**1stJune, 2020 JESUS AND MARY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE MODULE 3**

**ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**CLASS-4.**

**TOPIC: THE SEED OF TRUTH**

**INTRODUCTION-**

**Welcome to your English class. In today’s topic we will discuss the story, ‘The seed of truth.’ This is a very interesting story of the king of Gandhara, King Vidhyadhara, who being childless, wanted to make one of his subjects the crown prince, but for that he needed to test their honesty first. Let us see in which way he tested their honesty.**

**EXPLANATION-1**

A long time, King Vidhyadhara ruled over Gandhara. The kingdom was very happy but as the king grew older, everyone got worried. The king did not have any children who could take over all the responsibilities of the kingdom after him. The king was also a good gardener and spent a lot of time in the garden work. One day he announced that he would distribute some seeds to all the children, the one who grows the biggest plant, within three months would became a prince or princess.

**WORD MEANINGS**

**Just -** fair and honest

**Subjects -** people of a kingdom

**Reins. -** (here) responsibility

**Avid -** expert

**Proclaimed -** announced

**EXPLANATION-2**

The next day there was a long line of parents and children outside the palace. Pingala, a poor farmer’s son was also standing there. He took the seed from the king and planted it in a pot with great care. He fed it with water and manure but the plant did not appear. He even tried changing the pot but it was of no use. No plant would grow.

**WORD MEANINGS**

**Anxious -** worried

**Eager** - interested

**Backyard -** Area behind the house

**Plied -** (here) give a lot of

**Manure -** The waste matter of animals and plants used to enrich the soil.

**Transferred -** shifted or moved to

**EXPLANATION-3**

When the last day came, all the children had to go to the king to show the plant they had grown. They went to the palace with their plants, dressed in their best. Only Pingala stood sadly, watching them go by. Pingala’s father was worried because his son had worked hard with the seed but it did not grow. Pingala’s father suggested to Pingala at least he should go and show his pot to the king , at least he would know that he had tried his best. So Pingala also joined them, holding his empty pot in his hand. Soon the king arrived to inspect, he looked all the pots of flowers with different shades, but he did not look happy. At the end, when the king saw Pingala he stopped in surprise.

**WORD MEANINGS**

**Inspection. –** checking

**EXPLANATION-4**

Here, the king asked Pingala why he had come with an empty pot. Pingala said that he tried his best but the plant would not grow. Now, the king was happy after hearing these words of Pingala and embraced him and announced ' **‘Here is a crown prince!’**. He had given everyone roasted seeds which would never grow, just to see which child was the most honest. Only Pingala, told the truth, I am sure he will rule this kingdom with truth and honesty. In the end, when the king died, Pingala , who had learnt everything from him, ruled **Gandhara** justly for many years.

The story teaches us that honesty always pays in the long run. One must always be honest with his or her work.

**WORD MEANINGS**

**Enveloped. –** (here) hugged, embraced

**SHORT TYPE QUESTION ANSWERS.**

**Q 1- Who was Vidhyadhara? Why were his subjects worried?**

**Ans-** Vidhyadhara was a king who ruled Gandhara. His subjects were worried because the king was growing older and he had no children who could take over after him.

**Q2 -Where did Vidhyadhara spend a lot of time?**

**Ans**- Vidhyadhara spent a lot of time tending his garden, planting the fruits, trees and vegetables.

**Q 3- What did the king proclaime one day?**

**Ans-** The king proclaimed that he would distribute some seeds to all the children in the kingdom.

**Q 4- Who was Pingala? What did he do with the seed?**

**Ans-** Pingala was a poor farmer’s son. He took the seed from the king and planted it in a pot with a great care.

**Q 5- What happened with the seed that Pingala brought from the king??**

**Ans-** Pingala put the seed in a pot and fed it with water and manure but nothing happened to the seed. It did not turn into a plant.

**Q 6-Why did Pingala's father feel sorry for him?**

**Ans-** Pinagala's father felt sorry for him because Pingala’s pot was empty.

**Q 7- Why did the king arrive outside the palace?**

**Ans-**The king arrived outside the palace, to inspect the pots of the children.

**Q 8 - Explain the king's reaction when he saw Pingala standing with an empty pot.**

**Ans-** The king embraced Pingala and announced that Pingala would be the crown prince. Only this boy had told the truth. He was sure he would rule that kingdom one day with truth and honest.

**Q 8- Why did the seed not grow?**

**Ans-** The seed did not grow because the king had given everyone roasted seeds, which would never grow.

**Q 9- Why did the king not look happy?**

**Ans-** The king did not look happy because he knew that the children were dishonest.

**Q 10 – What is the moral of the story?**

**Ans -** The story teaches us that honesty always pays in the long run. One must always be honest with his or her work.

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTIONS.**

1. **Gandhara was ruled by the just and wise king.**

a-Vijaypala.

b-Gangadhara.

c-Vidhyadhara.

1. **The king was an avid**

a-Wrestler.

b- gardener.

c-painter.

**3-Pingala’s father was a poor**

a-farmer.

b-gardener.

c-potter.

**4-The king had given the children seeds that were**

a-boiled.

b- roasted.

c-fresh.

**5-When his seed did not yield a plant, Pingala was**

a-upset.

b- happy.

c- satisfied.

**NOTE-(Please do all this work in your new copies which will be checked when school reopens. Please consider this important.**

**Solution of this worksheet will be given on next upload of this subject**

**SOLUTION TO MODULE 2 UPLOADED ON 18.05.2020**

**FILL IN THE BLANKS.**

Ans1-garden

Ans 2-locked

Ans 3-DRINKME

Ans 4-forgotten

Ans 5- behind

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION**

Ans 1- small door behind the curtain

Ans 2- could not even get her head through

Ans 3-grew larger in size

Ans 4- under the table

Ans 5- eat it.

**MAKE SENTENCES.**

Ans 1- I was waiting anxiously waiting for my mother.

Ans 2- To my delight, I saw a swan in the river.

Ans 3- The curtain behind my window is dirty.

Ans 4- I was surprised at the speed with which she ran.

Ans 5- Rita has been expecting good news.

Ans 6- One must not wander in the woods alone.

Ans 7-The items in the locked box made me curious.

Ans 8- I saw the man creep towards the door.

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