

NCERT Solutions for Class 8 English (Poorvi)

Chapter 3: Wisdom Paves the Way

Let us discuss

I Complete the following sentences with suitable reasons. One example has been done for you. Share your answers with your classmates and teacher.

1. Shiv Datt said, "I believe it has been over a week ,perhaps even longer," because it had been a long time since they left the village.
2. Dev Datt said, "Indeed, we ought to be united in this hope. That is why We press on towards Ujjain," because _____.
3. Har Datt said, "Look there, friends. A camel has passed this way. The tracks are fresh," because _____.
4. Shiv Datt said, "It appears to be a merchant, running as if pursued by trouble," because _____.
5. The merchant said, "How could you possibly know that? The poor Creature has been unwell for two weeks now. Surely you are a healer!" because ____.
6. Dev Datt said, "You are free to do as you wish, sir. If the King desires our presence, we shall be waiting under that banyan tree yonder," because ____.

Answer:

2. they all hoped to get employed by the King.
3. he. had seen the fresh camel tracks on the road.
4. the merchant was running fast and seemed worried.
5. Dev Datt correctly guessed that the camel had stomach pain.
6. Dev Datt had nothing to fear and was ready to face the King.

Let us discuss

I Arrange the following events in order of their occurrence from Scene

II of the play. One example has been done for you. Share your answers with your classmates and teacher.

1. The King makes the four young men his advisers, impressed by their skills. (8)

2. Ram Datt explains how he infers from the tracks that the camel is lame.
3. The King asks the merchant to clearly state his accusation.
4. The King praises the young men for their observations and dismisses the merchant's accusation.
5. Shiv Datt reveals that the camel is blind in its right eye as it had only chewed on the leaves on the left side of the road.
6. Dev Datt explains his observation about the camel's pain and careful movement.
7. Har Datt clarifies how he knew that the camel has a short tail.
8. The merchant accuses the four men of knowing a lot about his missing camel.

Answer:

1. The merchant accuses the four men of knowing a lot about his missing camel.
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Let us think and reflect

I Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow.

1. 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.

(i) 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.

Answer: False Statement – A. Dev Datt believes that finding employment is a long journey.

(ii) What does Ram Datt's confidence in gaining the King's recognition tell us about him?

Answer: Ram Datt's confidence in gaining the King's recognition tells us that he is confident and optimistic, showing self-belief.

(iii) 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

Answer: B. moving forward with determination

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

2. 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.

(i) 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.

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

(ii) 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
- Answer: C. notice details that others might overlook

(iii) 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 _____.

Answer: he had never imagined such honour from the King.

(iv) How does the King's offer to the four men reflect his values as a ruler?

Answer: The King's offer shows that he values observation, intelligence, and justice.

II Answer the following questions.

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

Answer: The dusty road leading to Ujjain tells us that how difficult and long their journey has been.

2. Why did the merchant become suspicious of the four men? What does

this tell us about him?

Answer: The merchant became suspicious because the men described his camel so accurately without seeing it. It tells us that the merchant was unable to judge the four men rightly.

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

Answer: The four young men's observations about the camel help them prove their intelligence and gain the King's trust.

4. Why did the King believe the four young men and not the merchant? Answer: The King believed the four men because their logic was clear and truthful.

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

Answer: The four young men's reasoning, attention to detail, and honesty make them good advisers.

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

Answer: The merchant feels ashamed because he falsely accused the innocent, wise men.