



LESSON 18 THE WISE JUDGE

SOLUTIONS:

Comprehension

1. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

i. How did Mustapha help Ali over and above giving him alms?

Ans: Mustapha gave Ali a ride on his horse to the market place.

ii. Why could not the slave tell the judge who his master was?

Ans: The slave could not tell the judge who his master was because he was deaf and dumb.

iii. Who shouted 'Robber'?

Ans: The oil merchant shouted 'Robber'.

iv. To whom did the slave belong?

Ans: The slave belongs to the writer.

v. What punishment did the oil merchant receive?

Ans: The oil merchant received two scores lashes as a punishment.

vi. How did the horse behave when Ali approached him?

Ans: The horse laid back his ears and made as if to sidle away.

vii. How did the Caliph reward the wise judge?

Ans: The Caliph rewarded the wise judge by announcing that the judge should hold the highest office in the land of Baghdad next after him.

2. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words each:

i. Why was Ali sure the judge would give him the horse?

Ans: Ali was sure that the judge would give him the horse because if the judge saw that Mustapha could walk and he has poor crippled feet, the judge would decide the horse belongs to him as he needed it more than him.

ii. What was the farmer's story about the slave?

Ans: The farmer told the judge that he bought the slave only last week and the writer had stolen the slave from him.

iii. What was the butcher's story about the money?

Ans: The butcher told the judge that he went to buy some oil from the oil merchant. While he was trying to pay him the money, the sight of the money tempted the merchant and he seized him by the wrist to wrench the money.

iv. What was Ali's story about the horse?

Ans: Ali told the judge that while he was in his way through the market-places, he saw a traveler who seemed fatigued and gave him a ride but he refused to dismount from the horse and claimed that the horse belongs to him.

v. How was the judge able to find out that the money belongs to the butcher?

Ans: The judge kept the money in a vessel filled with water overnight. There was no oil on the surface of the water. If it was merchant's money, the money would be greasy from the touch of his hands.

vi. How did the horse behave when Mustapha approached him?

Ans: When Mustapha approached the horse, he turned towards him, thrust his head forward and looked at him with affection.

3. Answer the following questions in about 50-60 words each:

i. Write how Ali claimed the Caliph's horse.

Ans: Ali was on his way through the market-places, when he saw a traveler half with fatigue. In the kindness of his heart, he offered him a ride to the market-places. When they reached there, he refused to dismount and claimed that his horse was his. That was how Ali claimed the Caliph's horse.

ii. What was the case between the writer and the farmer?

Ans: The case between the writer and the farmer was regarding a slave and both claimed to be the rightful owner of the slave. The slave boy was deaf and dumb, so couldn't speak on behalf of either. The farmer told the judge that he bought the slave only last week. The writer told the judge that the boy has been his slave for many years and taught him to be useful to him. The farmer has stolen his slave from the market and declared that he bought him from the market.

iii. How did the judge decide the case between the writer and the farmer?

Ans: In order to decide who the rightful owner of the slave was, the judge signed to the boy to put fresh ink into his inkstand. He did it promptly and carefully as if he had done the thing a hundred times before. The judge instantly knew that boy has not been the slave of a farmer and decided that the writer was the owner of the slave boy.

iv. Narrate the story of the butcher and the oil merchant to show that the judge was wise.

Ans: The judge kept the money in a vessel with water overnight to check whether there was oil on the money. There was no oil on the surface of the water. The judge thought if the money belongs to the merchant, there would be oil on the surface of the water because the money would become greasy from the touch of his hands.

v. How did the judge decide the case between Ali and Mustapha?

Ans: The judge brought both of them to the stables separately and asked them to recognize the horse. The judge was bringing them to the stables not to let them recognize the horse but to let the horse recognize them. When Mustapha approached the horse, he turned towards him with affection and thrust his head forward but when Ali approached the horse, he laid back his ears. Seeing how the horse reacted to both of them, the judge decided that the horse belongs to Mustapha.

vi. What were the Caliph's feeling about the judge at the end?

Ans: The Caliph was overwhelmed that the judge was truly wise in his decisions like Solomon. He told the judge that Allah had bestowed over him the wisdom above the ordinary and he was worthy to fill his place. The Caliph announced that he should be the highest office in his land next after him.



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Vocabulary

4. Fill in the blanks in the sentences with the words given in the box:

Muttering	tempted	declare	fatigue
Befriend	Seize	promptly	affection

- i. When I saw there was danger, I promptly left the place.
- ii. After twenty miles walk, we were almost dead with ..fatigue....
- iii. The mad man was mutteringto himself that he was a rich man.
- iv. The shopkeeper..... temptedme to buy a second hand shirt.
- v. A mother's..... affectionfor her children is beyond limit.
- vi. The thief tried to ..befriend.....the rich man.
- vii. The accused tried to.....declare.....that he was innocent.
- viii.'Seize.....the man', the police shouted.

Language Work

5. Look at the two sentences. They are two ways of saying the same thing:

Tomba will not go if he is not compelled.

Tomba will not go unless he is compelled.

Now, rewrite the following sentences using 'unless' in place of 'if'

Ans:

- i. He never goes to Delhi *unless* it was absolutely necessary.
- ii. Romita will not come to the party *unless* she is invited.
- iii. *Unless* a king rules wisely, the people love him.
- iv. *Unless* Tomba is intelligent, he will not understand this poem.
- v. A woman is not respected *unless* she is well-deserved.
- vi. The land cannot be cultivated *unless* there is rain.
- vii. Sobita will not sing unless there is microphone.
- viii. The child will not stop crying *unless* his mother doesn't come.