

CHAPTER-8 | The Sermon at Benares

QUIZ
PART-02

1. After her son's death, what did Kisa Gotami first ask people for?
- A. Food
B. Money
C. Medicine
D. Shelter (C)

Explanation: Kisa Gotami went from house to house asking for medicine to cure her dead son.

2. Why did Kisa Gotami not get the medicine she wanted?
- A. Nobody liked her
B. Death cannot be cured
C. She was too late
D. The doctor was absent (B)

Explanation: She could not get any medicine because no medicine can bring a dead person back to life.

3. What did the Buddha ask Kisa Gotami to bring?
- A. A bowl of rice
B. A lamp
C. A flower
D. A handful of mustard seeds (D)

Explanation: Buddha asked her to bring mustard seeds as part of teaching her an important truth.

4. From what kind of house did Buddha ask Kisa Gotami to bring the mustard seeds?
- A. A rich house
B. A house where no one had died
C. A priest's house
D. A large house (B)

Explanation: The seeds had to come from a house untouched by death.

5. Why could Kisa Gotami not find such a house?
- A. People refused to open the door
B. No one had mustard seeds
C. Every house had known death
D. She forgot the address (C)

Explanation: She discovered that death had visited every family in some form.

6. What did Kisa Gotami finally understand?
- A. Only she suffered
B. Death is inevitable
C. Her son would return
D. Wealth can stop death (B)

Explanation: She realized that death is certain for all human beings.

7. What does Kisa Gotami call herself in her grief?
- A. Wise
B. Brave
C. Selfish
D. Unlucky (C)

Explanation: She felt she had been selfish in thinking only about her own sorrow.

8. How did Buddha change Kisa Gotami's understanding?
- A. By giving her medicine
B. By sending her to many houses
C. By scolding her
D. By calling a doctor (B)

Explanation: Her visit to many homes made her see that suffering and death are universal.

9. What effect did worldly suffering have on Gautama Buddha?
- A. It made him angry
B. It made him seek enlightenment
C. It made him return to the palace
D. It made him avoid people (B)

Explanation: Seeing sickness, old age, and death moved him to search for truth and enlightenment.

10. Why was Siddhartha Gautama called the Buddha?
- A. He became a king
B. He won a battle
C. He attained enlightenment
D. He built a temple (C)

Explanation: He was called the Buddha because he became enlightened, and "Buddha" means "the Awakened" or "the Enlightened."