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5. I Saw the King

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Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. "That may not be easy. After all, the king has an empire to run. He's busy man. He may not have."

a) Who says this and to whom?

Ans: Ballava says this to Laxman.

b). What may not be easy?

Ans: Ballava tells Laxman that it may not be easy to see the king in the city as he is a busy man who has an empire to run.

c). How do you think the speaker might have finished his last sentence?

Ans: The speaker might have finished his sentence by saying that the king may not have enough time to meet everyone who wishes to see him.

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d) Who is the king? Did the listener meet him, and if so, how?

Ans: The king of Ashokavardhana. Yes, Laxman did meet the king when he went to Pataliputra. Laxman was able to see the king at the palace because his Uncle Shankar was on guard duty there. They were lucky to catch the king as he was about to enter his golden palanquin. The king paused, smiled and nodded at Laxman's amazed face before leaving.

2. "As they headed back home
----- had actually smiled at him?"

a) Who are 'they' and 'him' in these lines?

Ans: In the given lines, 'they' refers to the people of Laxman's village and 'him' refers to Laxman himself.

b) Why might they not believe him?

Ans: People back in his village might not believe Laxman when he tells them that the king smiled at him because they would think that meeting the king is in itself something impossible, let alone receiving a smile from him.

II. Answer these questions: [Short Answers]

1. Where was Laxman going and with whom?
What did he plan to do there?

Ans: Laxman was going to Pataliputra with Ballava. He had planned to see the king there.

2. What were the slits and niches in the walls surrounding Pataliputra used for?

Ans: The slits and niches in the wall surrounding Pataliputra had different purposes. The slits were used by archers who would sit behind the wall during an enemy attack and shoot their arrows through them to defend the city.

* The niches around the gate were used to hold oil lamps. At night these lamps would guide travellers to the city and also warn enemies that Pataliputra was always alert and never sleeps.

III. Answer the following questions in detail.

1. "It looks like a fairy land" What created this impression in Laxman's mind?

Ans: Laxman felt that Pataliputra looked like

a fairy land because of the beautiful and magical sights he saw as they entered the city.

* He was amazed by many things such as the low wooden houses, tall palaces and carved pillars, maids lighting oil lamps at the doorways, and bustling market filled with people, palanquins, horses and elephants.

* The lamps beginning to glimmer in the shops also added a magical glow to the entire setting.

2) Briefly narrate Laxman's adventure with Kesava.

Ans: On the first day

⇒ Laxman and Keshava strolled through the market peering into shops filled with cloth, pots earthenware, jewellery, grain and spices.

The next day.

⇒ They visited the army camp and watched soldiers practising sword fighting.

Later, ⇒ They went to the king's palace

and saw the king preparing to leave in his golden palanquin, he noticed them and gave a small smile.

Writing Skill: [Dialogue Writing]
Write the dialogue between Laxman and his friend.

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Wisdom in Two Lines. [poem].

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Answer the questions with reference to the context.

1. "If one speaks the truth - - -
- - - other virtues.

(a) What is the main theme of the couplet?
The main theme of the couplet is

Ans: Truthfulness is the greatest virtue.

(b) Which poetic device used in the above line?
"Repetition is the poetic device used

Ans: in the above line

II. Answer the following questions: [Short Answer]

① Which Couplet appeals to you the most?
Why?

Ans: The Couplet by Thiruvalluvar appeals to me the most because it teaches the truth is the most important virtue. If we practise truth at all times, no matter what the circumstances, then truth will lead us to all other virtues.

② What is the common theme of these four couplets? What values do they speak of?

Ans: The common theme of these four couplets is the values they represent.

*. They speak the values such as love, trust, kindness, goodwill, responsibility and truthfulness.

*. The first Couplet teaches us to value relationships and not break trust.

*. The second Couplet tells us to wish everyone well without choosing favourites.

*. The third Couplet reminds us that our actions decide our future.

*. The fourth Couplet shows us that being honest is the most important quality of all.

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