



## LESSON-8

### RASHID, THE BRAVE BOY

#### NOTES:

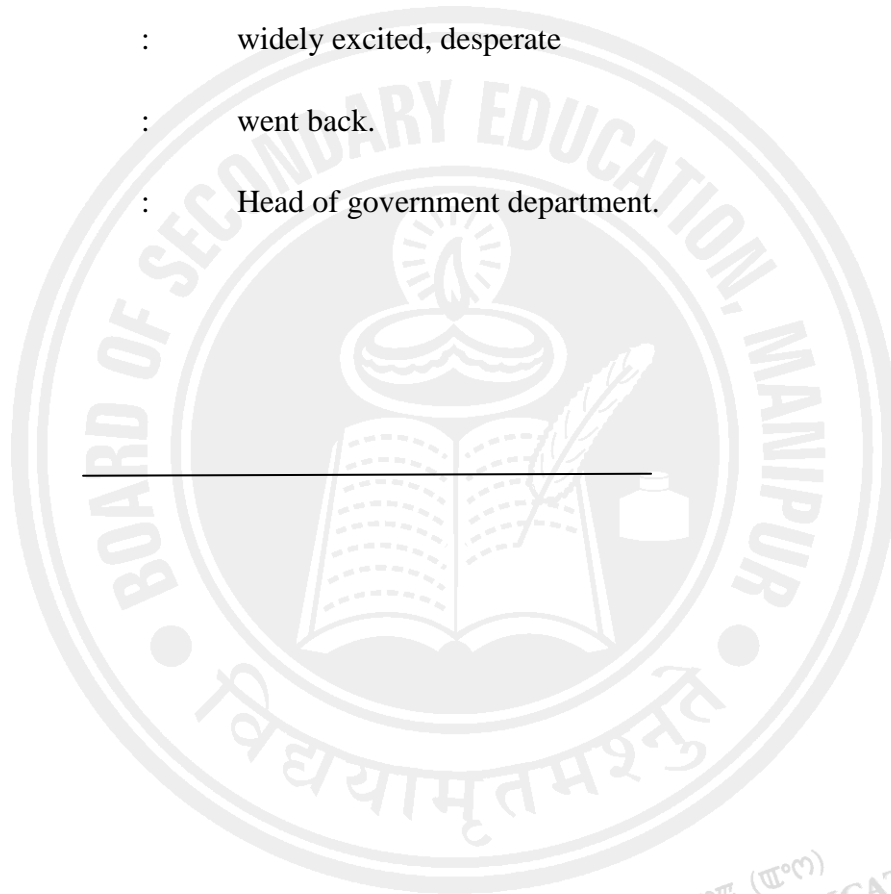
#### SUMMARY:

This is an Azerbaijan story about the young boy called Rashid whose parents were poor and illiterate. Rashid's parents were heavily indebted to Kasim, the local landlord who was cruel and wicked. Rashid used to help his parents in Kasim's orchard to help repay his parent's debt. Rashid wanted to go to school and learn but he didn't have any money or time. The teacher took pity on Rashid and taught him after school. As the year was ending, Kasim falsified Rashid's parents account and went to get their thumb impression. Meanwhile, Rashid was returning home through the mountains and met with pack of wolves. He somehow managed to escape them and reached home in the nick of time. Rashid saw Kasim's fake accounts and asked him to come to the commissioner the next day. The next day, Kasim's misdeed was made public by the commissar and was sent to prison. Rashid's parents were very proud of him and he became a hero in the village.



Word Meaning:

Illiterate	:	Not able to read and write.
Debt	:	Owing money.
Orchard	:	Enclosed piece of land with fruit trees.
Accountant	:	a person who keeps accounts.
Lurked	:	hidden.
Frantically	:	widely excited, desperate
Retreated	:	went back.
Commissar	:	Head of government department.



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