

PASSAGE-5

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

There was nothing to do about him. It was Easter Sunday and the Fascists were advancing toward the Ebro. It was a gray overcast day with a low ceiling so the planes were not up. That and the fact that cats know how to look after themselves was the good luck that old man would ever have.

(i) Explain the line "There was nothing to do about him."

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(ii) Why could the planes of the Fascists not fly ? How would it affect the fate of the old man ?

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(i) What fatigue does Muni refer to ?

(ii) Why does Muni's wife tell Muni, "Fast till evening, it'll do you good" ?

(iii) Why is Muni's wife upset and angry ?

(iv) Why did she ask Muni not to come back home before sunset ?

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Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

"I am sure you know when this horse was made," said the red man and ingratiatingly.

Muni reacted to the relaxed atmosphere by smiling himself, and pleaded, "go away, sir, I know nothing. I promise we will hold him for you if we see a character around, and we will bury him up to his neck in a coconut pit if he escapes; but our village has always had a clean record. Must definitely be the village."

(i) What case does Muni refer to ? Why is he afraid to confront the American businessman ? 2 m.

(ii) Why did the foreigner nod his head to whatever Muni said about the murder ? What question did the foreigner ask Muni ? 2 m.

(iii) What promise did Muni make to the foreigner with regard to the murder ? What did he tell him about his village ? 3 m.

UNSOLVED PASSAGES

PASSAGE-1

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

What does he plant who plants a tree ?

He plants cool shade and tender rain,

And seed and bud of days to be,

And years that fade and flush again;

He plants the glory of the plain;

He plants the forest's heritage;

The harvest of a coming age;

The joy that unborn eyes shall see—

These things he plants who plants a tree.

(i) How has the poet described the tree earlier in the poem ?

The poet described a tree, earlier in the poem, as a friend of 'sun & sky', since a tree benefits in making the air, and atmosphere around us clean and pure, and because a tree needs sunlight to survive.

(ii) Which line in the poem is repeated, and why ?

The line 'what does a plant who plant a tree' has been repeated, since the poet wants to express the benefits of planting a tree, but in an question- answer form, as to create the poem amusing.

(iii) What social and ecological value of planting a tree is ?

The benefits of ensuring a cool shade for us in the summer, and tender rain in all seasons, which are necessary for our survival, are the social and ecological benefits of planting a tree.

(iv) In what sense is a tree 'the harvest of a coming age'?

The poet calls the tree as 'the harvest of coming age', since a tree gives us many social, and ecological benefits which can be enjoyed by the future generation, in the time to come.

(v) Name two things a tree-planter actually plants.

1) The tree planter - plants cool shade and tender rain.

2) ✓ - Plants shelter for the birds.

PASSAGE-2

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

What does he plant who plants a tree ?

He plants, in sap and leaf and wood,

In love of home and loyalty - citizen

And far-cast thought of civic good-

His blessings on the neighborhood

Who in the hollow of His hand - having empty space

Holds all the growth of all our land-

A nation's growth from sea to sea

Stirs in his heart who plants a tree.

(i) Name some benefits of tree planting referred to by the poet earlier in the context.

The person who plants a tree ensures, a cool shade in summer, shelter for birds, tender rain in winter.