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**3<sup>rd</sup> Term Notes**  
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**CHAPTER: 10**  
**BEN'S REAL EDUCATION**

**A. Answer the given questions:**

**1. Describe Ben's character at the beginning of the story.**

Ben's character was that he was lazy.

School was not his favourite word.

He hated school and studying.

He often got detention for not doing assignment and poor performance at class test.

He bunk the class.

**2. How would Ben escape from school?**

Ben escapes from school during short break. He'd first throw his bag over the brick fence and then jump over the fence

**3. Why was Ben irritated with the waiter's question?**

Ben was irritated with the waiter's questions because Ben thought that the waiter was an uneducated man and had not business to interfere in his education.

**4. How did Ben test the history knowledge of the waiter?**

The waiter tests Ben with a question "What is Quit Indian Movement?" The waiter's reply made him speechless. In fluent he said, "On 8<sup>th</sup> August 1942 MK Gandhi launched the movement. It was a demand to end British rule in India.

**5. What did the waiter tell Ben about his life?**

Waiter told Ben that he lost his parents while he was in high school. "Not all of us are privileged enough to have parents to support us in our studies. He has been giving tuition to finance for education till graduation. He helps his uncle to run the Cafe and at night he study for up-coming NPSC exam.

**6. How did the waiter's life affect Ben?**

After experiencing the challenging life with hardship of the waiter, Ben went home with trouble mind. Thinking himself how much he had taken for granted and destroys the good future.

**7. Why did Ben say his real education began from Mac's momo?**

After been hearing the inspiring words from the waiter Cafe life Ben concentrate on what was going on in the class. He stopped escape from the school. His detention days were over, but everyday as he passed by Mac's momo he thought to himself, "My real education began there."

**8. What have you learnt from this story?**

(Read the story and write in your own)

**B. Compare the character of ben at the beginning of the story and at the end of the story:**

**Ben at the beginning**

He was got up late

Ben got often detention

Ben bunk the class

**Ben towards the end of the story**

Ben got up early, dressed and left for school.

His detention were over

concentrate in the class

### C. Who said and to whom:

1. "Is there any reason why you're avoiding school?" **Waiter to Ben**
2. "Then what are you doing here?" **Ben to Waiter**
3. "Not all of us are privileged enough to have parents to support us in our studies." **Waiter to Ben**
4. "My real education began there." **Ben to himself**

## CHAPTER: 11 A KIND FIG TREE

### I. Answer the given questions:

#### 1. What had the young man been warned about his people?

The people warned the young man not to spend the night in the forest.

#### 2. Whom did the man ask for shelter in the forest?

The man asked shelter from the tree in the forest.

#### 3. Who sheltered the man in the jungle? And on what condition was he given shelter?

The fig tree gave shelter to the man. The condition was that 'when the ghosts in search, do not move or breath'.

#### 4. Who came in search of the man? And why?

A group of ghosts came in search of the man because he killed one of their members.

#### 5. What moved the man to tears in the story?

The kindness words of the fig tree moved the man to tears.

#### 6. Why do the Zeliangs never cut down fig tree even to this day?

The Zeliangs never cut down fig tree because it was the fig tree who save the life of the man.

#### 7. What sort of mood or feeling do you get, when you read the first paragraph of the story?

Seen the picture in the first paragraph of the story it was horror and dangerous because of the hunted ghosts. It is not easy to every human to survive in the forest over night.

#### 8. Have you ever faced such a scary experience in your life? Narrate it to your partner or group.

(Try with your experience)

### II. Fill in the blanks:

1. The forest was **hunted**.
2. He was told not to **run** when attacked by a **ghost**.
3. He met a dark ghost with whom he had a **fierce** fight.
4. The ghosts were suspicious as they could smell fresh blood from the man.
5. The man was moved to **tears** by the **fig tree's** kindness towards him.

### III. Choose the right option to complete the sentence:

1. The man went from tree to tree asking for?
  - a) Food
  - b) Shelter**
  - c) Company
  
2. The ghost went away shouting and cursing \_\_\_\_
  - a) The tree in the forest
  - b) The young man**
  - c) Each other
  
3. As promised, the Zeliangs never cut down \_\_\_\_
  - a) Fig trees**
  - b) Trees in the forest
  - c) Branch of tree

## CHAPTER: 12 THE SERPENT HUSBAND

### I. Answer the given questions:

**1. Why did the man in the story make fishing his chief occupation?**

The man makes fishing his chief occupation because he was a good fisherman. He went fishing expected to bring back basket full of fishes.

**2. How could the fisherman's family live in comfort?**

The fisherman's family lives a comfort life as he can exchange anything he needed with the fish.

**3. Why do you think the fisherman preferred to fish alone?**

The fisherman prefers to fish alone because he doesn't want to show his fishing techniques.

**4. Why were some people suspicious of the fisherman?**

Some people suspicious to the fisherman because the fisherman always find excuses not to join the community fishing.

**5. Describe the spot where the fisherman liked to rest before fishing? Why do you think he liked that spot?**

On the river bank the fisherman make his isolated spot. It was a spot where the river bank was hidden from each other side by a thick growth of vegetation.

He like that spot as it is isolated, where no one can see him.

**6. What did the neighbour see as he secretly observed the fisherman at the river bank?**

As the neighbour secretly observe the fisherman, he slowly transform into huge python before the very eyes of his neighbour.

**7. Why did the fisherman's wife and children avoid him towards the end of the story?**

The fisherman's wife and children avoid him towards because the wife and children come to know the real cause (transforming into snake to fish).

### II. Choose the correct answer:

**1. How did the fisherman get food grains from his family when his chief occupation became fishing?**

- a) By selling his fish and getting money to buy grain
- b) By exchanging his fish for food grain.**

c) By stealing from his neighbour's granary.

2. **The fisherman preferred to fish alone because\_\_\_\_\_**

- a) He didn't want people to see him transform into snake
- b) He didn't want people to learn his method of fishing.**
- c) He didn't like the company of the villagers.

3. **The fisherman made fire by \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Carrying firewood from his home.
- b) By chopping bamboo and small tree nearby.
- c) By collecting driftwood and twigs.**

4. **After the neighbour saw the fisherman transform in to python\_\_\_\_\_**

- a) He went straight to the fisherman's wife and inform her**
- b) He went straight to the villager headman and informed him.
- c) He called the villagers and told them what he saw.

5. **When the wife saw her husband transform into a snake \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) She fainted.
- b) She screamed and run away.
- c) She was scared and run home.**

6. **The wife and children stared at the fisherman with cold and fearful eyes because**

- a) They knew he was a python and feared him.
- b) They were upset because he lied about his real self.
- c) They feared he would transform into snake before them.**

**III. Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.**

1. The trunk **laden** was with brick.
2. T.Ao was an **exceptional** Naga football player.
3. The two cars crushed into each other at a **bend** in the road.
4. We saw a snake **slither** in the grass
5. Some students **avoid** looking at the teacher when they don't know the answers.
6. Farming is the main **occupation** of villagers.
7. Do not **arouse** the anger to your parents by answering back.
8. The team who lost the match went home **heavy - hearted**.

## CHAPTER 13

### MAN BECOMES SUPERIOR IN THE ANIMALS KINGDOM

**I. Answer the given questions:**

**1. Why was the orphan no ordinary child?**

The orphan was not an ordinary child because he was a spirit with supernatural powers.

**2. What was legendary about the orphan?**

The legend about the orphan was the meals he prepared during the feast.

**3. Describe the scene in the orphan's courtyard as the animals assembled there.**

The creatures were jostling against each other to be in the front line to be served first. They later arranged themselves according to the rank.

**4. Why was the feast cancelled?**

The feast was canceled because the animals misbehaved by shouting and cursing each other.

**5. Why did the orphan disguise himself?**

The orphan disguised himself to listen to the reply of the animals about the cancelled feast.

**6. What was the question asked to the three creatures?**

The question asked to the creature was whether they enjoyed the feast at the house of the orphan.

**7. What did the cow and tiger say about the feast at the orphan's place?**

The cow said that he could not eat to his heart's content, as there were too many invitees and he was not given second helping. And the tiger said, he was not given any left over to take home with him.

**8. What was man blessed and how was he blessed?**

The man was blessed because he pleased the orphan with his answer. The orphan blessed the man by declaring that he will rule the earth, and all other creatures will live under him.

**9. How do the two cursed animals behave even today?**

The two cursed animals were the cow and tiger. The cow chews cud even after it has fed and the tiger goes from place to place in search of food even today.

**II. Construct dialogue from the given characters basing on the story. One is done for you.**

2. Orphan declaring the feast as cancelled for the animals' unruly behavior.

**"I will invite you on the day you learn to behave yourselves."**

3. Cow complaining about the feast at the orphan's house.

**"I could not eat to my heart's content, there were too many invitees."**

4. Man complimenting the orphan's feast.

**"I had never enjoyed such a great meal in my life time."**

5. Orphan asking the cow if he enjoyed the feast at the orphan's place.

**"Did you enjoy the feast at my house?"**

**III. Indicate whether the given sentences are true or false.**

1. In the beginning all creatures lived together except the orphan. **False**

2. The special feast provided by the orphan was well known. **True**

3. The orphan cancelled the feast because the stag insulted him. **False**

4. All the creatures laughed at the tiger's rumbling belly. **False**

5. The tiger complained that he was not given a second helping. **False**

6. The stag complained that he was made to stand behind the bore in the line. **False**
7. The orphan cursed man to be hunted by tiger forever. **False**
8. The orphan cursed the cow to chew cub and never again be satisfied from eating. **True**

**CHAPTER: 14**  
**BLOOD RHODODENDRON**

**I. Answer the given questions:**

**1. What is the Red Rhododendron compared to in the poem?**

The Red Rhododendron is compared to blood in the poem.

**2. What is the significance of blood in the poem 'Blood Rhododendron'?**

In the poem 'Blood Rhododendron' the Red Rhododendron flower capture the heart of the wanders and act as an ornaments to be old gnarled trees, which resembles the red blood, which is essential for human to live.

**3. What does the poet asks people to do when they see a Rhododendron?**

The poet asked the people to take chance to wonder on the flower when they see a Rhododendron.

**4. What is God's plan for the blood beauty according to the poet?**

According to the poet, God's plan for the blood beauty is to keep as ornaments for old gnarled trees and to adorn the faded old beings.

**II. Which line in the poem tells you that \_\_\_\_\_**

1. The poet has a deep personal attachment to the red Rhododendron flower.

**First line – flower of my blood**

2. Only lucky people get a chance to see the Rhododendron in the jungle.

**Fifth line – lucky flowered wanderer.**

3. The Rhododendron is very attractive.

**Ninth line – stunner is what you are**

4. The Rhododendron cast magic on wanderers who see her.

**Sixth line – Gush in wonder.**

5. The Rhododendrons bright colours decorate old trees.

**Fourteenth line – as ornaments for old gnarled tree**

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