

Let us discuss

I Rectify the following false statements from the text.

1. The queen insulted the king by speaking against the quality of his poem.

Answer: The queen yawned due to tiredness, not to insult him.

2. Tenali Rama immediately went to the king and convinced him to talk to the queen.

Answer:

Tenali Rama first planned a clever strategy before acting.

3. The courtiers admired the king's poem and praised his literary talent.

Answer:

The courtiers avoided the king and made excuses.

4. The ministers in the court were eager to hear Tenali Rama's idea about paddy cultivation.

Answer:

The ministers were sceptical and mocked Tenali Rama.

5. The king never realised his mistake and continued to stay angry with the queen.

Answer:

The king realised his mistake and apologized.

Let us think and reflect

I Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow.

1. "... 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."

(i) Why does the queen believe that only Tenali Rama can help the king understand?

Answer:

The queen believes that only Tenali Rama can help because he is witty, wise, and trusted by the king.

(ii) 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.

Answer:

B. She regrets the unintended misunderstanding.

(iii) How does Tenali Rama's response reflect his wisdom and problem-solving skills?

Answer:

Tenali Rama's response shows his patience, wisdom, and ability to plan carefully before acting.

(iv) Fill in the blank 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.

Answer:

takes great pride

2. 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.”

(i) Complete the following with a suitable explanation.

When the king said, “I let my pride blind me”, he means that ____.

Answer:

his pride prevented him from seeing the situation clearly.

(ii) Why does the queen say, “If you like, we can leave this quarrel behind us”?

Answer:

The queen says so because she wants to forgive and move on peacefully.

(iii) 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)

Answer:

maturity and self-awareness

(iv) State any one characteristic that the queen’s response to the king’s apology shows about her.

Answer:

The queen is forgiving and kind-hearted.

II Answer the following questions.

1. Why was the Vijayanagara Empire considered to be in its ‘Golden Era’ during Krishnadeva Raya’s reign?

Answer:

The Vijayanagara Empire was considered to be in its ‘Golden Era’ during Krishnadeva Raya’s reign because under Krishnadeva Raya, art, literature, and architecture flourished.

2. How did Tenali Ramakrishna gain a special place in the king’s court?

Answer:

Tenali Ramakrishna gained a special place in the king's court through his quick wit, humour, and clever problem-solving skills.

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

Answer:

The palace became dull and lifeless as the king stopped seeing the queen.

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

Answer:

Tenali Rama used a humorous comparison with sowing seeds and yawning to make the king reflect on his actions.

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

Answer:

When Tenali Rama introduced 'special' paddy seeds, the courtiers mocked him and doubted his claim.

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

Answer:

The king apologizes and peace is restored. The story teaches the value of empathy, wit, and communication.