

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

1. The most famous ruler of the Vijayanagara Empire was :

- (A) Bukka Raya (B) Tenali Rama
(C) Krishnadeva Raya (D) Rama Raya

Ans. : (C) Krishnadeva Raya

2. Krishnadeva Raya's court was famous for :

- (A) Army generals (B) Traders
(C) Astrologers (D) Poets called the Ashtadiggajas

Ans. : (D) Poets called the Ashtadiggajas

3. One of the Ashtadiggajas was :

- (A) Kamban (B) Tulsidas (C) Allasani Peddana (D) Kalidasa

Ans. : (C) Allasani Peddana

4. The quarrel between the king and queen Thirumalambal occurred because of :

- (A) A war decision (B) A poem the king wrote
(C) Mismanagement of treasury (D) Her absence from the court

Ans. : (B) A poem the king wrote

5. When the king recited his poem, the ministers :

- (A) Praised it loudly (B) Asked for copies
(C) Avoided him with excuses (D) Laughed at him

Ans. : (C) Avoided him with excuses

6. The queen turned to resolve the quarrel to :

- (A) A priest (B) Her maid (C) A poet (D) Tenali Rama

Ans. : (D) Tenali Rama

7. The court discussion was focused on _____ when Rama was called.

- (A) Defense policy (B) Building temples
(C) Improving paddy cultivation (D) Celebrating a festival

Ans. : (C) Improving paddy cultivation

8. Rama presented to the court :

- (A) A golden statue (B) A book of poems
(C) A new law code (D) A plateful of paddy seeds

Ans. : (D) A plateful of paddy seeds

9. The king's reaction to Rama's claim about the new paddy seeds was that :
- (A) He immediately agreed (B) He was impressed
(C) He became angry (D) He was doubtful and unimpressed

Ans. : (D) He was doubtful and unimpressed

10. Rama used the metaphor _____ to indirectly refer to the king's misunderstanding.
- (A) Cloudy sky (B) Sleeping lion
(C) Sowing seeds while yawning (D) Drowning ship

Ans. : (C) Sowing seeds while yawning

*** Say whether the following sentences are true or false :** [5]

11. Tenali Ramakrishna was only a poet and had no other role in the king's court.

Ans. : False

12. The courtiers immediately appreciated the king's poem.

Ans. : False

13. Rama used a farming metaphor to indirectly address the king's misunderstanding.

Ans. : True

14. The queen happily agreed to forget the quarrel and listen to the king's poem again.

Ans. : True

15. The king remained angry with the queen even after Rama's explanation.

Ans. : False

*** Select the most appropriate words from the box and fill in the blanks in the text given below :** [5]

16. Tenali Ramakrishna was known for his quick _____ and humour.

Ans. : wit

17. The corridors of the palace felt _____ in Krishnadeva Raya's absence.

Ans. : quiet and forlorn

18. The queen yawned while the king recited his poem because she was _____.

Ans. : exhausted

19. The king sat on his _____ throne with a stern expression.

Ans. : ornate



20. Rama cleverly referred to yawning while sowing seeds to make the king realise his _____ .

Ans. : mistake

*** Answer The Following Questions In One Sentence.**

[11]

21. How did Tenali Ramakrishna gain a special place in the king's court?

Ans. : Tenali Ramakrishna gained a special place in the king's court because he was intelligent and could handle any situation. He was full of quick wit and humour.

22. Who was Krishnadeva Raya?

Ans. : Krishnadeva Raya was a wise and powerful monarch, a warrior, and poet.

23. What is the name of one of famous literary works of Krishnadeva Raya?

Ans. : The name of one of famous literary works of Krishnadeva Raya is Amuktamalyada.

24. Why did Queen Thirumalambal approach Tenali Rama?

Ans. : Queen Thirumalambal approached Tenali Rama to help her resolve a quarrel with the king.

25. What was the court filled with the next morning?

Ans. : The court was filled with ministers, scholars, and courtiers the next morning.

26. Where did Tenali Rama stand during the court session?

Ans. : Tenali Rama stood at the edge of the court during the court session.

27. What did a sarcastic courtier say about the seeds?

Ans. : A sarcastic courtier said that he wondered if those were magic seeds.

28. What did Tenali Rama say about yawning?

Ans. : Tenali Rama said that yawning is as natural as breathing.

29. How did the king react after hearing Rama's explanation?

Ans. : After hearing Rama's explanation, the king realised his mistake and apologised to the queen.

30. What did the king and queen give Tenali Rama?

Ans. : The king and queen gave valuable gifts to Tenali Rama.

31. What returned to the palace after the quarrel was resolved?

Ans. : Joy and laughter returned to the palace after the quarrel was resolved.

*** Answer the following questions.**

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32. Why was the Vijayanagara Empire considered to be in its 'Golden Era' during Krishnadeva Raya's reign?

Ans. : The Vijayanagara Empire was considered to be in its 'Golden Era' during Krishnadeva Raya's reign because the king was fond of visual and performing arts. This was the reason why art, literature and architecture flourished during his reign.

33. How did the quarrel between the king and the queen affect the palace?

Ans. : The quarrel between the king and the queen affected the palace because the king did not talk to queen for weeks. Out of his frustration, he stopped visiting her altogether. His absence cast a gloomy shadow over the palace. It resulted that once cheerful corridors seemed quiet and lonely.

34. What was the reaction of the courtiers when Tenali Rama introduced his 'special' paddy seeds?

Ans. : When Tenali Rama introduced his 'special paddy seeds', the courtiers mocked Tenali Rama. They made fun of him and said that he had brought magic seeds. They also continued saying that next he would claim they grow without water. They said that perhaps he found those seeds on the moon.

35. How does the story conclude, and what lesson can be learnt from it?

Ans. : The story concludes when the king realised his mistake. He went to the queen and accepted his mistake and apologised for it. The lesson we can learn from this story is that we should not overreact in any situation. Committing mistakes is a natural phenomenon. So, if we find our mistake, we should apologise for that and move ahead.

36. Who was King Krishnadeva Raya, and why is his reign considered significant?

Ans. : King Krishnadeva Raya was a wise and powerful ruler of the Vijayanagara Empire. His reign (1509–1529 CE) is known as the Golden Era due to the empire's great achievements in art, literature, architecture, and overall cultural development.

37. What caused the quarrel between King Krishnadeva Raya and Queen Thirumalambal?

Ans. : The quarrel began over a seemingly trivial matter, related to the queen's yawning during the king's poetry recital. The king misunderstood her gesture as disrespect, became upset, and stopped speaking to her or visiting her for weeks.

38. How did the palace atmosphere change due to the quarrel?

Ans. : The palace, once filled with cheer, became quiet and gloomy. The king's absence from the queen's chambers and his stern mood cast a shadow over the entire court, making even the lively corridors feel sad and lifeless.

39. How did Tenali Rama address the issue in the royal court?

Ans. : Tenali Rama cleverly used a metaphor about sowing paddy seeds to reflect the king's misunderstanding. He suggested that even the best seeds can fail if not sown properly, indirectly highlighting that yawning is a natural and harmless act.

40. What was the king's realisation after Tenali Rama's explanation?

Ans. : The king realised that he had over reacted and let his pride cloud his judgement. He understood that yawning wasn't meant to insult him and admitted his mistake, feeling remorseful about his treatment of the queen.

41. How was the quarrel between the royal couple resolved?

Ans. : After Tenali Rama's clever intervention, the king apologized to the queen with a softened heart. The queen forgave him, and harmony was restored. They rewarded Rama with valuable gifts, and joy returned to the palace once again.

42. Name any two works written by Krishnadeva Raya.

Ans. : Two works written by Krishnadeva Raya –
Amuktamalyada
Jambavati Kalyanam

43. Who were the Ashtadiggajas?

Ans. : The Ashtadiggajas were the eight famous Telugu poets in the court of Krishnadevaraya.

44. How did the king and queen finally reconcile?

Ans. : The king realized his mistake and apologized to the queen. They forgave each other and reunited happily.

* Answer the following questions.

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45. What strategy did Tenali Rama use to make the king realise his mistake?

Ans. : Tenali Rama was a witty courtier. He brought a plate, full of paddy seeds and said if these paddy seeds are sown, the yield will be three times greater than the current results. The king was surprised. He said that it sounds illogical. Because such cultivation would require special soil, manure, pest and insect repellents. Now, it was Tenali Rama's turn. He says that the real issue lies not with seeds but the person who sows them. If the person has a habit of yawning while sowing, the seeds will scatter unevenly. Now the king yawned and Tenali Rama got another opportunity to tell him that yawning is natural as breathing. Now, the king realised that the queen yawned naturally. She did not intend to insult him.

46. What misunderstanding led to the quarrel between King Krishnadeva Raya and Queen Thirumalambal, and how was it resolved?

Ans. : The king wrote a poem filled with vague imagery and recited it to the queen one evening. Tired from her day, she unintentionally yawned multiple times. The king mistook her yawns as disrespect and became upset, avoiding her for weeks. Tenali Ramakrishna cleverly addressed the issue in court by comparing careless seed sowing to yawning, making the king realise his mistake. The king apologized to the queen, and their bond was restored with Tenali Rama's help.

47. Why did Queen Thirumalambal approach Tenali Ramakrishna for help, and how did she explain the issue?

Ans. : Queen Thirumalambal, deeply upset by the king's silence and their unresolved quarrel, sought Tenali Ramakrishna's help as a last hope. She explained that the king had written a poem filled with vague imagery. When he recited it to her, she was too tired and yawned repeatedly, which the king misunderstood as an insult. He walked away in anger and hadn't spoken to her since. Trusting Rama's wisdom and wit, she asked him to help the king understand the truth.

48. What are the key characteristics of Tenali Ramakrishna as shown in the story?

Ans. : Tenali Ramakrishna is portrayed as witty, intelligent, patient, and observant. He listens calmly to the queen's problem and devises a clever, indirect solution. His use of humour and metaphor in court allows the king to understand the truth without feeling insulted. Tenali's ability to resolve conflicts with wisdom and subtlety earns him respect and admiration. His role as a trusted advisor and peacemaker highlights his loyalty, empathy, and sharp intellect, making him a beloved figure in the empire.

49. Describe the cultural and literary contributions of Krishnadeva Raya during his reign.

Ans. : Krishnadevaraya was one of the greatest rulers of the Vijayanagara Empire. His reign is considered the golden age of Telugu literature and culture.

He was a great patron of art, literature, music, and architecture. He encouraged scholars and poets in his court. The famous group of eight Telugu poets known as the Ashtadiggajas flourished under his patronage. Krishnadeva Raya himself was a scholar and writer. He wrote the famous Telugu poem Amuktamalyada and the Sanskrit drama Jambavati Kalyanam.

He also built many beautiful temples and supported the development of architecture and sculpture. Trade and commerce prospered during his rule, which further strengthened cultural growth. Thus, his reign marked a glorious period in South Indian history.

50. What lesson can we learn from the way Tenali Rama resolved the misunderstanding between the king and queen?

Ans. : Tenali Rama used his intelligence and wisdom to resolve the misunderstanding between the king and queen. Instead of blaming anyone directly, he handled the situation cleverly and made the king realize his mistake.

The main lesson we learn is that problems should be solved with patience, wisdom, and understanding. Misunderstandings can be cleared through calm thinking and smart actions rather than anger. The story also teaches us the importance of communication, forgiveness, and maintaining harmony in relationships.

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* Read the following prose extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

" _____ The king thought I was disrespecting his poem and stormed off. Since then, he has not spoken to me. If I had known this would happen, I would have chosen another day. Help me, please, Rama. Only you can help the king understand."

Rama nodded thoughtfully. "If you like, I will try my best to resolve this matter, Your Highness. But this needs a well-planned approach and I may need time to find the right strategy."

51. Why does the queen believe that only Tenali Rama can help the king understand?

52. What does the queen's statement, "If I had known this would happen, I would have chosen another day", suggest about her feelings?

(A) She is angry at the king for overreacting.

(B) She regrets the unintended misunderstanding.

(C) She believes the poem was not worth listening to.

(D) She is worried that the king might punish her.

53. How does Tenali Rama's response reflect his wisdom and problem-solving skills?

54. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option from those given in the brackets.

The king's reaction shows that he is sensitive and _____ (has a lot of faith/ takes great pride) in his poetry.

Ans. : 1. The queen believes that only Tenali Rama can help the king understand because Tenali Rama was the only courtier who was famous for his quick wit and he had a special place in the king's court as a witty advisor. The king also had a deep liking for him.

2. (B) She regrets the unintended misunderstanding.

3. Tenali Rama's response reflects his wisdom and problem-solving skills because he asked the queen that he may need some time to make a plan and to find the right strategy. He did not give his decision at once.

4. The king's reaction shows that he is sensitive and **takes great pride** in his poetry.

That evening, the king approached the queen with a softened expression. "Thirumalambal", he began, his voice gentle, "I have been foolish. I see now that I overreacted. I let my pride blind me. I'm so sorry."

The queen, who had longed for this moment, smiled and replied, "If you like, we can leave this quarrel behind us. I would very much like to listen to your poem."

55. Complete the following with a suitable explanation.

When the king said, "I let my pride blind me", he means that _____.

56. Why does the queen say, "If you like, we can leave this quarrel behind us?"

57. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option from those given in the brackets. The king acknowledges that his pride clouded his judgement, which shows _____ (intelligence and courage/maturity and self-awareness)

58. State any one characteristic that the queen's response to the king's apology shows about her.

Ans. : 1. he was so proud that he could not understand her.

2. The queen says so because she wanted to end this quarrel. She intended to live a happy life with her husband.

3. The king acknowledges that his pride clouded his judgement, which shows **maturity and self-awareness.**

4. The quality of the queen highlighted here is **forgiveness.**

Krishnadeva Raya's court was home to eight celebrated poets, collectively known as the Ashtadiggajas. These poets, including Allasani Peddana and Tenali Ramakrishna, enriched the literary tradition with their masterpieces. Tenali Ramakrishna, in particular, was known for his quick wit and humour, earning him a special place in the king's court as both a poet and a witty advisor. His clever solutions to seemingly insurmountable problems made him a beloved figure in the empire's history.

59. Tenali Ramakrishna's clever solutions to seemingly _____ problems made him a beloved figure in the empire's history. (insurmountable/joking)

60. What do you know about the Ashtadiggajas?

61. Who was Tenali Ramakrishna?

62. Who was another famous poet from the Ashtadiggajas?

Ans. : 1. insurmountable

2. Ashtadiggajas were the eight celebrated poets in the court of king Krishnadeva Raya.

3. Tenali Ramakrishna was a poet and a witty advisor in Krishnadeva Raya's court who was known for his quick wit and humour.

4. Another famous poet from the Ashtadiggajas was Allasani Peddana.

Finally, the king called upon Rama. The chatter in the court died down as all eyes turned to him. Rama approached the throne, carrying a plateful of paddy seeds. Bowing low, he began, "Your Majesty, I bring you a revolutionary type of paddy seeds. If these are sown, the yield will be three times greater than the current results."

A murmur swept through the room. One of the courtiers, known for his sarcasm, whispered just loud enough to be heard, "I wonder if these are magic seeds! Next, he'll claim they grow without water." Another muttered, "Perhaps he found them on the moon!" Snickers rippled through the court.

63. Rama approached the throne, carrying a plateful of _____ seeds. (wheat/paddy)

64. What, according to the courtier, will Rama claim next?

65. How much greater did Rama claim the yield would be?
66. What reaction did the courtiers show?

Ans. : 1. paddy

2. According to him, Rama will claim that they grow without water.
3. Rama claimed that the yield would be three times greater.
4. The courtiers showed their reaction by murmur and snicker.

Rama glanced around the court, his sharp gaze meeting the sceptical eyes of the courtiers. "If one were to sow seeds without proper care, no one would reap a good harvest," he said, pausing for effect. "And what if the person had a habit of yawning while sowing? Wouldn't the seeds scatter unevenly?"

The court erupted into laughter, the earlier sarcasm replaced by genuine amusement. Even the king, caught off guard, sighed and instinctively yawned. Rama watched him keenly, then continued, "Your Majesty, is there anyone in this world who does not yawn? It is as natural as breathing."

67. Rama said, "Yawning is as natural as _____." (breathing/death)
68. Who did Rama address with his witty remark about yawning?
69. What was the courtiers' reaction to Rama's witty statement?
70. What did the king do instinctively after hearing Rama?

Ans. : 1. breathing

2. Rama addressed the king with his witty remark about yawning.
3. The courtiers' reaction to Rama's witty statement was that they erupted into laughter.
4. The king yawned instinctively after hearing Rama.

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