

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

1. The four young men were headed to :

- (A) Delhi (B) Ujjain (C) Varanasi (D) Indore

**Ans. :** (B) Ujjain

2. The young men had been travelling for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

- (A) five (B) seven (C) ten (D) fifteen

**Ans. :** (C) ten

3. Shiv Datt observed about the camel that :

- (A) It had a broken leg (B) It was blind in one eye  
(C) It had no hump (D) It was very old

**Ans. :** (B) It was blind in one eye

4. Har Datt thought that the camel had a short tail because :

- (A) Its tail was missing  
(B) There were scratch marks  
(C) Droplets of blood from mosquito bites were found  
(D) Its tail was dragging

**Ans. :** (C) Droplets of blood from mosquito bites were found

5. Dev Datt asked the merchant if the camel :

- (A) had a stomach problem (B) had a name  
(C) was for sale (D) had a long tail

**Ans.:** (A) had a stomach problem

6. The merchant accused the four men of :

- (A) Cheating (B) Lying  
(C) Stealing his camel (D) Hurting the camel

**Ans. :** (C) Stealing his camel

7. The merchant decided to take his complaint :

- (A) To the police (B) To the King  
(C) To the guards (D) To the camel owner

**Ans. :** (B) To the King

8. The quality of the men that impressed the King the most was their :

- (A) Intelligence (B) Strength (C) Bravery (D) Loyalty

**Ans.:** (A) Intelligence

9. The King offered \_\_\_\_\_ to the four men.

(A) money

(B) land

(C) job of advisers in his court

(D) horses to find the camel

**Ans. :** (C) job of advisers in his court

10. The lesson that the King taught to the merchant was that he should:

(A) Not travel alone

(B) Not trust strangers

(C) be careful with his belongings

(D) be careful before making accusations

**Ans. :** (D) be careful before making accusations

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

**[5]**

11. The four young men had been travelling for over fifteen days before reaching Ujjain.

**Ans. :** False

12. Har Datt noticed that the camel was dragging its tail.

**Ans. :** False

13. The merchant offered to pay Dev Datt for curing the camel.

**Ans. :** True

14. The merchant was embarrassed after the King dismissed his accusation.

**Ans. :** True

15. The King punished the four young men for stealing the camel.

**Ans. :** False

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

**[5]**

16. The four young men were walking along a \_\_\_\_\_ road.

**Ans. :** dusty

17. The merchant's camel was blind in its \_\_\_\_\_ eye.

**Ans. :** right

18. \_\_\_\_\_ noticed that the camel might have a stomach problem.

**Ans. :** Dev Datt

19. The King praised the young men's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. :** wisdom / intelligence

20. The merchant felt \_\_\_\_\_ after the King dismissed his complaint.

**Ans. :** ashamed / embarrassed

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

**[10]**

21. Who wished to secure an audience with the King of Ujjain?

**Ans. :** Ram Datt wished to secure an audience with the King of Ujjain.

22. What was Dev Datt's reason for pressing on towards Ujjain?

**Ans. :** Dev Datt's reason for pressing on towards Ujjain was his hope of being appointed in the service of the King.

23. What did Shiv Datt notice ahead on the road?

**Ans. :** Shiv Datt noticed that a merchant was running ahead on the road.

24. What did Ram Datt think the merchant had lost?

**Ans. :** Ram Datt thought that the merchant had lost his camel.

25. Where did the merchant go after meeting the group?

**Ans. :** The merchant went to the city gates and then inside the palace.

26. What did Ram Datt discover about the camel?

**Ans. :** Ram Datt discovered that it was lame in one leg.

27. How did Ram Datt deduce the camel was lame?

**Ans. :** Ram Datt deduced that the camel was lame from the faint tracks of one foot on the road.

28. What did the pattern of the tracks suggest?

**Ans. :** The pattern of the tracks suggested that the camel struggled to bear its weight.

29. How did the journey of the four men fulfil?

**Ans. :** Their journey fulfilled in a manner they had never anticipated.

30. How did the four men feel at the end?

**Ans. :** The four men felt proud and humbled at the end.

**\* Answer the following questions.**

**[32]**

31. What does the dusty road leading to Ujjain tell us about the challenges of the young men's journey?

**Ans. :** The dusty road leading to Ujjain tells us about the challenges of the young men's journey that the journey was not only long but also tiring and difficult. It also reflects that the conditions were extremely difficult which the young men were to face.

32. Why did the merchant become suspicious of the four men? What does this tell us about him?

**Ans. :** The merchant became suspicious of the four men because all of them gave detailed descriptions about his camel though they hadn't seen it. They told everything with their insight but the merchant was cautious and thought they had stolen his camel.

33. How do the four young men's observations about the camel serve as a turning point in the play?

**Ans. :** The four young men's observations about the camel serves as a turning point in the play. The observations reveal their intelligence and skills. But it is also true that it leads to misunderstanding when the merchant thinks them to be thieves. Their insight also brings them recognition which ultimately brings them fortune by being appointed as the advisers to the King.

34. Why did the King believe the four young men and not the merchant?

**Ans. :** The King believed the four young men and not the merchant because he came to know that the four men had sharp and logical thinking. They gave the logical and analytical answers. On the other hand, the merchant had no sound proof of their stealing the camel.

35. How does the capability of the four young men make them suitable to become advisors?

**Ans. :** The capability of the four young men makes them suitable to become advisers because of their wisdom and intelligence. It is true that these two qualities are the most important traits for advisers. They must have deep insight.

36. Why does the merchant feel ashamed for accusing the four young men of stealing his camel? Explain in your own words.

**Ans. :** The merchant felt ashamed for accusing the four young men of stealing his camel because his accusation was proved to be wrong. The fact was that they were clever and honest men full of deep insight and thinking. They were not thieves at all.

37. Why did the four young men travel to Ujjain?

**Ans. :** The four young men travelled to Ujjain in search of employment and hoped to serve the King. They believed that their talents would be recognised and that they could contribute meaningfully to the kingdom. Their journey was driven by hope, determination, and a desire for a better future.

38. How did Ram Datt deduce that the camel was lame?

**Ans. :** Ram Datt noticed that only three of the camel's footprints were clearly visible, while the fourth was faint. This indicated that the camel was not placing full weight on one leg, suggesting a limp. His deduction showed his sharp observation and analytical thinking.



39. What made Shiv Datt believe that the camel was blind in one eye?

**Ans. :** Shiv Datt observed that the camel had eaten only the plants on the left side of the road. The leaves on the right side remained untouched. This led him to conclude that the camel could not see with its right eye, revealing Shiv Datt's attention to subtle clues.

40. What clue helped Har Datt determine the camel had a short tail?

**Ans. :** Har Datt noticed droplets of blood from mosquito bites along the road. He reasoned that a camel with a long tail would have flown away the insects. The presence of the blood spots indicated a short tail, showing his unique reasoning based on indirect evidence.

41. How did Dev Datt infer that the camel had stomach pain?

**Ans. :** Dev Datt observed that the camel's forefoot prints were deep, while the hind prints were faint. This pattern suggested the camel was drawing up its hind legs, moving carefully to avoid further pain. His deduction reflected his deep understanding of animal behaviour through footprints.

42. How did the King respond to the merchant's accusations?

**Ans. :** The King carefully listened to both sides. He questioned each young man and was impressed by their logical reasoning and detailed observations. Realising their innocence and wisdom, he dismissed the merchant's accusations and offered the four men positions as royal advisers in his court.

43. Why does Dev Datt say that ten days are but a short span in the grand scheme of things?

**Ans. :** Dev Datt says that ten days are but a short span in the grand scheme of things because the journey to Ujjain, while perhaps long for their immediate needs, is insignificant when compared to the vastness of time and the potential long-term benefits of securing employment with the King.

44. How does Har Datt's remark about devising a strategy show a different perspective from others?

**Ans. :** Har Datt's remark about devising a strategy shows a different perspective because it suggests a focus on planning, indirect reasoning, and using the available subtle clues (like the blood spots) to form a logical conclusion, rather than just observing direct evidence or focusing on the immediate difficulty of the journey like some others might.

45. What hope unites the four men as they journey towards Ujjain?

**Ans. :** The hope that unites the four men as they journey towards Ujjain is the desire to secure employment and be appointed in the service of the King, believing their talents will be recognized and they can contribute meaningfully to the kingdom.

46. Describe the attitude of Dev Datt towards their search for employment. How does his outlook affect the group?

**Ans. :** Dev Datt's attitude towards their search for employment is one of focused hope and intellectual confidence, as seen in his deep, analytical deduction about the camel's stomach pain, which is rooted in understanding animal behaviour through subtle clues. His outlook likely affects the group positively by demonstrating a high level of intellectual capability and analytical skill, which contributes to their overall credibility and eventually leads to their success with the King.

\* Answer the following questions.

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47. Describe how the four young men proved their wisdom before the King.

**Ans. :** Each of the four men observed different details about the camel's condition without actually seeing it. Ram Datt noticed a limp, Shiv Datt concluded blindness in one eye, Har Datt deduced a short tail, and Dev Datt inferred stomach pain. Their detailed and logical deductions amazed the King, who realised their innocence and intelligence. Their reasoning displayed uncommon wisdom, which ultimately earned them positions as royal advisers.

48. What role did the Merchant play in the story and how did his attitude change?

**Ans. :** The Merchant initially suspected the four men of stealing his camel when they accurately described it. Unable to understand their method of deduction, he accused them and brought the matter to the King. However, once the King uncovered the truth, the Merchant felt ashamed and left humbly. His role was so powerful that it revealed the young men's wisdom and changed their fortunes.

49. Why did the King decide to appoint the four young men as his advisers?

**Ans. :** The King was deeply impressed by the four young men's ability to think logically and observe details that others might overlook. Their insights were based purely on intellect and reasoning, without any physical evidence. Recognizing their rare wisdom and practical judgement, he offered them a place in his court as advisers, believing their talents could greatly benefit the kingdom of Ujjain.

50. Compare the views of Dev Datt, Ram Datt, and Har Datt. How do their perspectives differ regarding their journey and future prospects?

**Ans. :** Dev Datt's perspective focuses on internal/physiological details (stomach pain) inferred from deep analysis of footprints, suggesting an interest in functional understanding. Ram Datt's perspective is based on physical mobility (lameness) observed from the footprint pattern, focusing on movement mechanics. Har Datt's perspective relies on indirect, circumstantial evidence (blood spots) to deduce a physical characteristic (short tail), indicating a talent for connecting disparate clues. Regarding their journey, they all share the common goal of reaching Ujjain for employment, but their individual observations show different intellectual strengths

(functional analysis, mechanical analysis, indirect reasoning). Their shared success suggests these differing perspectives combine to create a complete picture, indicating that their future prospects are secure because of their combined, multifaceted intelligence.

**\* Read the following prose extract carefully and answer the questions given below: [20]**

Dev Datt : Ten days are but a short span in the grand scheme of things. We may still have many more roads to wander before we find employment befitting all four of us.

Ram Datt : If only we could secure an audience with the King of Ujjain. I am confident he would recognise our talents and appoint us to his service.

Shiv Datt : I share your belief.

Dev Datt : Indeed, we ought to be united in this hope. That is why we press on towards Ujjain.

Har Datt : (Pausing thoughtfully) Gaining an audience with the King is no simple task. We need to devise a strategy.

51. Identify the false statement from the two given below and rectify it.

(A) Dev Datt believes that finding employment is an easy task.

(B) Ram Datt is confident that the King would recognise their talents.

52. What does Ram Datt's confidence in gaining the King's recognition tell us about him?

53. Complete the sentence given below with the correct option from those given.

In the line, 'That's why we press on towards Ujjain', the phrase 'press on' refers to.....

(A) walking with heavy steps

(B) moving forward with determination

(C) slowing down frequently for rest

(D) stopping briefly to save time

54. Har Datt says, "We need to devise a strategy." What can be inferred about Har Datt's character from his statement?

(A) He is doubtful of their abilities and wants to give up.

(B) He is eager to rush into the palace without preparation.

(C) He is cautious and thoughtful, preferring to plan ahead.

(D) He relies on others to make decisions for the group.

**Ans. :** 1. (A) Dev Datt believes that finding employment is an easy task. (False)

Correction:

Dev Datt believes that finding employment is not easy and may require wandering many more roads.

(B) Ram Datt is confident that the King would recognise their talents. (True)

2. Ram Datt is full of hopes and self-confidence. He is hopeful about their abilities.

He believes that their talents are valuable enough to be noticed by the King.

3. (B) moving forward with determination

4. (C) He is cautious and thoughtful, preferring to plan ahead.

King : (To the four men) You have demonstrated remarkable intelligence and the ability to see beyond the obvious. Such minds are rare and highly valued in my court. I extend to you the honour of becoming my advisers. Your counsel shall guide my decisions, and your wisdom shall be a beacon for my kingdom. What do you say to my offer?

Ram Datt : (Stepping forward) Your Highness, it is an honour we had not dared to dream of.

55. Select the option that is true for both Assertion (A) and Reason (R).

(A) : The Merchant left the court feeling humbled and ashamed.

(R) : The King commanded that the four wise men join his court.

(A) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

(B) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

(C) (A) is true, but (R) is false.

(D) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

56. Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct option.

The line, 'See beyond the obvious' means that the men had the ability to .....

(A) challenge common beliefs with reasoning

(B) interpret information in traditional ways

(C) notice details that others might overlook

(D) predict what is going to happen in the future

57. Complete the following sentence with a suitable reason.

Ram Datt described the King's offer as 'an honour we had not dared to dream of because .....

58. How does the King's offer to the four men reflect his values as a ruler?

**Ans. :** 1. (B) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

2. (C) notice details that others might overlook

3. They were simple and poor villagers. They had not even imagined that they could ever become the advisers of the King.

4. The King's offer to the four men reflects his values as a great ruler. It shows that the King was a good judge of wisdom. He had the ability to think deeply. He was just and kind King. He used to give rewards to the people of intelligence and insight.

Ram Datt : I have discovered something peculiar about this camel.

Shiv Datt : So have I.

Har Datt : I, too, have noticed a strange detail.

Dev Datt : (Smiling) It seems each of us has learnt something unique, yet I believe my discovery is unlike any of yours.

Har Datt : Let us rest beneath a large tree and share our findings. But wait-someone approaches in haste!

Shiv Datt : (Peering ahead) It appears to be a merchant, running as if pursued by trouble.

Ram Datt : A merchant indeed, and judging by his countenance, he has lost something of great value-perhaps his camel.

(The Merchant, panting and distressed, reaches the group. He pauses to catch his breath, then addresses them anxiously.)

59. Har Datt suggested that they should rest beneath a \_\_\_\_\_ tree to share their findings. (large/heavy)

60. Who was seen approaching the group in haste?

61. What did Ram Datt think the merchant had lost?

62. How did Shiv Datt describe the merchant's approach?

**Ans. :** 1. large

2. A merchant was seen approaching the group in haste.

3. Ram Datt thought the merchant had lost something valuable, perhaps his camel.

4. Shiv Datt said the merchant was running as if pursued by trouble.

Merchant : I seek your help. My camel has gone astray. Have you, by chance, seen it?

Ram Datt : Is your camel lame in one leg, by any chance?

Merchant : (Surprised) Yes, yes, it is!

Shiv Datt : Is it blind in the right eye?

Merchant : Precisely! It is blind in one eye-the right one, as you say.

Har Datt : And does it have a short tail?

Merchant : (Astonished) You describe it perfectly! Yes, it has a short tail.

Dev Datt : Tell me, sir, has it not been suffering from a pain in the stomach?

Merchant : (Taken aback) How could you possibly know that? The poor creature has been unwell for two weeks now. Surely you are a healer! I will gladly pay your fee if you can cure it. But tell me, where is my camel?

63. The merchant was astonished when the men described his camel's \_\_\_\_\_ tail. (short/long)

64. What does the merchant seek from the group of men?

65. In which leg is the camel lame?

66. How long had the camel been unwell?

**Ans. :** 1. short

2. The merchant seeks help from the group of men in finding his lost camel.

3. The camel is lame in one leg, though the specific leg is not mentioned.

4. The camel had been unwell for two weeks.

Shiv Datt : I observed that the camel was blind in its right eye, Your Majesty.

King : How did you arrive at this conclusion?

Shiv Datt : It had nibbled only on the foliage to the left of the road, leaving the right side untouched. The leaves on the right hung undisturbed, as if unseen. From this, I

deduced it could not see with its right eye.

King : (Smiling) Well-reasoned indeed. Such detail is not easily noticed by a casual traveller. (To Har Datt) And your finding?

Har Datt : I discovered that the camel's tail is short, Your Highness.

King : Explain how you came to such a conclusion.

Har Datt : I noticed small droplets of blood along the track, likely from mosquito bites. A camel with a long tail would have fended off these pests with ease. These small specks told me of an animal lacking such defence, hence the short tail.

67. Har Datt concluded that the camel had a short tail because he noticed \_\_\_\_\_ of blood along the track. (small droplets/mosquitos)

68. What did Shiv Datt observe about the camel's eyesight?

69. Why were the leaves on the right side of the road untouched?

70. What led Har Datt to believe that the camel had a short tail?

**Ans. :** 1. small droplets

2. Shiv Datt observed that the camel was blind in its right eye.

3. The leaves on the right side of the road were untouched because the camel could not see them due to blindness in its right eye.

4. Har Datt believed that the camel had a short tail because he saw droplets of blood caused by mosquito bites that a long tail would have prevented.

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