

Multiple Choice Questions

1. **What was the cost of every product that was available at the kingdom's market In the Kingdom of Fools?**
 - (a) A rupee
 - (b) Two rupee
 - (c) A duddu
 - (d) Five rupees
2. **Why were the two strangers amazed as they wandered about the town in the broad daylight?**
 - (a) Because everyone was sleeping in their houses during the day.
 - (b) Because the kingdom was ruled by a queen.
 - (c) Because the kingdom did not have any people and the houses were empty.
 - (d) Because there was no food store in the city.
3. **Why do you think the story In the Kingdom of Fools has been titled so?**
 - (a) Because it talks about the happenings in a kingdom ruled by two fools
 - (b) Because a group of fools travelled the kingdom.
 - (c) Because the king was a fool.
 - (d) Because three fools lived in the kingdom.
4. **What did the Guru plead to the king to save his disciple?**
 - (a) Challenge the king.
 - (b) The king was great.
 - (c) Admired the king.
 - (d) To kill him first and later his disciple.
5. **The wall of the house collapsed on the thief. What happened to him?**
 - (a) His head injured
 - (b) His leg was broken
 - (c) He died on the spot
 - (d) He was seriously Injured
6. **In the Kingdom of Fools, how were the king and the minister?**
 - (a) Idiot
 - (b) Clever
 - (c) Kind
 - (d) Intelligent
7. **To whom did the sanyasi pray in his heart before being executed?**
 - (a) All of these
 - (b) Guru
 - (c) His deceased father
 - (d) God

8. **Why did the disciple want to continue his stay at the Kingdom of Fools in spite of his guru's repetitive advice to leave the place in the text, In the Kingdom of Fools?**
(a) Because the place had a comfortable climate
(b) Because he liked the place
(c) Because the house they lived in was beautiful and he didn't want to leave it
(d) Because everything was available at a cheap rate
9. **Who were the two idiots in the kingdom?**
(a) The thief and his brother
(b) The king and the minister
(c) The guru and the disciple
(d) The merchant and his father
10. **What was the name of the currency in the Kingdom of Fools?**
(a) Pound
(b) Duddu
(c) Rupee
(d) Dollar

Fill in the blanks :

11. The king ordered that a fat man should be found for execution because the rich merchant was too _____ to fit the stake.
12. The _____ saved his disciple by devising a clever plan to befool the foolish king and minister.

True / False

13. The guru lied to the king to save his disciple's lives.
14. The king and his minister were eventually executed on the very stake they had prepared for others.

Very Short Type Questions

15. Name all the people who are tried in the king's court, and give the reasons for their trial.
16. Why were the two strangers, the Guru and his disciple, amazed?

Short Type Questions

17. Why did the Guru want that he and his disciple should die first?
18. What was so strange about the Kingdom of fools?

Essay Type Questions

19. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

In the Kingdom of Fools, both the king and the minister were idiots. They didn't want to run things like other kings, so they decided to change night into day and day into night.

They ordered that everyone should be awake at night, till their fields and run their businesses only after dark, and go to bed as soon as the sun came up. Anyone who disobeyed would be punished with death. The people did as they were told for fear of death. The king and the minister were delighted at the success of their project. One day a guru and his disciple arrived in the city. It was a beautiful city, it was broad daylight, but there was no one about. Everyone was asleep, not a mouse stirring. Even the cattle had been taught to sleep by day. The two strangers were amazed by what they saw around them and wandered around town till evening, when suddenly the whole town woke up and went about its nightly business.

- i. **State any one inference about the king and the minister from the given extract.**
- ii. **None of the options (a) - (d) below, can be applied to the question - What was the nightly business?**
 - a. Extravagant nighttime celebrations and festivities.
 - b. Mystical and magical rituals performed only during the night.
 - c. Tasks like farming, running businesses, and other daily chores.
 - d. Conducting secret meetings and conspiracies during the night.
- iii. **How did the people in the Kingdom of Fools react to the King and Minister's rule change, and what motivated their compliance? Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract.**
- iv. **Which phrase would correctly substitute amazed, in the given sentence from the extract?**

The two strangers were amazed by what they saw around them and wandered around town till evening.

20. What was foolish about the king's trial of the merchant?

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- 21 **Assertion (A) :** The king and his minister ultimately agreed to be executed first.
Reason (R) : The Guru convinced them that dying on the "stake of the God of justice" would make them king and minister in their next birth.
- (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.

**Chapter-4 | In the Kingdom of Fools****Worksheet-2****Answer & Solution**

1. (c)
The guru and the disciple were astonished to find that everything in the market was available at the same cost : a duddu.
2. (a)
The guru and his disciple arrived at the Kingdom of Fools in the broad daylight, but were amazed as they wandered about in the town. There was no one to be seen on the road during the day as everyone was fast asleep in their houses.
3. (a)
The story has been aptly titled because it describes events in a kingdom ruled by two fools.
4. (d) To kill him first and later his disciple.
5. (c) He died on the spot
6. (a) Idiot
7. (b) Guru
8. (d)
The disciple was only concerned with food ; since it was available at a very cheap rate in the kingdom, he didn't want to leave the place.
9. (b)
Both the King and the Minister in the Kingdom of Fools were idiots.
10. (b) Duddu
11. Thin
12. Guru
13. True
14. True
15. The owner of the house i.e. the merchant, the bricklayer, the dancing girl and the goldsmith were tried in the king's court. They all were tried because the thief died when the wall of the merchant's house had collapsed. The merchant was tried for building a weak wall. The bricklayer was tried for doing him carelessly. The dancing girl was tried for disturbing the concentration of the bricklayer. The goldsmith was blamed for making the dancing girl walk up and down to his house a dozen times.
16. The condition of the kingdom was quite different after the king's order had been implemented. The Guru and his disciple were quite amazed to see everyone sleeping during the broad daylight and working after the sun had set. Even the cattle were made to follow this routine.

17. The king had ordered the execution of the rich merchant. Since, the rich merchant could not be executed, the disciple was chosen to fit the stake. His Guru had a vision and saw everything. In order to save his disciple, the Guru hatched a plan and decided to die first to befool the king.
18. The strange thing about the kingdom of fools was that not only humans but animals were also made to sleep during the day. Everything in this kingdom used to come for a duddu.
19. i. The king and minister in the Kingdom of Fools were idiots and made irrational decisions and imposed unusual rules.
 ii. False. [Option c will be applied to the given question. The nightly business was actually the normal daytime activities like tilling the fields and running other businesses.]
 iii. The people complied with the rule change out of fear of death. They followed the new schedule, even though it went against the natural order, to avoid punishment, and this compliance delighted the King and Minister.
 iv. Astonished, Astounded, Stunned, Bewildered, Awestruck, Startled [or any other possible meaning]
20. While the thief was carrying on the burglary in the merchant's house the damaged, weak wall fell over his head and lead to his death. The thief's brother brought his petition to the king demanding justice. He blamed the merchant whose house it was to be the culprit. The foolish king agreed to give him justice. He called the merchant to trial. The helpless merchant blamed the bricklayer who built the wall who in turn blamed the dancing girl for distracting him with her jingling anklets. The dancing girl was summoned and she blamed the jeweller who made her walk up and down the street. The jeweller escaped by placing the blame on a rich merchant whose jewellery he had been making. The rich merchant turned out to be the merchant's father and so the king blamed him for the thief's death and ordered his execution. Despite the application of logic, this judgement of the king was very foolish.
21. (a)
 The text confirms that the Guru tricked the king and minister by telling them about the supposed benefits of dying on that specific stake (becoming king/minister in the next birth), which directly led them to choose execution.