

Class 7 chapter 8 The last bargain

A. Answer these questions,

1. Justify the title of the poem.

A. The title of the poem is justified because when the speaker met the innocent child on the beach, he was drawn towards him and the child's smile captivated him. After this he became a free man and never bargained or looked for work, so we can say it was his last bargain.

2. Why did the speaker turn down the offer of the old man?

A. The speaker turned down the offer of the old man because he realised what he actually desired was happiness and if he accepted the offer he would be bound in this bargain. The speaker also realised once the money finished or the work, he would be out of work again.

3. What is the significance of referring to morning, mid-day and evening in the poem?

A. The significance of referring to morning is that, mornings symbolizes hope and courage and mid-day symbolizes very difficult and full of troubles as there are crooked lanes, doors of houses are shut and it is very hot outside, while the evening symbolizes false beauty as in a little while it would become dark and darkness symbolizes hopelessness in the poem.

4. What is the significance of freedom in the poem? What kind of the freedom is the speaker looking for?

A. The significance of freedom in the poem is not to be bound or compromised. He is looking for freedom which has innocence and everlasting happiness.

B. Explain these lines with reference to the context.

1. But his power counted for nought, and he went away in his chariot.

A. The speaker finds that the king's power amounted to nothing valuable and the king retreated in his chariot.

2. I will hire you with a smile.'

A. She would hire him with her beauty and her flattering smile.

3. From thenceforward that bargain struck in child's play made me a free man.

A. When one is hired for nothing, one remains free and has his freedom not taken away by an innocent child.

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C. Think and answer.

1. What do the king, the old man and fair maid symbolise?

A. The king symbolizes power, the old man symbolizes wealth and the fair maid symbolizes beauty.

2. The stone-paved road is a reference to life, which is not smooth but filled with stones or difficulties of various sizes. Do you feel that power and money in today's world are more important than freedom from materialistic things? Give reasons for your answer.

A. Yes money and power in today's world is more important than freedom from materialistic things. Money and power in itself, is not very spectacular. What money and power can do for you is what is really important. Money gives you choices. You can decide where and how you want to live when you have a good income or financial resources.

A. Identify the imagery in the poem 'The Last Bargain'. (HOMEWORK)

B. Underline the imagery used in these sentences.

1. The water like a witch's oil/burnt green and blue and white.

2. She smelled the scent of sweet hibiscus wafting through the air, its tropical smell a reminder that she was on vacation in a beautiful place.

3. It cracked and growled, and roared and howled, like noises in a swound!

4. The candy melted in her mouth and swirls of bittersweet chocolate and slightly sweet but salty caramel blended together on her tongue.

5. After the long run, he collapsed in the grass with tired and burning muscles. The grass tickled his skin and sweat cooled on his brow.

A. Read these sentences. Add commas, colons and semicolons wherever necessary. (HOMEWORK)

1. I saw a moth the kind with brown wings a grasshopper that has a shiny exterior and a spider that stings.

2. I need a notebook with single rules another one with a side blank and the third one with checks.

3. In the party, I met Gupta ma'am the one who used to teach maths Saxena sir the one with a beard and Singh ma'am our English teacher.

4. I watched a cartoon comic show and film over the weekend.

5. When I cleaned out my almirah I found my old geometry box all rusted a box of crayons that were half-broken and many old books.

6. We have only one choice left stop polluting the environment.