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LESSON – 3

A GREAT MAN REALLY HONEST AND HUMBLE

SOLUTIONS:

COMPREHENSION

1. Answer the following questions:

i) Who was Abraham Lincoln?

Ans: Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president of the USA.

ii) What was his most important contribution to human history?

Ans: His most important contribution to human history was the abolition of slavery which brought freedom to millions of negro slaves

iii) Why couldn't he attend school properly?

Ans: He couldn't attend school properly because from the time he was a little boy he had to help his father in the fields.

iv) Narrate briefly an incident that shows his love for books?

Ans: Abraham Lincoln had very little formal education but he taught himself a great many things by reading all the books he could get hold of. He borrowed from a neighbour a biography of George Washington; but two nights later the rain coming through the roof of his poor hut completely spoilt the book. The owner of the book made Lincoln work in his farm for a few days to pay for the damage. Although he had to do some hard jobs at the farm for a few days, he had the joy of having the book for himself.

v) How did he help a man buy a pair of shoes?

Ans: Abraham Lincoln was known to be kind, honest and unselfish. Once, when Abraham Lincoln was running a store in New Salem, he saw a man splitting some logs outside the store. He was feeble and shaking in the cold. Lincoln watched him for a few minutes and then asked him how much he was to be paid for the whole lot. The man needed one dollar to buy a pair of shoes. Lincoln picked up the axe and started splitting the logs. The work was completed and he told the man to collect his money.

vi) Why did Lincoln help the girl?

Ans: Once in Springfield, Lincoln saw a little girl standing at the gate of her house crying. She was all dressed up to go out, when asked what her problem was, the little girl told him her trouble. It was time for her to go to the station, but the man who was to carry her trunk had not yet arrived. Lincoln lifted the trunk on his shoulders and asking the girl to follow him, walked with quick steps down the road. They reached the station on time.

vii) How did Lincoln help a poor man pay his debt?

Ans: Lincoln once played a practical joke upon a rich client of his. The man wanted Lincoln to take a poor neighbour to court for not paying back a small amount of two and a half dollars. The poor man however refused to pay it because he said he didn't owe it. Lincoln had an idea and he agreed to take up the case if he was paid ten dollars. The client readily paid him the cash. Lincoln at once went and gave the other man five dollars. He told him to pay two and a half dollars to that neighbour and to keep two and a half for himself. That was how he helped the poor man to pay his debt.

viii) Narrate an incident that shows his unfailing honesty.

Ans: When Lincoln was working as a clerk in a store in New Salem, a woman came one evening to buy a pound of tea. He weighed out the tea for her and she paid for it. The following day Lincoln found that he had given the woman only half a pound of tea. He weighed out another half pound and walked a distance of six miles to give her the tea.

ix) What was his attitude towards animals?

Ans: Lincoln preached that all living creatures were deserving of tender mercy. He also rescued animals in distress. Once while he was on his way for an important job, he came across a pig stuck in the mud. Picking up some rails that were lying nearby he used them to get the pig out of the hole.

x) Why did he save the life of William Scott?

Ans: William Scott fell asleep while on guard duty because he was tired after a long march. He subsequently was arrested, court martialed and sentenced to be shot. A group of soldiers came to meet Abraham Lincoln and asked him to pardon William Scott. Later that day the president rode out from the White House and met with Scott. The president informed him that he was not going to be shot; instead he would be allowed to return to regiment. He told him to pay the bill for all the trouble he had been put to by promising to do his duty for the country.

xi) Why did he visit the wounded enemy soldiers?

Ans: He visited the wounded enemy soldiers and shook hands with each one of the enemy prisoners. Although he fought on one side against the other, he did not have the slightest hatred or anger towards the enemy



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GRAMMAR

Look at the following sentences:

- i) a) He went to the Church of Holy Madonna earlier.
b) Earlier, he had spat on Poulson of Denmark.
- ii) a) Coubertin revived the Olympic Games.
b) He had thought of it long ago.
- iii) a) He went to receive his daughter.
b) He had got information of her coming.

In each sentence the first one is in the Past Tense and the second is in the Past Perfect tense.

In English, Past and Past Participle are formed in different ways. In the case of Regular Verbs, generally -d, -ed and -t are added to the verb. Now, put the verbs in the correct form:

Regular Verbs:

Base	Past	Past Participle
Announce	Announced	Announced
Boil	Boiled	Boiled
Call	Called	Called
Compel	Compelled	Compelled
Cross	Crossed	Crossed

In the case of Irregular verbs, the Past Tense is formed in different ways:



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Irregular Verbs:

Base	Past	Past Participle
am	was	been
bear	bore	born/borne
become	became	become
come	came	come
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
fall	fell	fallen
get	got	got/gotten
have	had	had
keep	kept	kept

The Simple Past Tense is generally used to refer to actions and events completed in the past.

Now, Look at the following sentences:

- i) The bird built the nest. It had selected a good tree before it.
- ii) He made the chair. He had made a table before it.

The Past Perfect Tense refers to an action earlier than another past action.

Past Perfect Tense has the form had + Past Participle form of the verb.

Examples:

- a) had done,
- b) had found



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