



## LESSON 7

### SANATON AND HIS ROAD

#### SOLUTIONS:

##### COMPREHENSION

**1. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:**

i) How were the dhoti and shirt of Sanaton?

Ans: The dhoti and shirt of Sanaton were snow white.

ii) Why did Sanaton's wife come out after she had prepared the meal?

Ans: Sanaton's wife came out to help her husband in lifting the earth filled baskets on his head.

iii) What did Sanaton and his wife feel at the end of their work on the first evening?

Ans: Both Sanaton and his wife felt a strange kind of joy on the first evening.

iv) What was the reaction of the people when they found that the road had been raised for a stretch of about five feet?

Ans: They just winked and smiled at one another, meaning that someone was doing what was not his business.

v) The neighbours did not allow Sanaton to carry the loads anymore. What did they ask him to do?

Ans: They compelled Sanaton not to carry the loads anymore but to supervise the work done by them.

vi) Why did the people decide to name the road 'Sanaton Road'?

Ans: The people decided to name the road 'Sanaton Road' in honour of the man who had shown to them that self help is the best help.

vii) What did some of the rich men do?

Ans: Some of the rich men donated enough money to buy lorry-loads of pebbles required to cover the surface of the road.

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

i) What was the condition of the road when it rained heavily?

Ans: The road was so muddy that life became miserable for everyone who had to walk on it. The level of the road was also so low that mud and slime from the gutters overflowed into it.

ii) How did Sanaton feel about the road?

Ans: It pained Sanaton deeply to see the miserable condition of the road. A strong sense of disgust came over Sanaton at the thought of walking through it.

iii) What did Sanaton propose to his neighbours?

Ans: Sanaton proposed to his neighbours about the improvement of the condition of the road. He suggested that they should carry the earth dug out of the open ground and raise the level of the road.

iv) How did the neighbours react to Sanaton's proposal?

Ans: The neighbours were of the opinion that it would be just wastage of their time and energy on something that the government should do.

v) How was Sanathoi inspired by the man who had planted the Shamballei plant?

Ans: Tenacity and Perseverance are what made that man achieve the feat. Years and years of care, love and devotion are needed to attain such great things. So, Sanaton thought that his work of raising the level of the road was nothing compared to it.

vi) What did Sanaton finally decide to do?

Ans: Sanaton finally decided to do the work on his own. A beautiful line from Tagore's song, "If no one responds to your call, then take the road alone" encouraged him to take up the work all by himself.

vii) How did Sanaton's wife encourage her husband?

Ans: Sanaton's wife always supported her husband in taking important decisions at difficult times. She told him that she would support her husband that time too.

viii) How did the people feel when they found the stretch of the raised road getting longer and longer?

Ans: A change had come upon the people of the locality. The initial smile of cynicism and ridicule began to disappear gradually and they became serious.

ix) Why were Sanaton and his wife surprised one night as they were working on the road?

Ans: One night as they were working on the road, three neighbours came to the open ground and they began to dig without uttering a word to one another.

x) What did the people finally do?

Ans: The people finally came out and began to dig and carry the earth. At first, they were silent. Then they began to talk and cheer up and encourage one another.

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

i) What were Sanaton's feelings when his proposals were turned down by the neighbours?

Ans: Sanaton was disappointed. He never expected that the people would turn down his proposal so lightly. But he was a tough man who could not be easily thwarted from doing what he thought was right. It was his firm belief that people should help themselves for the improvement of their own lot.

ii) Write what kind of a man Sanaton was.

Ans: Sanaton was a man who firmly believed that many of our problems could be solved by ourselves. He was disappointed when the people turned down his proposal for a collective effort for the improvement of the muddy road. But he was a tough man who could not be easily thwarted from doing what he thought was right. He believed in tenacity and perseverance. A beautiful line from Tagore's song, "If no one responds to you, then take the road alone" encouraged Sanaton to take up the work all by himself. At the end everyone came and supported him.

iii) Bring out the moral of the story.

Ans: The story, 'Sanaton and his Road' is about a man called Sanaton who firmly believed that many of our problems could be solved by ourselves. He was worried over the miserable condition of the muddy road. People in the neighbourhood thought that it was the duty of the government to repair the road so everyone turned down his proposal for a collective effort to repair the road. But he was a tough man who could not be easily thwarted from doing what he thought was right. Inspired by a famous line, "If no one responds to your call, then take the road alone", he could accomplish his goal.

4. Match the words in column A with those in B to make complete statements:

A	B
i) Sanaton hated the thought that	supported and encouraged her husband (iv)
ii) Sanaton was a man who firmly believed that	they declared Sanaton a hero (vi)
iii) The line from Rabindranath Tagore encouraged Sanaton	many of our problems could be solved by ourselves (ii)
iv) Sanaton's wife had always	the feeling of cynicism and ridicule disappeared (v)
v) As the work progressed	he would have to walk in the mud (i)
vi) The people were so grateful that	to take up the work all by himself (iii)

5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the words given in the box.

- i) I experienced a feeling of sadness at the condition of the river.
- ii) The stretch of road between Nambol and Utlou is very bad indeed.
- iii) Do not walk in the muddy water, otherwise your shoes will be covered with slime.
- iv) The government should do something to permanently solve the problem of power in Manipur.
- v) You do not have a sense of determination and that is why you have given up the work.
- vi) Tenacity and perseverance are needed to attain success in our efforts.
- vii) Gandhiji's simplicity was a source of inspiration to the common people during the freedom struggle.

Slime permanently perseverance stretch inspiration experienced determination

**GRAMMAR**

6. Look at the following sentences:

- i) He was obliged to go there.
- ii) It was necessary for him to go there.
- iii) He was compelled to go there.

Sentences like the above can be expressed as:

He had to go there.

**Rewrite the following sentences using the verb 'have':**

- i) They were compelled to start early.  
They had to start early.
- ii) Romi was obliged to sing a song.  
Romi had to sing a song.
- iii) It will be necessary for me to buy a car.  
I will have to buy a car.
- iv) I was required to sit silent.  
I had to sit silent.
- v) The minister was obliged to say sorry.  
The minister had to say sorry.
- vi) They have been compelled to leave the town.  
They have to leave the town.
- vii) It will be necessary for the students to work hard.  
The students will have to work hard.
- viii) They were not compelled to do it.  
They didn't have to do it



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