

The Tale of Melon City

Case Study Based Questions

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

By now the crowd, Restless, was muttering aloud. The King perceived their mood and trembled And said to all who were assembled - 'Let us postpone consideration Of finer points like guilt The nation. Wants a hanging. Hanged must be. Someone, and that immediately.' The noose was set up somewhat high. Each man was measured by and by. But only one man was so tall He fitted. One man. That was all.

(A) What do the given lines tell us about the crowd?

- (a) They were waiting for the show.
- (b) They wanted justice.
- (c) They wanted to avenge their king's dishonour.
- (d) They wanted peace and happiness.

(B) "The King perceived their mood and trembled". What does this indicate about the king?

(C) What, according to you, is the tone of the poem?

(D) Fill in the blank.

The rhyme scheme of the above extract

Ans. (A) (b) They wanted justice

Explanation: The given lines indicate that the crowd wanted justice. They were turning irritated and restless seeing the drama of people blaming others for the disgrace of the king. They wanted someone to be hanged immediately. Hence, (b) is correct.

(B) This gives us an indication that the king, who was ironically portrayed as 'just and placid', was actually a foolish king. He was unable to make the right decision. He became a puppet in the hands of the people he was intended to control.

(C) The tone of the poem is ironic. The king, who has been described as calm and lawful, is in reality a powerless king who has no control over his decisions. The poem has been humorously presented since the beginning. The poet has amusingly presented the idea that it doesn't matter to the people who their king is. They are just concerned about their happiness and peace.

(D) aabbccdeffgg.

2. Read the extract given below and answer

the questions that follow: Well, architect,' said His Majesty. 'I do ordain that you shall be Hanged.' Said the architect, 'O King, You have forgotten one small thing. You made certain amendments to The plans when I showed them to you.' The King heard this.

(A) Whom did the architect blame for the mistake?

- (a) The brick-maker
- (b) The ministers
- (c) The people
- (d) The king

(B) State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE.

The king was blamed by the architect because he had hired inefficient people.

(C) Complete the sentence appropriately.

The word 'ordain' in the given extract mean.....

(D) Identify the literary device used in the following line.

"I do ordain that you shall be Hanged."

Ans. (A) (d) The king

Explanation: The architect put the blame at the king's door as he had amended his original plan. Hence, (d) is correct.

(B) The given statement is False. When the architect was called to the royal court to be executed, he mentioned that it was the king who had made changes to the architect's initial plan.

(C) The word to order something officially.

(D) The literary device used in the given line is Enjambment. It means to continue a sentence or phrase from one line of poetry to the next.