



CLASS - VIII ENGLISH NOTES JUNE

Prose - 2. The Tsunami

I. MIND MAP

II. SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why did Tilly 's family come to Thailand?

Ans. Tilly 's family had come to Thailand Beach Resort to celebrate Christmas.

2. Where had Tilly seen the sea behaving in the same strange fashion?

Ans. Tilly had seen the sea behaving in the same strange fashion in her geography class.

3. What are the two different ideas about why so few animals were killed in the Tsunami?

Ans. The first idea is that the animals have a sixth sense. They know when the earth is going to shake.

The second idea is that the animals have acute sense of hearing and sensing vibrations. In this way they sense the disaster much before the human beings.

III. DETAIL ANSWER

1. Meghan and Almas were the lucky survivors. How are their stories similar?

Ans. Both Meghna and Almas were the lucky survivors.

Meghna was swept away with her parents and seventy-seven other people. All but Meghna died. She floated on a wooden door for two days. Relief helicopters did not see her but a wave brought her back to the shore.

All the members of the family of Almas Javed were swept away by the Tsunami. Almas climbed on to a log of wood. She fainted but remained on it for a long time. She was ultimately saved.

Poem - 2. Geography Lesson

I. MIND MAP (poetic devices)

- Imagery
- Alliteration
- Refrain
- Enjambment

II. SHORT ANSWERS.

1. What do you mean by 'the logic of geography'?

Ans. The logic of geography means

- There are cities where there are rivers.
- It is easy to understand why valleys are populated
- The earth is round, and it has more sea than land.

2. Mention two things that are

a) Clear from the height

Ans. The earth is round and it has more water than land.

b) Not clear from the height

Ans. Why men hate each other and build walls across the cities.

3. What are the three things that Zulfikar Ghose talks about in this poem?

Ans. The three things that the poet talks about in this poem are

- How everything looks from the height
- How civilization was set up.
- Why people hate each other.

III. DETAIL ANSWER.

1. Write the summary of 'Geography Lesson'

In this poem the poet describes the scene of the city and the country from a jet plane. He looked through the window and found the city looked neatly planned. But on ground it looked without plan or order.

When the jet reached ten thousand feet, he realised the logic of geography. He saw the rivers and valleys. Land and water are the primary needs of the people. He understood the reason why the cities are situated on the river banks and valleys.

From the height of six miles, he noticed that the earth looked round. It had more water than land. But he failed to understand why people hated each other, divided the land into separate units and killed each other.

Supplementary Reader - 1. How the Camel got his hump

I. SHORT ANSWERS

1. What tasks, do you think, were assigned to the dog and the ox?

Ans. The dog was assigned the task of fetching and carrying. The ox was made to plough the field.

2. What made the dog, the horse and the ox very angry?

Ans: The dog, the horse and the ox were very angry because the man, their master told them to work double time to make up for the camel's idleness.

II. DETAI ANSWER

1. Write the summary of the lesson 'How the camel got its hump' .

Ans. The story 'How the camel got its hump' is a fable written by a noted writer Rudyard Kipling. The story is about the time when animals had just started working for man. However, while the other animals worked, the camel would just laze around in the desert, refusing to do any work. He would say only 'hump' when the animals asked him to do work with them. Finally, a Djinn took matters into his hands and asked him why he wouldn't work. The camel again uttered 'hump'. Then the Djinn did some magic and as the camel said hump there emerged a bump on its beautiful back. The Djinn said that now with the hump the camel should work tirelessly for the days and said that the hump was a reminder to him of the days when he refused to work.