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Class-IV

Subject- English-II

Chapter 1 - What's Your Dream?

Explanation of the story

One day, an old man asked a young boy about his dream. When the young boy couldn't remember having a dream the previous night, the old man pointed that he could understand that the boy was a dreamer as he had been sitting on the branch of the litchi tree all afternoon and it wasn't even the litchi season. The boy denied being a dreamer because he was embarrassed. The young boy confessed to the man that his dream was having a small room of his own. The old man realised that what the boy really wanted was freedom. The boy asked the old man how he could realise his dream. The old man advised the boy to work towards his dream, not expect much, not be greedy and careless and not be swayed by distractions. The old man had everything but he was greedy. In the end, he lost everything. The boy wondered how an old beggar had so much wisdom. He went back home and demanded a room of his own. He got it. He realised that freedom cannot be achieved without being insistent.

Note -Write all the question answers, fill in the blanks, true and false, word wonder in your English II COPY (A, B, C, D)

A. Read the lesson and answer these questions.

1. Where was the young boy sitting?
2. What advice did the old man gave to the young boy?
3. What did the young boy actually wanted?
4. Why did the beggar lose everything in the end?
5. Who is the narrator of the story? What awards has he received?

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

1. I on the branch of a litchi tree.
2. English speaking beggars were a In those days.
3. Other boys didn't dream, they had
4. Live long, my friend, beand
5. You must work for yourand move towards it all the time.

C. State true or false.

1. The young boy was happy to share his room.
2. The old man was poor but wise.
3. The boy was sitting on mango tree.
4. Freedom, I was beginning to realise, is something you have to insist upon.

D. Make sentences with these words.

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| a) Piercing | e) promptly |
| b) Perched | f) discard |
| c) Startling | g) shuffled |
| d) Raggedy | h) insist |

QUESTIONS FROM BEHIND THE LESSON (write in English II copy)

A. Answer these questions.

1. What was the old beggar's question?

The old beggar asked the narrator what was his dream.

2. Why did the narrator feel startled at the old man's question?

The narrator felt startled at the old man's question because he did not expect such questions coming from that old beggar and even speaking in English.

3. What was the narrator's dream?

The narrator's dream was of having his own room for himself.

4. What kind of room did the narrator live in?

Narrator lived in a big room which he had to share it with his brothers, sisters and even with his aunt when she visited them.

5. How did the old beggar know that the narrator was a dreamer?

The old beggar knew that the narrator was dreamer because it was not the litchi season but he sat on that tree all afternoon dreaming.

B. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. Ah! A room of your own, a tree of your own, it's the same thing. Not many people can have their own rooms, you know. Not in a land as crowded as ours.

- a. Who said these lines and to whom?

The old man said to the narrator.

- b. Why did the speaker say 'a tree of your own'?

The speaker said 'a tree of your own', according to the speaker the boy was being more selfish. He was not aware of the fact that the desire of possessing things own would never end. He may fail to share his things with others.

- c. According to the speaker, why can't many people have their own rooms?

According to the speaker many people can't have their own rooms in our country India, as our country is highly populated. We can't afford individual rooms as it is very expensive.

2. Live long, my friend, be wise and strong,
But do not take from any man his song.

- a. Who said these lines and to whom?

The old man said to the narrator.

- b. What did the speaker mean by 'do not take from any man his song'?
'do not take from any man his song' means the old man intends to tell him that not to steal away the creativity or dream of others.
- c. Pick out a pair of rhyming words from the lines stated above.
The rhyming words are Long, strong.

Word wonder

A. Fill in the blanks using the 'adjective + noun' collocations given in the box.

1. After the unbearable heat, getting wet in the rain is fun.
2. The sound of the running river was very soothing.
3. We settled down for our picnic in a good lodging with a lot of shady trees around it.
4. There was a strong smell in the house.
5. I am full. I had a very heavy meal.

B. The correct 'verb + adverb' collocation are

Arrive early, apply mostly, affect strongly, deal indirectly, apply directly, breathe deeply, act responsibly

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