Class 8

Chaper 11

Nyaminyami the Zambezi River God

A- Answer the following questions

1- Who is Nyaminyami?

And Nyaminyami was the Zambezi river God.

2- What happens when he tries to meet his estranged wife?

Ans-Minor earth tremors are felt when Nyaminyami tries to meet his wife.

3- How did the Tonga people pledge their allegiance to Nyaminyami?

Ans - The Tonga people honoured and respected Nyaminyami and pledged their allegiance to him through ceremonial dances.

4- Why had Nyaminyami's wife gone down the Kariba gorge?

And Nyaminyami's wife had gone down the kariba George to meet other people of the valley to answer their prayers and bless them.

5- Why are great bodies of water considered sacred?

Ans- Great bodies of water are always considered sacred, for water is essential for the life if the village in an often arid land. Wherever there is water, the Africans find prosperity.

B- Answer the following questions

1- When the walk was completed he was downstream, and now could not get back upstream.

a- Who was downstream?

Ans- Nyaminyami was downstream.

b- What is the walk that is being referred to in the extract?

Ans - The wall that is being referred to is the dam which was being built on the river.

c- How did 'he' react when the wall was being built?

Ans - Nyaminyami didn't cause any disturbance for five years when the walk was being built.

2- Wherever there is water, the Africans fund prosperity.

a- Which river is the source of water in Zimbabwe?

Ans- Zambezi is the major source of water in Zimbabwe.

b- Why the great water bodies are considered sacred?

Ans- The great water bodies are considered sacred because wherever there is water, there is prosperity.

c- What is the 'metaphor' that is referred to in the lesson? How does it affect the life of certain people?

Ans - Nyaminyami has been referred to as a metaphor in the lesson. Water bodies are regarded as sacred since they are a major source of life for the people in African villages which are often situated in arid areas.

C- Think, discuss and then answer the following questions.

1- Do you think that the African people are superstitious or are there some reasons behind their beliefs.

Ans- Yes, the African people are superstitious because they believed that the Zambezi River God Nyaminyami, who was their ancestral spirit or Mudzimu, protected them from harm and also provides them with flesh from his own body during the times when there was no food.

2- What do you think caused tremors?

And Tremors were caused by stress in the underground rocks.

Word web

1- Jungle Book

2- A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens

3- William Shakespeare

4- Pride and Prejudice

5- Treasure Island

6- Phileas Fogg

Grammar

1- Principal Clause- He spoke so fast;Adverb clause - that I could not understand him.

2- subject- My son, predicate - Killed a poisonous snake.

3- subject Rome, predicate - was not built in a day.

4- Principal clause- Pay attention to, Noun clauses- what I say.

5- Adverb clause - Unless you leave this place immediately, principal clause - I shall send for the police.

6- Clause- He is slow, clause - he is steady, connective - but

7- subject - I, predicate - saw him writing a story

8- clause- She wanted to buy a story book, clause - She had no money, connective - but.

9- subject- Time and tide, predicate - wait for no man.

10- Principal clause -Peter is happy, adverb classes whenever his father plays with him.

11- Principal clause -Mohan has a sweet tooth, Adverb clause- so he is always looking for sweets.

12- Principal clause- Reema ran out of her house, adverb clause - when she heard the ice cream vendor's bell.

13- subject- I, predicate - am going to learn horse riding this year.

14- Principal clause-Prashant is not fond of reading, adverb clause- though he loves to watch cartoons.

15- Principal clause- I enjoyed my vacation in Shimla, adverb clause - even though walking in the hills was a little tiring.

16- subject - I, predicate - was happy to be back home