

\* Select the most appropriate options as answers and complete the following sentences : [10]

1. Rama Natha was a son of a rich landlord as  
(A) he had a huge banana plantation (B) he had a box of gold coins  
(C) he had a magic potion (D) he owned large tracts of land

**Ans. :** (D) he owned large tracts of land

2. A liquid that has magical effects is called  
(A) A magic potion (B) A fertiliser (C) A beverage (D) None of these

**Ans.:** (A) A magic potion

3. Which word best describes the sage?  
(A) Poor (B) Kind hearted (C) Wise (D) Proud

**Ans. :** (C) Wise

4. Which of the following words best describes Rama Natha at the beginning of the story?  
(A) Wise (B) Proud (C) Foolhardy (D) Hardworking

**Ans. :** (C) Foolhardy

5. Which of the following words best describes Rama Natha's wife Madhumati?  
(A) Hardworking  
(B) Supportive  
(C) Spendthrift  
(D) Both (a) and (b)

**Ans. :** (D) Both (a) and (b)

6. Why did the Sage Mahipati trick Rama Natha into working hard instead of telling him the truth?  
(A) Because he knew that Rama Natha would not accept his wisdom through words  
(B) Because Rama Natha did not believe in the words of sages and wisemen  
(C) Because Madhumati requested the sage to trick Rama Natha into working hard  
(D) Because the sage was angry at Rama Natha for not giving him expensive gifts

**Ans.:** (A) Because he knew that Rama Natha would not accept his wisdom through words

7. What did people do when Rama Natha asked them about the magic potion?  
(A) They helped him (B) They ignored him



(C) They took advantage of him

(D) They joined him in his quest

**Ans. :** self

8. Rama Natha cleaned his lands and started planting rows and rows of banana plants because

(A) he wanted to establish a business

(B) he liked the fruit banana a lot

(C) he wanted to collect five litres of dew quickly

(D) None of the options are relevant

**Ans. :** self

9. Who said the following lines and to whom?

I have wasted six precious years of my life.

(A) Mahipati to Madhumati

(B) Mahipati to Rama Natha

(C) Rama Natha to Madhumati

(D) Rama Natha to Mahipati

**Ans. :** self

10. Arrange the following lines in the correct sequence based on their occurrence in the story.

(i) Rama Natha becomes a follower of Mahipati.

(ii) Madhumati gets worried.

(iii) Rama Natha tests the potion.

(A) (iii), (ii), (i)

(B) (ii), (i), (iii)

(C) (i), (ii), (iii)

(D) (iii), (i), (ii)

**Ans. :** self

\* Say whether the following sentences are true or false :

[9]

11. Madhumati was happy with Rama Natha's habits.

**Ans. :** False

12. Mahipati tricked Rama Natha to teach him a lesson

**Ans. :** True

13. Rama Natha was a wise man.

**Ans. :** False

14. Rama Natha punished the people who cheated him

**Ans. :** False

15. Rama Natha travelled to the Himalayas in search of the magic potion.

**Ans. :** False

16. Madhumati helped Rama Natha in taking care of the banana plants.

**Ans. :** True

17. Madhumati helped Rama Natha in the fields.

**Ans. :** self

18. Rama Natha was angry when the magic potion did not work.

**Ans. :** self

19. Rama Natha was a lazy man.

**Ans. :** self

**\* Select the most appropriate words from the box and fill in the blanks in the text given below :** [9]

20. Madhumati sold the banana crop because she wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ money.

**Ans. :** earn

21. Rama Natha worked hard on the banana plantation as he needed to collect \_\_\_\_\_ for the magic potion.

**Ans. :** five litres of dew

22. Unlike Rama Natha, Madhumati was a wise and \_\_\_\_\_ woman.

**Ans. :** hardworking

23. The five litres of dew collected by Rama Natha was a symbol of the hard work he had done over the course of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. :** six years

24. The sage Mahipati wanted to teach Rama Natha that hard work is best way of achieving our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. :** goals

25. Madhumati was \_\_\_\_\_ about Rama Natha.

**Ans. :** self

26. Rama Natha worked hard on the \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Ans. :** self

27. Mahipati was a \_\_\_\_\_ sage.

**Ans. :** self

28. The five litres of dew collected by Rama Natha was a symbol of his \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Ans. :** self

**\* Answer The Following Questions In One Sentence.[1 Marks Each]** [11]

29. What did Rama Natha's father leave him when he passed away?

**Ans. :** Rama Natha's father left him large tracts of land when he passed away.

30. Why didn't Rama Natha look after his land?

**Ans. :** Rama Natha did not look after his land because he wanted a magic potion and dedicated all his time looking for it.

31. Why did Rama Natha get cheated by people?

**Ans. :** Rama Natha got cheated by people due to his belief that a magic potion that turned things to gold existed.

32. Why was Madhumati worried?

**Ans. :** Madhumati was worried because Rama Natha did not work on his land and spent all his time and money on finding the magic potion.

33. What did Rama Natha ask the sage about?

**Ans. :** Rama Natha asked the sage about the magic potion.

34. What did Rama Natha do after listening to the recipe of the magic potion?

**Ans. :** Rama Natha dedicated all his time taking care of the banana plants after listening to the recipe of the magic potion.

35. Who helped Rama Natha understand the truth about the magic potion in the story?

**Ans. :** The sage, Mahipati helped Rama Natha understand the truth about the magic potion and the value of hard work in the story.

36. Why was Madhumati worried?

**Ans. :** self

37. Why did Rama Natha follow the sage's advice?

**Ans. :** self

38. What do we learn from Madhumati?

**Ans. :** self

39. In what season did the sage ask Rama Natha to collect the dew?

**Ans. :** self

**\* VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

**[6]**

40. Why didn't Rama Natha take care of his land?

**Ans. :** According to the story, Rama Natha believed that there existed a magic potion which could turn anything into gold and make him wealthy. Therefore, he spent all his time looking for the potion and never took care of his lands.

41. Write about Rama Natha's reaction when Mahipati said he knew the recipe of the magic potion.

**Ans. :** When Mahipati told Rama Natha that he had heard of the recipe to make the magic potion, Rama Natha was shocked as well as excited. He could not believe his



luck and excitedly asked Mahipati to tell him the recipe of the potion immediately.

42. How was Rama Natha before he met the sage and started working in his fields?

**Ans. :** Before meeting the Sage and started working in his fields, Rama Natha was a lazy man. He spent most of his time looking for a magic potion. He believed that if he had the magic potion that could convert anything to gold, he would become wealthy.

**\* Answer The Following Questions In Short.[3 Marks Each]**

**[12]**

43. How did Rama Natha's wife help him in gaining wealth?

**Ans. :** Rama Natha's wife helped him in gaining wealth. Rama Natha had planted banana plants on his large tracts of land as suggested by the sage and spent all his time tending to them. This resulted in the banana plants bearing good quality fruit. Rama Natha's wife, Madhumati, gathered the fruit crop and sold it in the market for a good price, and over the years this helped Rama Natha increase his plantation and ultimately, his earnings. This is how Rama Natha's wife helped him in gaining wealth.

44. What changes could be noted in Rama Natha's behaviour during the six years when he worked on his banana plantation? What moral do we derive from this story of Rama Natha?

**Ans. :** Many changes could be noted in Rama Natha's behaviour during the six years when he worked on his banana plantation. During the six years when he worked on his banana plantation, Rama Natha became a very hardworking and responsible man. He took care of his plantation with dedication and stopped chasing a shortcut to get the magic potion that would turn anything into gold. The story of Rama Natha, 'A Bottle of Dew' teaches us the value of hard work through Rama Natha's example. It tells us that there is no shortcut to success or gaining wealth. We must work hard towards our goals consistently to achieve them.

45. How was Madhumati different from Rama Natha?

**Ans. :** Madhumati was different from Rama Natha as she did not believe in the magic potion and was a responsible person.

When Rama Natha spent all his time and money looking for the magic potion, she worried that they may lose all their wealth. Also, when Rama Natha was busy collecting dew for the magic potion, she took the crop to the market and sold it for a good price to make profit.

46. Describe Rama Natha's character before his ultimate realisation by sharing some examples from the story to support your answer.

**Ans. :** Rama Natha was the son of a wealthy landlord and inherited large tracts of land when his father passed away. However, he did not take care of his lands and was determined to find a magic potion that would turn anything into gold so that he

could become rich instantly.

This suggests that he was not only lazy but also very foolish. He was easily tricked by people who claimed to know about the magic potion.

**\* Answer The Following Questions In Brief.[5 Marks Each]**

**[15]**

47. If you were Rama Natha's neighbour and he came to ask you about the magic potion, how would you deal with him?

**Ans. :** If I were Rama Natha's neighbour, I would advise him to stop looking for the magic potion. I would tell him that if such a potion existed, no one would have been poor and someone would have already claimed it. I would ask him to start working and earning money so that he could save his earnings and become rich by working hard. I would also advise him to work on the vast land that his father had left him for farming.

48. 'You can plant as many banana plants as you want. But remember, you must look after them yourself and collect the dew with your own hands.' Who is the speaker of these lines? What was his intention behind these words? Give a reason for your answer.

**Ans. :** The speaker of these lines is the wise sage, Mahipati. By asking Rama Natha to plant banana plants and take care of them himself, Mahipati wanted him to learn the importance of hard work and stop chasing after the magic potion.

At the end of the story, when Madhumati reveals that she had been selling the banana crop and saving the earnings, Rama Natha understands why the sage had asked him to collect the dew in the first place. He realised that the wise sage wanted him to learn the importance of hard work and dedication. He learned that he had to work hard to become wealthy.

49. There is a very famous quote by Booker T. Washington-'Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work.' Do you think it is true? Justify the statement based on your understanding of the story 'A Bottle of Dew'.

**Ans. :** Yes, it is true that nothing ever comes to one without putting in effort and working hard.

We can easily derive this from the story 'A Bottle of Dew' where Rama Natha spends most of his time and resources looking for a shortcut to create wealth and keeps getting cheated by people.

However, taking the wise sage's advice, when Rama Natha works hard to grow and tend to his banana plantation, he eventually becomes rich.

**\* Case based questions.**

**[16]**

One day, a famous sage called Mahipati came to their town. Rama Natha became his follower and asked him about the potion. To his surprise the sage answered, 'Yes, in my travels in the Himalayas, I heard how you could make such a potion. But it is

difficult.' 'Tell me!' requested Rama Natha, not believing his luck.

50. Complete the following sentence appropriately. Rama Natha was looking for a magic potion that \_\_\_\_\_

51. Why couldn't Rama Natha believe his luck?

52. Which of the following places did the sage travel to?

(a) Brahmaputra (b) The Western Ghats (c) The Thar (d) The Himalayas

53. State whether the following statement is True or False.

Rama Natha became Mahipati's follower only because he wanted the magic potion.

**Ans. :** 1. could turn anything into gold.

2. Rama Natha couldn't believe his luck because he had been looking for the magic potion for so many years and never got any promising answers from anyone.

3. (d) The Himalayas

4. False

Rama Natha went home, and after talking to his wife started cleaning his large fields, which had been lying empty all these years. There he planted rows and rows of banana plants. He tended them carefully and during the winter months collected the dew that formed on them with great care. His wife helped him too.

Madhumati gathered the banana crop, took it to the market and got a good price for it. Over the years, Rama Natha planted more and more plants and they had a huge banana plantation. At the end of six years, he finally had his five litres of dew.

54. Place the following events in the correct order to match the story.

(a) Rama Natha talked to Madhumati.

(b) Rama Natha collected five litres of dew.

(c) Madhumati sold the bananas at the market.

(d) Rama Natha planted rows and rows of banana plants.

55. Why were Rama Natha's lands lying empty?

56. Complete the sentence based on your understanding.

Rama Natha took care of his banana plantations with dedication, as \_\_\_\_\_ .

57. State whether the given statement is True or False.

Rama Natha failed to collect the dew and gave up.

**Ans. :** 1. a-b-c-d

2. Rama Natha's lands were lying empty all these years because he did not want to work and wasted all his time looking for the magic potion.

3. he wanted to collect five litres of dew as advised by the sage so that he could prepare a magic potion with it.

4. False

Carefully, he took the bottle to the sage. The sage smiled and muttered something over the water. Then he returned the bottle and said, 'Try it out.' Rama Natha sprinkled a few drops on a copper vessel and waited for it to turn to gold. To his surprise nothing happened! 'This is cheating,' he told the sage. 'I have wasted six

precious years of my life.'

58. Why did the sage mutter something over the water?

59. What happened when Rama Natha sprinkled the magic potion on the vessel?

- (a) The vessel turned to stone
- (b) The vessel remained unchanged
- (c) The vessel turned silver
- (d) The vessel turned gold

60. Do you think Rama Natha wasted six years of his life?

61. The word that means the same as 'shower' in the given extract is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ans. :** 1. The sage muttered the magical words to turn the water into a magic potion.  
2. (b) The vessel remained unchanged  
3. No. Rama Natha did not waste his time, instead he used it to be productive and became successful with his huge banana plantations.  
4. sprinkled

"This is cheating," he told the sage. "I have wasted six precious years of my life." But sage Mahipati only smiled and called Madhumati to come forward.

62. Complete the following sentence appropriately.

When Rama Natha accused the sage of cheating him, Mahipati only smiled because he \_\_\_\_\_

63. Why did the speaker feel cheated by the Sage Mahipati?

64. Do you think Rama Natha could have done something better in these six years? Give reason for your answer.

65. Which of the following words is the opposite in meaning of the word 'precious'?

- (a) Costly
- (b) Expensive
- (c) Useless
- (d) Treasured

**Ans. :** self

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