



## Lesson- 5

### YUDHISHTHIRA'S PIETY AND WISDOM

#### SOLUTIONS:

#### Comprehension

1. Answer the following questions:

i) Who was the first to go to the pool?

Ans: Nakula was the first to go to the pool.

ii) Who was the Yaksha?

Ans: Yaksha was the god of death.

iii) What power did the Yaksha have over the pool?

Ans: The enchanted pool belonged to Yaksha and whoever drank water from the pool without obliging to answer Yaksha's questions would die.

iv) What happened to the younger Pandava brothers when they went to the pool?

Ans: The younger Pandava brothers were asked by Yudhishtira to look for a pool or a river nearby to quench their thirst. They all went one by one, but none of them returned, because out of thirst they all drank from the enchanted pool of Yaksha without obliging to answer Yaksha's questions first, that's why Yaksha took their lives.

v) What did Arjuna do when he got to the pool?

Ans: When Arjuna arrived at the spot, he found both of his brothers Sahadeva and Nakula lying unconscious near the pool. He got very angry and asked who was behind the act, and he also shot arrows from where the voice of Yaksha came. But he was also very thirsty that he did not oblige to the warnings of Yaksha and drank water from the pool without answering the questions of Yaksha.

vi) What were the questions of the Yaksha and how did Yudhishtira answer them?

Ans: Yaksha tested Yudhishtira's piety and wisdom, and he gave witty answers that impressed Yaksha. The questions were-

a) What makes the sun shine every day?

- The power of God.

b) What is one's best weapon in danger?

- Courage.

c) What is faster than the wind?

- The mind.

d) By giving up something one becomes loved by all, what is it?

- Pride, when one gives up pride one will be loved by all.

e) The loss of something can bring joy and not sorrow, what is it?

- Anger, for when one gives up anger, one is full of peace.

vii) Who were the two wives of Yudhishtira's father?

Ans: The two wives of Yudhishtira's father were Kunti and Madira.

viii) Each of the Pandavas reacted differently to the Yaksha's questions. State how each one responded.

Ans: Nakula was the first among the brothers who went to look for the pool. When he saw the pool, he went to quench his thirst first before fetching some for his brothers. He was too tired and thirsty to heed to the warning of Yaksha, so he drank.

Sahadeva was upset to see brother lying on the ground, but he also rushed to the pool to drink water without paying attention to Yaksha's warnings.

Arjuna was shocked to find his two younger brothers lying unconscious near the pool. He became very angry and shot arrows to the direction of Yaksha's voice. Arjuna wanted to destroy this unseen foe, but he wanted to quench his overpowering first. So he also drank without obliging to answer Yaksha's questions.

When Bhima reached the pool, he saw his three brothers lying died. He knew it was the work of Yaksha and promised to quench his thirst first to be able to fight better. He defied the warnings and Yaksha and eagerly drank water from the pool.

Yudhishtira, the eldest among them, obliged to answer to all of Yaksha's questions before quenching his thirst. Pleased by the wisdom, and piety Yaksha restored the lives of all his four younger brothers.

ix) Write a note on the piety and wisdom of Yudhishtira in about 50-60 words.

Ans: Yudhishtira was the eldest among the Pandava brothers. He was a noble and kind person. When Yama, the god of Death tested Yudhishtira's piety and wisdom by asking him various questions, he impressed Yama by giving true and witty answers. And Yama was also touched by the sense of justice Yudhishtira had when he chose Nakula over Bhima and

Arjuna, when Yama asked to choose one among his brothers to restore the life. This answer pleased Yama and granted all his brothers be restored to life.

x) The Yaksha asked, “What is one’s best weapon in danger?”

How did Yudhishtira answer the question?

Ans: Yudhishtira answered the best weapon in danger is courage.

## 2. Exercise in Language

Choose the appropriate word from the pair of words given in the given brackets and write it in the space provided:

- i) The story...interesting...(interesting/interested)
- ii) Yudhishtira had a...sinking...feeling (sinking/sacking)
- iii) Mr. Mohan is a...learned...man (learn/learned)
- iv) This is my...living...room (live/living)
- v) This is a...charming...scenery (charm/charming)
- vi) I learn...spoken...English (spoken/spoke)
- vii) Please meet the clerk...concerned...(concerning/concerned)
- viii) Here is a...printing...press (printed/printing)
- ix) Where is the...booking...office (booked/booking)
- x) Please repair the...broken...leg of the chair (breaking/broken)



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