The doctor, in a loving way said, "Mathilda, open your mouth and let's take a look at your throat."

Short Questions

vi. Did the sick girl promptly respond to the instruction of the doctor?

Ans. No, the sick girl did not respond promptly to the instruction of the doctor. In the beginning the doctor was very gentle and polite with her. Her non co-operative behaviour infuriated the doctor, later on and he used force to open her mouth in order to have a look at her throat.

vii. Why did the parents rebuke her?

Ans. The parents were feeling sorry for the situation which was created by their child's stubbornness. The doctor was repeatedly asking her to open her mouth but she was not obeying his commands. This made the parents angry and they rebuked her.

viii. What was the threat of the doctor to the child if she did not show her throat?

Ans. The threat of the doctor to the child if she did not show her throat was, "Look here, we're going to look at your throat. You are old enough to understand what I'm saying. Will you open it now by yourself or shall we have to open it for you?"

ix. Why did she break the wooden blade?

Ans. The sick child was not co-operating with the doctor at all. The doctor asked her very politely in the beginning to open her mouth, but in vain. He then used force for the same purpose. This infuriated the child and she broke his wooden blade under her teeth.

x. What was the condition of the tonsils of the sick girl?

Ans. The condition of the tonsils of the sick girl was very bad. The doctor at last, succeeded to open her mouth forcefully. He could see both her tonsils covered with membrane. She had been hiding her soar throat for three days and lying to her parents just to escape the expected situation.

The Gulistan of Sa'di
Sheikh Sa'di

Q3. Answer the following questions.

i. What was the advice given by Nushirvan to his people?

Ans. Nushirvan was a Persian king. He was famous for his justice. He was very kind also to his subjects. He advised his people not to take anything without its owner's permission. He further said that if it becomes a custom whole village can be ruined.

ii. What was the remedy suggested by the physicians for the disease of the king?

Ans. The king fell seriously ill and all hopes of his recovery vanished. At last, the physicians suggested bile of a person endowed with certain qualities as the remedy for the disease of the king. A son of a farmer was discovered to possess the qualities mentioned by the doctor.

iii. Why did the boy look to the sky and smile?

Ans. The boy was brought to the altar. The executioner was directed to slaughter him. The boy looked towards the sky and smiled. When the king asked from him the reason for his smiling he replied that a son was looking to the affection of his parents.

iv. What should be the role of a Qazi?

Ans. The role of a Qazi is very important for peace in a country. It is his responsibility to provide justice to the people. It will make them happy and satisfied. On the other hand there can be unrest in the country and people can rise for rebellion.

v. Why did the king weep?

Ans. The king wept for the injustice done by him to the boy. He proved himself to be a selfish person. As a king he should have been kind to his subject. He did not care for the life of a young boy. He offered wealth to the old parents for the life of their son. All this made him sad and he wept for it.

vi. How did the king recover?

Ans. The king recovered due to God's merci and blessings. He freed the boy and felt sorry for his selfishness. He also offered enough wealth to the boy's parents for the compensation of their sorrow. This washed away his sins and God Almighty recovered him.