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CLASS - VII

ENGLISH

CHAPTER - 2

URUKA ADVENTURE

Part - 1

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Mahendra, lovingly called Mahen by his friends, is talkative, restless and always cheerful. On the eve of the Assamese harvest festival Magh Bihu this year, his friends Sanju, Nantu, Rinku and Rumon visited him. It was the uruka night.

Talkative – কথকী
Cheerful – সুখী
Restless – অস্থিৰ
Harvest – শস্য

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They proposed that Mahen should lead them in an uruka adventure. Mahen jumped up excitedly and looked at his friends with an air of authority. He was ready for any adventure!

Adventure – দুঃসাহসীক কার্য
Excitedly – উত্তেজিত হৈ
Air of authority – কতৃত্বশীল

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Sanju, the eldest among them, said in an excited voice, "We will spend the night in our bhelaghar (feasting house).



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When everyone is asleep, we will go and pick vegetables and have another feast tomorrow."

"Oh yes! It is our age old custom. We must honour it," Mahen responded gleefully.

Feast – ভোজ
Custom – প্ৰচলিত ৰীতি
Gleefully – সুখেৰে

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Soon the grand uruka feast was over. Everyone left for their respective homes. The mischievous five stayed behind, huddling around the big fire.

Mischievous – চয়তান/দুষ্ট

Huddling around – জুম পতা

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When it was past midnight, Mahen rose and commanded the others to follow him in their nocturnal adventure. They made straight for Shantiram's house at the end of the lane. Shantiram was a retired army man and farming was his hobby.

Nocturnal – ৰাতিৰ

Retired – অৱসৰপ্ৰাপ্ত

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His garden was full of cabbages, brinjals, carrots and other seasonal vegetables. They walked quietly, pausing just to put aside the bamboos of the nongola (gate) and tiptoed into Shantiram's garden. Then Mahen stopped suddenly.

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"What will we carry the vegetables in? We didn't bring a bag." "Never mind. We'll carry as much as possible in each hand," the friends replied.

It was all very silent in the cold January night.

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The nightjar (a small species of owl) was screeching eerily at regular intervals. It made the atmosphere all the more haunting. They were all very frightened, but put on brave faces.

Screeching – চিঞৰি উঠে
Eerily – ভয়ংকৰভাৱে
Frightened – শংকিত

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Mahen, who had walked ahead of the others, noticed a black heap right in the middle of the rows of vegetables. He thought it was a harmless pile of garbage.

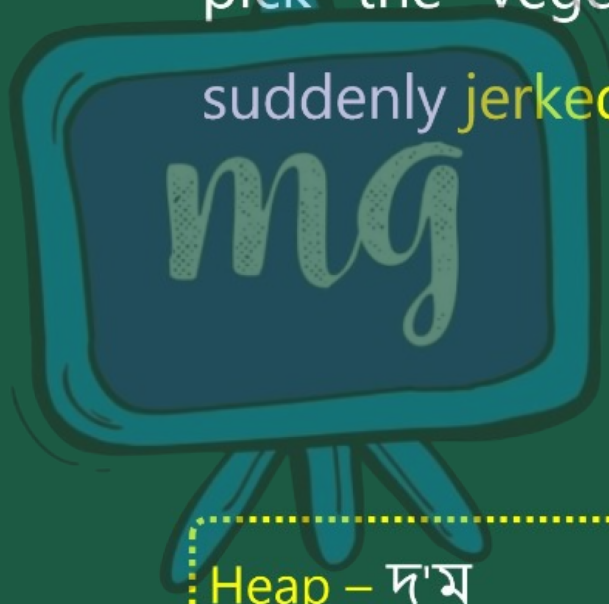
Harmless – নিৰীহ

Garbage – আৱৰ্জনা

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But as the boys stretched their hands to pick the vegetables, the black heap suddenly jerked up.



Heap – দ'ম

Jerked up – হঠাতে জোকাৰ খাই উঠা

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To their utter horror, it dashed towards them at great speed. It was none other than Shantiram, who had been sitting like a black heap wrapped in a black blanket, waiting for such uruka adventures.

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"Oh my good Lord! It's a ghost! Run, run, r.....un!" Mahen screamed. They all dashed past the open nongola and then to the road.

Screamed – চিঞৰি উঠিল

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The boys ran frantically like antelopes and made good their escape. Soon they were out of the reach of the army man.

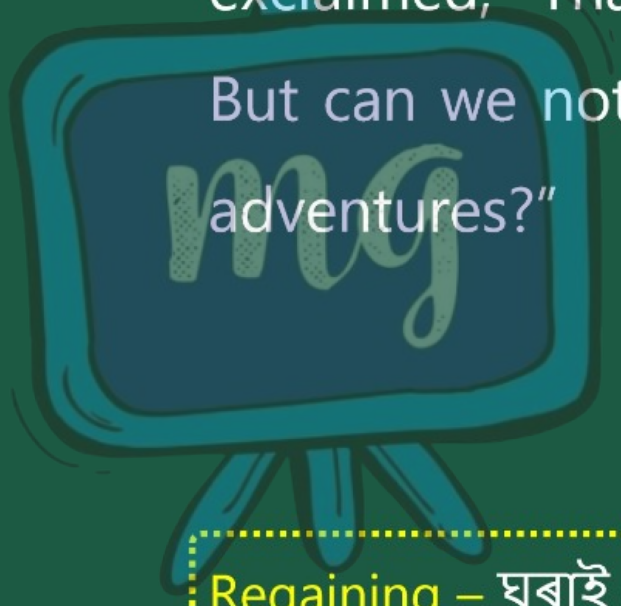


Frantically – খৰখেদাকৈ Antelopes – হৰিণ

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Finally, regaining his breath, Mahen exclaimed, "Thank God we are all alive! But can we not think of other types of adventures?"



Regaining – ঘূৰাই পোৱা

Assessment

(a) Who was the leader of the boys in their adventure on uruka night?

i) Sanju

ii) Nantu

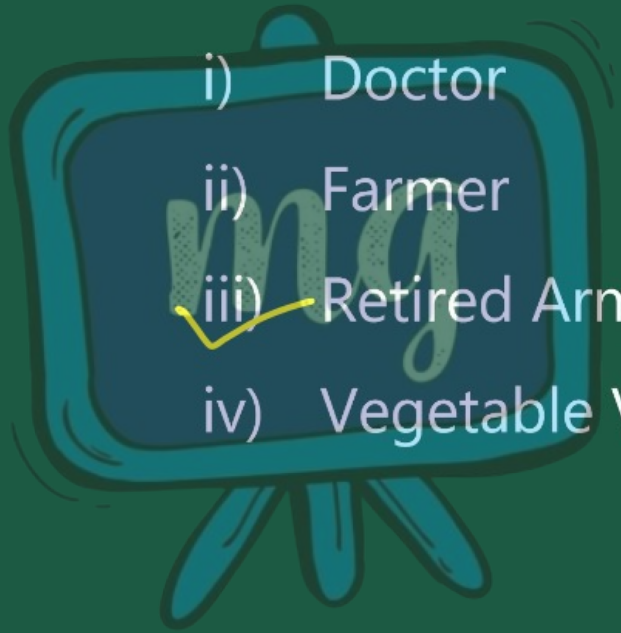
iii) Rinku

iv) Mahen

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(b) Shantiram was a -



i) Doctor

ii) Farmer

iii) Retired Army Man

iv) Vegetable Vendor

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(c) Nongola means -

i) A gate

ii) A species of owl

iii) Pile of garbage

iv) A proposal