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Class 12th ENGLISH

THE TIGER KING



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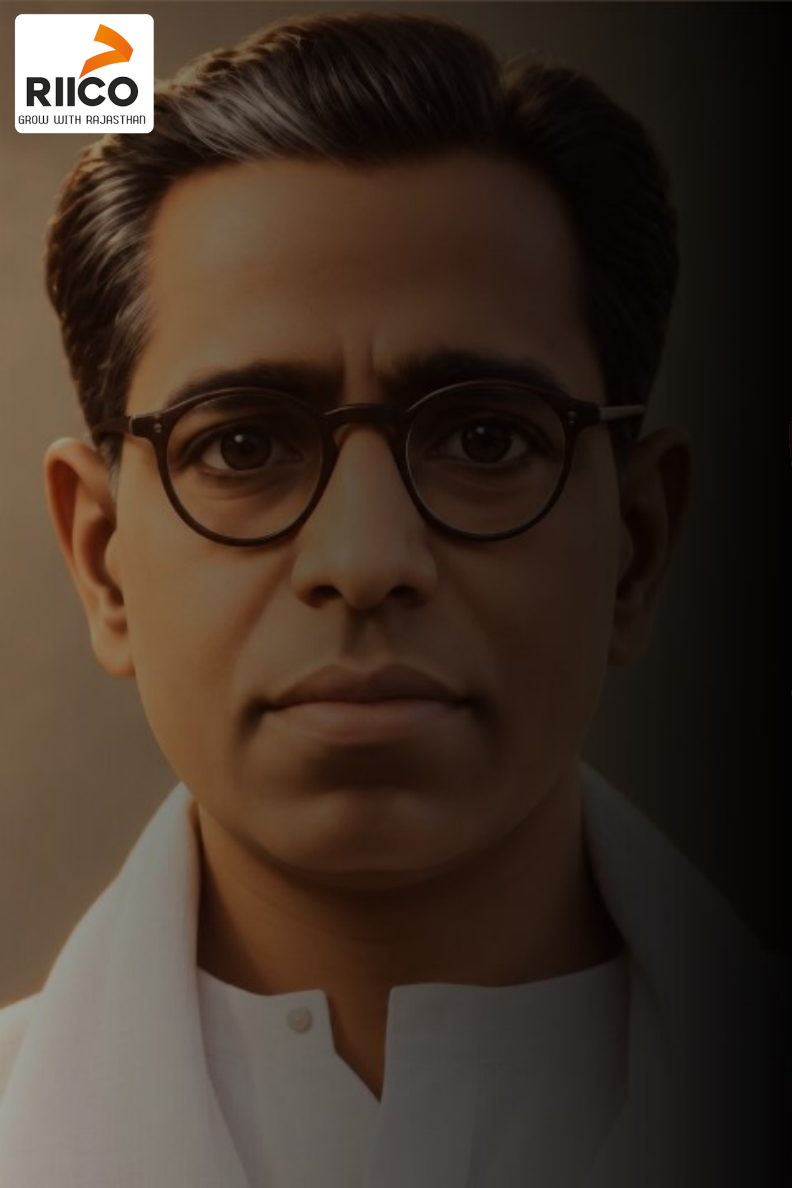

Kalki

Satire, Irony, Fate, Abuse of Power

CHARACTERS

- Tiger King Maharaja
- Astrologer-Predicts death
- Diwan-Minister
- Hunters-Hide the truth

Events ~~THIRD LEVEL~~

- Death from a tiger
- King vows to kill 100 tigers
- Astrologer warns about the 100th tiger

IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Wooden tiger gift
- Splinter pierces hand
- Severe infection
- Maharaja dies

Central Message

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Arrogance and misuse of power

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Obsessive attempt to defeat fate

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Ironic death caused by a wooden tiger

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The Tiger King

Questions – Answer

1. Why is the Maharaja called the Tiger King?



The Tiger King

Answer :

1. The Maharaja of Pratibandapuram was known as the Tiger King.
2. Astrologers predicted that a tiger would cause his death.
3. He decided to kill one hundred tigers to disprove the prediction.
4. He killed ninety-nine tigers and believed he had killed the hundredth.

The Tiger King

5. Ironically, he died from an infection caused by a splinter from a wooden toy tiger.

The Tiger King

2. Why had the Tiger King come very close to losing his throne?



The Tiger King

Answer :

1. A high-ranking British officer wanted to hunt tigers in Pratibandapuram.
2. The Maharaja refused him permission because he had reserved tiger hunting for himself.
3. This refusal angered the British officer and endangered the Maharaja's throne.

The Tiger King

4. To save his kingdom, the Maharaja gifted fifty expensive diamond rings to the officer's wife.
5. He spent three lakh rupees but successfully saved his throne.

The Tiger King

3. How was the hundredth tiger killed?



The Tiger King

Answer :

1. The Diwan brought an old tiger from the People's Park in Madras.
2. He secretly released it into the forest where the Maharaja was hunting.
3. The Maharaja aimed at the tiger and fired a shot.
4. The tiger fell down, and the Maharaja believed that he had killed it.

The Tiger King

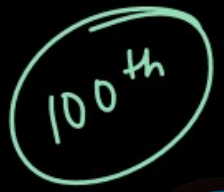
5. However, the bullet had missed, and the tiger had only fainted from shock.
6. To hide the truth and save their jobs, one of the hunters shot and killed the tiger.

The Tiger King

4. What type of princess did the Tiger King wish to marry?



The Tiger King



Answer :

1. The Tiger King wanted to marry a princess from a royal family.
2. Her kingdom should have a large population of tigers.
3. He wanted to hunt the remaining thirty tigers during his visits to his father-in-law's kingdom.

The Tiger King

4. Thus, his marriage was motivated by his desire to complete his tiger-hunting mission.

The Tiger King

5. What did the astrologer predict about the Tiger King?



The Tiger King

Answer :

1. The astrologer predicted that the prince would become a great warrior and hero.
2. He also predicted that the prince would die one day.
3. Since the prince was born in the hour of the Bull, which was considered an enemy of the Tiger, his death would come from a tiger.

The Tiger King

4. Later, the astrologer specifically warned the Maharaja to beware of the hundredth tiger.

The Tiger King

1. Who is the author of 'The Tiger King'?

A. Jack Finney

B. Kalki

C. Pearl S. Buck

D. Anees Jung

The Tiger King

2. The Tiger King was the Maharaja of which state?

A. Mysore
B. Hyderabad
C. Travancore
D. Pratibandapuram

The Tiger King

3. How old was the prince when he first spoke to the astrologers?

A. Ten days

B. Ten months

C. One year

D. Five years

The Tiger King

4. According to the astrologer, the prince's death would come from a:

A. Snake

B. Lion

C. Tiger

D. Bull

The Tiger King

Homework

5. At what age did the Maharaja take control of his state?

A. Eighteen

B. Twenty

C. Twenty-five

D. Thirty

The Tiger King

6. How many tigers did the Maharaja aim to kill?

A. Fifty

B. Seventy

C. Ninety-nine

D. One hundred

The Tiger King

7. Who was prohibited from hunting tigers in Pratibandapuram?

A. Everyone except the Maharaja
B. Only British officers
C. Only villagers
D. Only ministers

The Tiger King

8. Why did the Maharaja nearly lose his throne?

A. He refused to marry

B. He raised land taxes

C. He failed to capture a tiger

D. He refused a British officer permission to hunt a tiger

The Tiger King

9. How many diamond rings were sent to the British officer's wife?

A. Twenty

B. Fifty

C. Thirty

D. One hundred

The Tiger King

10. What was the total cost of the diamond rings?

A. One lakh rupees

B. Two lakh rupees

C. Five lakh rupees

D. Three lakh rupees

The Tiger King

11. How many tigers did the Maharaja kill within ten years?

A. Seventy
B. Eighty
C. Ninety
D. Fifty

The Tiger King

12. Why did the Maharaja decide to marry a princess from another state?

A. To learn English

B. To increase his wealth

C. To gain access to more tigers

D. To please the British officer

The Tiger King

Homework

13. How many tiger skins eventually decorated the palace's reception hall?

A. Seventy

B. Ninety-nine

C. One hundred

D. Eighty

The Tiger King

14. From where did the Diwan bring an old tiger?

A. A Bengal forest

B. The Maharaja's zoo

C. Kuno National Park

D. People's Park, Madras

The Tiger King

15. Why did the hundredth tiger fall when the Maharaja fired?

A. It fainted from shock

B. It was killed instantly

C. It was injured in the leg

D. It fell into a trap

The Tiger King

16. Who actually killed the hundredth tiger?

A. The Maharaja

B. The Diwan

C. One of the hunters

D. The British officer

The Tiger King

17. What birthday was the Maharaja's son celebrating?

A. First
B. Third
C. Fifth
D. Tenth

The Tiger King

18. What present did the Maharaja select for his son?

A. A golden crown

B. A silver sword

C. A toy elephant

D. A wooden tiger

The Tiger King

19. What caused the infection that led to the Maharaja's death?

A. A wooden splinter

B. A tiger's bite

C. A gunshot wound

D. A poisonous snake

The Tiger King

20. What is the central literary feature of 'The Tiger King'?

A. Romantic comedy

B. Science fiction

C. Satire and irony

D. Travel adventure

The Tiger King

21. From where did the Diwan procure an old tiger?

A. People's Park, Madras
B. Tiger's Park, Madras
C. Tiger Reserve, Madras
D. Kuno National Park

The Tiger King

22. In ten years, the Maharaja killed about ___ tigers.

A. Ten
B. Fifty
C. Seventy
D. Eighty

The Tiger King

23. The astrologer said that he would _____ if the King killed the hundredth tiger.

A. Leave the state

B. Kill himself

C. Cut his hair

D. Denounce the world

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The Tiger King (Summary)



1. The story is about the Maharaja of Pratibandapuram, known as the Tiger King. His life is shaped by a prophecy (भविष्यवाणी) made at his birth.

The Tiger King (Summary)



2. Astrologers (ज्योतिषी) predict that he will die because of a tiger. The ten-day-old infant amazes everyone by speaking. He boldly asks the astrologers to explain how he will die.

The Tiger King (Summary)



3. The chief astrologer says the prince was born in the hour of the Bull. The Bull and the Tiger are natural enemies. Therefore, a hundredth tiger will cause his death.

The Tiger King (Summary)



4. The prince grows up in luxury, surrounded by English influences. He is cared for by an English nanny, learns from English tutors, and watches English films.

The Tiger King (Summary)



5. When the prince turns twenty, he becomes the king. He recalls the prophecy and decides to fight his fate. He vows to kill a hundred tigers.

The Tiger King (Summary)



6. To fulfill his mission, he bans tiger hunting by anyone else. He announces strict punishment for those who harm tigers in his kingdom.

The Tiger King (Summary)



7. The Maharaja kills his first tiger. He then calls the astrologer to see it. The astrologer praises his courage but warns him about the hundredth tiger. He says that tiger will be the most dangerous.

The Tiger King (Summary)



8. The Maharaja continues hunting tigers with enthusiasm. He faces dangers, including tigers attacking him. Yet, he always survives and keeps hunting.

The Tiger King (Summary)



9. A British officer visits the kingdom. He wants to hunt tigers, but the Maharaja refuses. The officer insists, but the Maharaja remains firm. He worries about losing his kingdom if he offends the officer.

The Tiger King (Summary)



10. To avoid trouble, the Maharaja sends fifty diamond rings to the officer's wife. The rings cost three lakh rupees. The wife keeps all the rings. Though expensive, this saves the kingdom.

The Tiger King (Summary)



Exact facts worth teaching

- The Maharaja alone could hunt tigers. The proclamation warned that if anyone even flung a stone at a tiger, all his wealth and property would be confiscated.
- The astrologer said that if the hundredth tiger were also killed, he would cut off his tuft, crop his hair short and become an insurance agent.

The Tiger King (Summary)



- About fifty diamond rings were sent to the British officer's wife (duraisani). She kept all of them, and the British jewellers sent a bill for 3 lakh.
- The wooden tiger actually cost only two annas and a quarter, although the shopkeeper quoted a price of ₹300.

The Tiger King (Summary)



Hundredth tiger and the ending

- After the Maharaja had reached ninety-nine tigers, the dewan obtained an old tiger from the People's Park in Madras, hid it at home, and later took it with his wife to the forest where the Maharaja was hunting.

The Tiger King (Summary)



- The Maharaja's bullet missed the tiger. It fainted from the shock; the hunters later killed it so that the Maharaja would continue to believe that he had completed his hundredth kill.
- On his son's third birthday, a splinter from a rough wooden tiger pierced the Maharaja's hand. The wound became infected; despite an operation, he died. Ironically, the "hundredth tiger" finally caused his death.

The Tiger King (Summary)



11. Over the next ten years, the Maharaja kills seventy tigers. Soon, tigers become extinct (विलुप्त) in his kingdom. To solve this problem, he marries a princess from a kingdom with many tigers.

The Tiger King (Summary)



12. The Maharaja hunts tigers in his father-in-law's kingdom. He kills five or six tigers during each visit. He eventually reaches ninety-nine kills.

The Tiger King (Summary)



13. Finding the hundredth tiger becomes a big challenge. The Maharaja hears of a tiger in a village. He announces tax exemptions (छूट) for the villagers and begins hunting.

The Tiger King (Summary)



14. The tiger hides, making the Maharaja frustrated and angry. He even threatens to raise taxes. The dewan fears the consequences and secretly brings an old tiger from a zoo.

The Tiger King (Summary)



15. The dewan releases the tiger in the forest where the Maharaja is hunting. The Maharaja shoots at the tiger and believes he has killed it.

The Tiger King (Summary)



16. The hunters later find the tiger is only unconscious. To hide the truth, they kill it. They present it as the hundredth kill.

The Tiger King (Summary)



17. A few days later, the Maharaja buys a wooden tiger for his son's birthday. The poorly made toy has rough edges. While playing, a tiny splinter (पैना टुकड़ा) pierces his hand.

The Tiger King (Summary)



18. The wound becomes infected. Despite surgery, the infection spreads. The Maharaja dies from the injury.

The Tiger King (Summary)



19. The prophecy is fulfilled in an unexpected way. The hundredth tiger, in the form of a wooden toy, takes its revenge.

The Tiger King (Summary)



20. The story shows the arrogance of power and the futility of fighting fate. It uses dramatic irony to deliver its message.

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