



# **NCERT** **SOLUTION'S**

## **A PACT WITH THE SUN**

**Supplementary Reader in English for Class VI**

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# Chapter 1

## A Tale of Two Birds

### **1. How did the two baby birds get separated?**

**Ans.**

A mother bird and her two young ones lived in a forest. One day, there was a big storm. The mother was killed in a storm and the young birds were separated from each other.

### **2. Where did each of them find a home?**

**Ans.**

One of them came down near a cave where a gang of robbers lived. The other landed outside a rishi's ashram a little distance away.

### **3. What did the first bird say to the stranger?**

**Ans.**

When first bird saw the stranger (The king) he quickly call the other robbers Hurry up! There's someone under the tree. Come and take his jewels and his horse. So, that stranger leave that place immediately.

### **4. What did the second bird say to him?**

**Ans.**

The second bird welcomed him to the Rishi's ashram. He requested him to take some water from the pot, take rest for some time and

make himself comfortable. Second bird mentioned the stranger that first bird was his brother. He has made friends with robbers. He now talks as they do.

**5. How did the rishi explain the different ways in which the birds behaved?**

**Ans.**

The king told the rishi the story of the two birds and how each had behaved so differently though they looked so alike. The Rishi smiled and said, "After all, one is known by the company one keeps. That bird has always heard the talk of robbers. He imitates them and talks about robbing people. This one has repeated what he has always heard at the Ashram.

**6. Which one of the following sums up the story best?**

- (i) A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.**
- (ii) One is known by the company one keeps.**
- (iii) A friend in need is a friend indeed.**

**Ans.**

- (ii) One is known by the company one keeps.**

# Chapter 2

## The Friendly

### Mongoose

**1. Why did the farmer bring a baby mongoose into the house?**

**Ans.**

Farmer had a son. When his son grows up, he will need a companion. This pet will be their son's companion.

**2. Why didn't the farmer's wife want to leave the baby alone with the mongoose?**

**Ans.**

Farmer's wife had no trust on his dear pet mongoose. She don't like to leave the child alone with the mongoose.

**3. What was the farmer's comment on his wife's fears?**

**Ans.**

Farmer comment on his wife's fear that she don't need to be afraid. The mongoose is a friendly animal. It is as sweet as their own baby.

**4. Why did the farmer's wife strike the mongoose with her basket?**

**Ans.**

When farmer's wife returned back home, the face and paws of the mongoose were smeared with blood. She thought that mongoose have killed her baby. She brought down the heavy basket full of groceries on the mongoose.

**5. Did she repent her hasty action? How does she show her repentance?**

**Ans.**

Yes, she repent her hasty action when she realized her mistake that mongoose had saved her child's life from snake. She ran out looking for the mongoose. She cried touching the mongoose, who lay dead and still, unaware of her sobbing.

# **Chapter 3**

## **The Shepherd's**

### **Treasure**

**1. The shepherd hadn't been to school because**

**(i) he was very poor.**

**(ii) there were very few schools in those days.**

**(iii) he wasn't interested in studies.**

**Choose the right answer.**

**Ans.**

(iii) he wasn't interested in studies.

## **2. Who visited the shepherd one day, and why?**

**Ans.**

The king of Iran visited the shepherd one day because the king of that country heard about his wisdom and friendly nature. So, he thought of meeting him.

## **3. Why did the other governors grow jealous of the shepherd?**

**Ans.**

The king appointed this humble shepherd the governor of a small district. Although he rose to power and dignity, the shepherd remained as humble as ever. People loved and honoured him for his wisdom, sympathy and goodness. He was kind and just to one and all. His fame as a fair and wise governor soon spread throughout the country. Now the governors of other provinces grew terribly jealous of him.

## **4. Why was the new governor called to the palace?**

**Ans.**

The jealous Governor often complained against new Governor that he always carry iron chest on the Camel's back which might contain Gold and Silver which he collect from the people. Even king discovered the same thing. So, one day, the new governor was summoned to the palace to check the iron chest.

## **5. Why was everyone delighted to see the iron chest on the camel's back?**

**Ans.**

The people standing around and even of the king himself, eagerly waited for the shepherd when he will open the iron chest. So that they can prove the New governor was very dishonest, and keeps for himself part of the money that he collects as tax from the people.

**6. (i) What did the iron chest contain?**

**Ans.**

The iron chest contain an old blanket.

**(ii) Why did the shepherd always carry it?**

**Ans.**

This blanket was his oldest friend. It will protect him if, at any time, the king should wish to take away his power and post.

**(iii) Is it an example of the shepherd's humility or wisdom or both?**

**Ans.**

Yes it is an example of both the shepherd's humility and wisdom.

**7. How did the king reward the new governor?**

**Ans.**

The king made him the governor of a much bigger district that very day.

## **Chapter 4**

### **Tansen**

**1. Why did Swami Haridas say Tansen was 'talented'?**

**Ans.**



Swami Haridas say Tansen was 'talented' because he imitate perfectly the calls of birds and animals. One day he roar like a tiger when Swami Haridas along with few other travelers travelling through the forest.

## **2. Why did Akbar ask Tansen to join his court?**

**Ans.**

Sometimes he sang before Emperor Akbar. So, Emperor Akbar was so impressed by him that he insisted Tansen should join his court.

## **3. How do we know that Akbar was fond of Tansen?**

**Give two reasons.**

**Ans.**

Tansen went to Akbar's court in 1556, and soon became a great favourite of the Emperor. Akbar would call upon Tansen to sing at any time during the day or night. Quite often he would just walk into Tansen's house to hear him practise. He also gave him many presents.

## **4. What did the other courtiers feel about Tansen?**

**Ans.**

The other courtiers became jealous of Tansen. They just want to ruin Tansen.

## **5. (i) What happens if Raga Deepak is sung properly?**

**Ans.**

If Raga Deepak is properly sung, it makes the air so hot that the singer is burnt to ashes.

## **(ii) Why did Tansen's enemies want him to sing the Raga?**

**Ans.**

Tansen's enemies want him to sing the Raga Deepak because the other courtiers were jealous of Tansen's popularity and want to kill him.

## **6. Why did Tansen agree to sing Raga Deepak?**

**Ans.**

Tansen was afraid to sing Raga Deepak, but he still agreed because he could not disobey the king and wanted to prove that he is a good singer and can sing anything.

## **7. (i) What steps did he take to save himself?**

**Ans.**

He requested Emperor Akbar to give him time to prepare himself. Till that time he taught his daughter, Saraswati, and her friend, Rupvati, to sing Raga Megh. They practiced night and day for two weeks.

## **(ii) Did his plan work? How?**

**Ans.**

Yes, his plan worked. When he began to sing, the air became warm. Soon people in the audience were bathed in perspiration. The leaves on the trees dried up and fell to the ground. As the music continued, birds fell dead because of the heat and the water in the rivers began to boil. People cried out in terror as flames shot up out of nowhere and lighted the lamps. At once Saraswati and Rupvati began to sing Raga Megh. The sky clouded over and the rain came down. This way Tansen saved his life.

# **Chapter 5**

## **The Monkey**

### **and**

## **the Crocodile**

**1. The monkey was happy living in the fruit tree, but his happiness was not complete. What did he miss?**

**Ans.**

The monkey was happy living in the fruit tree, but his happiness was not complete because the monkey was happy but lonely and wanted a companion to talk to and share the fruits with.

**2. What did the two friends generally talk about?**

**Ans.**

The two friends generally talked about birds and animals, about the villages nearby and the difficulties villagers faced in raising good crops for lack of rain.

**3. Why was the crocodile's wife annoyed with her husband one day?**

**Ans.**

The crocodile's wife was annoyed waiting and waiting managing the little crocodiles that had just been hatched. The crocodile stayed with the monkey longer than usual.

**4. Why was the crocodile unwilling to invite his friend home?**

**Ans.**

The crocodile was unwilling to invite his friend home because monkey was his good friend and his wife wanted to eat monkey's heart.

**5. What did the crocodile tell the monkey midstream?**

**Ans.**

In the middle of the river, where the current was the strongest, the crocodile could no longer hide his intention." He said hesitatingly, that his wife want to eat monkey's heart.

**6. How did the monkey save himself?**

**Ans.**

When the crocodile reveal his intension that his wife want to eat monkey's heart. The monkey was scared and distressed. But he was sensible and clever like all monkeys. He kept a cool head. Calmly said he unfortunately forgot his heart on the tree. He don't carry his heart all the time. The crocodile swam back to the tree to collect the monkey's heart. On reaching the river-bank, the monkey jumped on to the tree and have a deep sigh of relief. In this way money saved himself.

**7. What does the last sentence of the story suggest?  
What would the crocodile tell his wife?**

**Ans.**

The crocodile, sadder and wiser, shed a few tears which were genuine because he had lost his good friend and turned back to go home. He was in a hurry to tell his wife what had happen. How he broke his friend trust because of her insecurity.

# Chapter 6

## The Wonder Called

### Sleep

#### **1. What is the most obvious advantage of sleep?**

**Ans.**

When we sleep, our body recovers from fatigue caused by the day's activities. After a good sleep and the rest that it gives, we become alert and active again, ready for the normal activities of the day.

#### **2. What happens to our body when we sleep?**

**Ans.**

As we sink deeper into sleep, our muscles relax more and more. Our heartbeat becomes slower. Our temperature and blood pressure go down.

#### **3. Define a dream in your own words.**

**Ans.**

It is an activity of the mind that takes place when we are asleep.

#### **4. Why are dreams important? Mention two reasons.**

**Ans.**

Dreams seem to be important for several reasons.

One is that a dream can help us to sleep through noise or other disturbances.

Certain doctors have found that one's dreams often reveal a great deal about one's problems and that, if understood correctly, they can provide a key to the solution of those problems.

### **5. Why has sleep been called a wonder?**

**Ans.**

The sleep is called as wonder because we don't know what exactly causes sleep. Sleep is a state of rest — an unconscious rest. When we sleep, our body recovers from fatigue caused by the day's activities. Sleep transport us to the world of dreams from the real world.

## **Chapter 7**

### **A Pact with the Sun**

**1. What did the physicians ask Saeeda's mother to do to get well? Did their advice help her? If not, why?**

**Ans.**

Doctor advised her, to eat anything she wish to eat — chapatti, vegetables, milk, fruits, etc. In addition to all this," he added emphatically, "leave this dark hovel and occupy a bigger room with doors and windows open. Sit in the sun every morning from eight to nine. Sunshine and fresh air are more important than medicine."

**2. What did the specialist prescribe in addition to medicine?**

**Ans.**

In addition to medicine," he added emphatically, "leave this dark hovel and occupy a bigger room with doors and windows open. Sit in

the sun every morning from eight to nine. Sunshine and fresh air are more important than medicine.”

**3. What did Saeeda tell the sunrays to do?**

**Ans.**

Saeeda tell the sunrays to do come tomorrow with lots of warmth and brightness. As her mother is ill and needs sunlight and fresh air.”

**4. Why were the sunrays keen to go down to the earth the next day?**

**Ans.**

The sunrays keen to go down to the earth the next day because they had promised that the sun rays will definitely fall in her courtyard so that her mother could sit in the sun. To kept their promised sunrays forced their way from the dark clouds.

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