Supplementary reading - 4

The Bird of Happiness

Questions and answers for class 10

1. How can you say that Wangjia was a brave boy? (SSLC Exam 01. 04. 2020)

Answer: Wangjia was a brave boy who had set out to find the bird of happiness. He was a young boy who faced all the hardships. Despite so many hardships, he didn't give up and brought happiness. It is because of his courage.

2. How did Wangjia react to the first monster? (SSLC Exam 06. 04. 2023)

Answer: Wangjia did not agree to kill Lousang's mother because he loves his mother and said that a monster can do as he wishes.

3. How did the first monster punish Wangjia?

wangjia had to cross a cast scree in punishment for not killing Lausangs mother, his feet and hand were cut into pieces and torn to shreds but he didn't give up

4. How did the second Monster punish Wangjia? (Preparatory Exam -2023)

Answer: The second monster blew through his long beard and wangjia's bread -bag flew into the sky. Suddenly the blue mountains and green rivers turned into a boundless desert and not a small piece of food. Wangjia continued his journey with hunger.

5. What did the third monster warn Wangjia?

Answer: The third monster warn Wangjia to bring him Bhima's eyes or he would gouge out his eye balls. He had to walk another 900 miles without eyes.

6. Why were the people miserable in Wangjia's village? (Preparatory Exam 2 – 2023)

Answer: The people who lived in that area suffered from hunger and cold. There was no river or water source, trees, green grass or any types of crops. No fruits, flowers or vegetables.

7. What changes came over Wangjia as the bird of happiness caressed him?

Answer: The Bird of happiness touched Wangjia with love and sang for him. His eyeballs came back to their sockets, his vision was much better and his wounds were healed and became stronger than before.

8. How did the bird of happiness remove the sorrows of Tibetan people?

Answer: The Bird of Happiness gave three loud cries. At the first cry, the golden sun broke through the clouds and a warm breeze came down. At the Second cry, the forest appeared all over the mountains. At the third cry, green rivers and fields came into existence All the people of the village never suffered again from that day.

9. What hardships did Wangjia undergo on his way to find the bird?

Answer: By the first monster Wangjia had to cross a vast scree, his feet and hand were cut into pieces. The second monster made him to loss his bread and had to suffer from hunger starvation. The third monster gouged out his eye balls and he became blind.

10. "Will I ever make it?" Why did Wangjia feel so?

Answer: Wangjia started his journey. The first monster made him walk through the vast scree for nine hundred miles. His hands and feet were torn into pieces. Then he felt that he could not continue his journey.

11. What qualities of Wangjia do you like most?

Answer: Wangjia's wish was to bring happiness to others, which is considered selfless compared to the monsters' selfish wishes in the story. In summary, the qualities of Wangjia that people like are his selflessness, hard work, and willingness to take risks for the benefit of others

12. What did the old folk of Tibet say about happiness?

Answer: The old folk used to say that happiness was a beautiful bird. It lived far away, on a snowy mountain in the east. wherever the bird flew, happiness went with it.

13. What was the result of Wangjia's journey of the first three hundred miles? OR

Describe Wangjia's journey across the scree.

Answer: The scree had sharp stones and after the first hundred miles, the soles of Wangjia's boots were ripped apart by the stones; after the second hundred miles, his feet were cut to pieces; and after the third hundred miles his hands were torn to shreds.

14. What was the result of Wangjia's journey to find the bird of happiness?

Answer: Wangjia was able to achieve what no one else from his village was able to achieve. He was able to find the Bird of Happiness. He was able to make the bird come to his village with him. Since the bird took happiness wherever it went, he was able to make his people happy.

Short summary of the Bird of Happiness

"The Bird of Happiness" is a story from Tibet about poor people who believe in a happy bird on a snowy mountain. The bird is guarded by three monsters, and those who try to find it face mysterious dangers.

Wangjia set out to find the Bird of Happiness but faced challenges from monsters along the way. The first monster wanted him to kill Lousang's mother, and when Wangjia refused, the smooth road became a sharp, rugged path. His boots, feet, and hands suffered as a result.

The second monster ordered Wangjia to poison old gaffer Silong. When he refused, the monster created a desert, depriving Wangjia of food for 300 miles, causing dizziness and intense stomach pain. In the final trial, Wangjia rejected the third monster's demand for Bhima's eyeballs, resulting in the loss of his own eyes.

Blind but determined, Wangjia continued towards the rising sun, believing the Bird of Happiness awaited him. Despite groping his way with hands on the ground, his determination paid off, and he eventually found the Bird of Happiness.

Wangjia experienced magical changes when the Bird of Happiness touched him. It transported him home and inquired about his desires. Instead of asking for personal wishes, Wangjia requested warmth, happiness, forests, flowers, and rivers for his people. In response, the Bird of Happiness let out three cries. The first cry brought forth the golden sun, breaking through the clouds, accompanied by a warm breeze from the sky.