

UNIT 6 CHAPTER 2

THE SCHOLAR'S MOTHER TONGUE

TEXT BASED QUESTIONS

Objective Answer Type Questions

1- Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions.

I. The Pundit could speak many languages fluently. He was so fluent that no one could find out what his mother tongue was. He challenged everybody at the court to name his mother tongue. When everyone failed, the challenge was taken up by Birbal.

(i) What were the courtiers unable to guess?

_____ (ii) What did the Pundit

challenge the courtiers with?

(iii) Antonym of 'failed' is

(a) demoted (b) wrong

(c) reached (d) succeeded

(iv) Find the word in the passage which means the same as 'smooth'.

(a) challenged (b) taken up

(c) fluent (d) court

II. That night, Birbal went quietly to the Pundit's room when he was asleep. He whispered into the Pundit's ear and tickled it with a feather. The Pundit, half awake, cried out suddenly and shouted out words in his mother tongue. (i) What did Birbal do at night?

(ii) How did Birbal disturb the Pundit?

_____ (iii) How did the Pundit

react?

_____ (iv) Find the word in the

passage which means the same as 'murmured'.

(a) whispered (b) quietly

(c) asleep (d) tickled

(v) Find the synonym of 'screamed' in the passage.

(a) whispered (b) tickled

(c) cried (d) awake

2- Read the following sentences carefully. Some of the sentences are incorrect. Put a and correct them and rewrite them in the space provided. Put a in front of the correct sentences.

(i) The learned Pundit told the king and his courtiers that he had mastery over many different languages.

(ii) The Pundit was so fluently that no one could find out what his mother tongue is.

(iii) Birbal whisked into the Pundit's nose and tickled it with a leaf.

(iv) Birbal informed the king how he had gone to the Pundit's room to find the truth.

Short Answer Type Questions

3- Who took up the challenge and why?

4- In whose court was Birbal a courtier?

5- How did the Pundit react when the truth was out?

6- How do people react in times of difficulty?

Long Answer Type Questions

7- Do you think Birbal was clever man? If yes, why?

8- Who visited the court of Akbar? What was his special ability and what did he challenge the courtiers to?

9- Who came to Akbar's court?

10- How did he challenge everybody?

11- Why was it difficult to find out what Pundit's mother tongue?

12- State 'T' for true and 'F' false.

- (i) An illiterate pundit visited the court.
- (ii) Pundit challenged all to answer his mathematics's questions.
- (iii) Birbal accepted the challenge. (iv) Pundit's mother tongue was Telugu.

(v) Birbal was one of the king Shahjahan's courtiers.

LANGUAGE BASED QUESTIONS

1- Circle the subject and underline the predicate in the following sentences.

- (i) A learned Pundit once visited the court of Akbar.
- (ii) The Pundit could speak many languages fluently.
- (iii) Birbal went quietly to the Pundit's room when he was asleep.

2- Read the following sentences and fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.

- (i) The Pundit had mastery many different languages.
- (ii) He challenged everybody the court to name his mother tongue.
- (iii) When everyone failed, Birbal took the challenge.
- (iv) Birbal quietly went the Pundit's room night.
- (v) He whispered the Pundit's ear and tickled it
a feather.

3- Read the following extract taken from the chapter carefully. There are many mistakes in punctuation. Correct the mistakes and rewrite the paragraph. king akbar then asked birbal, how did you find the truth. birbal answered in times of difficulty a person speaks only in his mother tongue. he also told the king how he had gone to the Pundits room at night to find out the truth.

4- Tick (✓) the right answer.

- (i) 'I visited the court of Akbar' means
 - a You always live there
 - b You came there for a short time

c You were born there

(ii) To imitate someone means to

a copy someone (b) tease someone

(c) make someone angry

5- Fill in the blanks with suitable interjections given below.

Hush!; Bravo!; Ha! Ha!; Hurrah!; Hey!

(i) What a wonderful shot!

(ii) We have won the match.

(iii) The baby is asleep.

(iv) Why are you laughing?(v) What a funny story!

6- Look and fill in the columns. One has been done for you. quiet quietly sad

..... fluent fierce

angry gentle

7- Complete the following sentences using the adverb forms of the words in brackets.

(i) The wind blew (noisy)

(ii) It is raining (heavy)

(iii) Shikha ran to catch up with her friends. (fast)

(iv) Teena played with her pets. (happy)

(v) The brown dog is barking (loud)

8- Match the words in Column 'A' with words in Column 'B'.

Column A

Column B

(i) king (a) children (ii) teacher (b) patients

- (iii) doctor (c) courtiers
- (iv) bus driver (d) clients
- (v) lawyer (e) passengers
- (vi) mother (f) students

9- Make pairs of words that start with same sound (one noun and one adjective). Together they should have meaning.

For example : Sweet song Happy horse

- (i) (ii)
- (iii) (iv) (v)
- (vi)

10- Encircle the adverbs in the following sentences.

- (i) Neha sleeps soundly.
- (ii) The old man walked slowly.
- (iii) Our teacher often tells us moral stories.
- (iv) We shall reach Pune today.
- (v) Mohit ran upstairs.(vi) She is not here.

11- Write the correct word:

ice, bee, pancake, owl, gold, hills, snail, ox, bat, fox, lamb, swan

- (i) As slow as a (ii) As flat as a
- (iii) As cold as (iv) As good as
- (v) As busy as a (vi) As old as
- (vii) As strong as an (viii) As wise as an
- (ix) As blind as a (x) As sly as a

(xi) As graceful as a

(xii) As gentle as a

12- Use appropriate nouns to complete the following phrases.

rice, sun, wires, salt, bread, soap, cake, grass

(i) a slice of

(ii) a cake of

(iii) a pinch of

(iv) a ray of

(v) a grain of (vi) a blade of (vii) a coil of

(viii) a piece of

13- Complete the given sentences by using the correct word from brackets.

(i) The door of the cupboard began to as I opened it. (creek/ creak)

(ii) Rama as she wished she had finished her homework earlier.
(sighed/side)

(iii) Have you my brother around the house? (scene/seen)

(iv) The in the computer mouse was not working. (sell/cell)

14- When we want to say that a thing belongs to a person, we use an apostrophe ('s) instead of repeating the owner's name alone. Rewrite the following sentences using an apostrophe ('s).

(i) The Pundit car was red in colour while Birbal car was blue.

_____ (ii) Ram lamp had fallen off
during the storm.

(iii) The carpenter tools lay in the shed.

_____ (iv) The Pundit mother
tongue was Telugu.

_____ (v) Was Birbal mother tongue
Hindi?

_____ (vi) Gopal mother made
snadwiches for him for breakfast.

_____ (vii) The king courtiers could not guess his mother tongue.

_____ (viii) The writer pen had broken.

15- In each of the given pairs of sentences, tell whether the underlined word is an adjective or a verb.

(i) The Pundit was a learned man. adjective He learned his lessons thoroughly.
verb

(ii) Dara was not wanted anymore by his children. He felt
sad.

Chattu was wanted criminal.

(iii) His failed efforts made him very sad.

He failed his exams twice.

(iv) He looked at the balanced body of the acrobat on the
rope.

The acrobat balanced himself on the rope. (v) The warriors
advanced towards the castle quietly.

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