

Text Book Exercise Solved

OBJECTIVE

1. Choose the correct answers:

Why did the cook boy run?

- a) to kill the insects
- b) to summon the labourers
- c) to inform the landlady
- d) to see the locusts

ii. **Why did the houseboy run off to the store?**

- a) to shut the door
- b) to cover the store
- c) to collect any bit of metal
- d) to burn fire

iii. **Why did they throw wet leaves on to the fire?**

- a) to make the smoke acrid and black
- b) to extinguish the fire
- c) to burn the leaves
- d) to burn the insects

iv. **"And they neither went bankrupt nor got very rich" means that they were**

- a) hand to mouth
- b) just pulling on their lives
- c) enjoying a moderate living
- d) penniless

v. **How did the locusts attack the crops?**

- a) one by one
- b) in groups
- c) in swarms
- d) in formations

vi. **Why did the people beat the tin cans?**

- a) to let the insects enjoy music
- b) to keep the insects away
- c) to kill the insects
- d) to fill the cans with insects

vii. **What did the farmers do at the time of attack?**

- a) they ran away from the place
- b) they took precautionary measures to keep the locusts away
- c) they covered their crops
- d) they shut themselves in their houses.

viii. **Locusts attack in the area of**

- a) one kilometer
- b) ten kilometer
- c) fifty kilometer
- d) hundred kilometer

2. Mark the statements true or false

False

True

False

False

False

True

False

False

Town

True
True

- مذہب و اہل سوالات کے جوابات 100-150 الفاظ میں لکھیے۔
The main swarm (ہجوم) of locusts is in the month of May.

- Ans:** The farmers tried their best to save their crops from the locusts but they could not succeed. Still they continued to fight the swarm because they knew if the swarm stayed in their land, they would lay eggs there. These eggs would result in millions of new hoppers and thus their new crops would also be eaten by them. That's why they continued fighting against the swarm to avoid them laying eggs in their respective fields.

(iii)

What was the condition of the land when the locusts moved to the south?

مڈی دل کے جنوب کی طرف چلے جانے کے بعد زمین کی حالت کیا تھی؟

Ans:

When the locusts had moved to the south, there was nothing left except destruction and chaos. The trees were without leaves. Grass and crops were the things of past. There were countless patches of devastated land everywhere. The attack of locusts proved to be an atomic blast for the villagers as when locusts moved to the south the land looked like a devastated landscape.

(iv)

What are the measures the farmers should have taken to save their crops? Give five suggestions.

کسانوں کو اپنی فصلیں بچانے کے لیے کونسی حفاظتی تدابیر کرنی چاہیں تھیں؟ پانچ تجاویز پیش کیجیے۔

Ans:

The farmers should have covered their crops with acrid smoke well before time. They must have made enough noise before the time of attack of the swarm. They should have saved enough alfalfa for their cattle. If needed, they should have cut the branches of the trees to avoid the swarm because if there are no green leaves of the trees, the swarm would not attack the crops later.

(v)

Ans:

Write a note on the character of Margaret.

مارگریٹ کے کردار پر ایک نوٹ تحریر کیجیے۔

Margaret is the only female character present in the story. She looks at the swarm with strange eyes. She looks at the locusts coming from the high hills. She answers the telephone calls during crisis. She collects reports from men and gives orders to the labourers. She is astonished to know the harm done by locusts. Her presence shows the cooperation of women along with men in the time of crisis.

5.

Use the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

بریکٹوں میں دیئے گئے Verbs کی درست فارم استعمال کیجیے۔

Incorrect	Correct
The servants came out and (gaze).	The servants came out and gazed .
i. Stephen (yell) at the house boy.	Stephen yelled at the house boy.
ii. Margaret (see) the smoke of fire rising all around.	Margaret saw the smoke of fire rising all around.
iii. Old Smith had (has) his crops eaten to the ground;	Old Smith had had his crops eaten to the ground.
iv. The sunlight (come) down distorted.	The sunlight came down distorted.
v. The earth (seem) to be moving.	The earth seemed to be moving.

6. **Punctuate the following lines.**

Unpunctuated	Punctuated
all the crops finished nothing left he said but the gongs were still beating the men still shouting and margaret asked why do you go on with it then.	"All the crops finished. Nothing left," he said. But the gongs were still beating, the men still shouting, and Margaret asked: "Why do you go on with it, then?"

7. Fill in the blanks by using the preposition given in bracket
(at, on, in, over, off)

1. They could see the labourers pointing at the hills.
2. Every farmer hoped the locusts would go on to the next.
3. The main swarm showed in dense black cloud.
4. Those beggars can eat every leaf off the farm.
5. A tree down the slope leaned over the ground.

8. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end.

ماریگرت کی عبارت کو پڑھیے اور آخر میں دیے گئے سوالات کے جواب دیجیے۔

Margaret was wondering what she could do to help. She did not know. Then up came old Stephen from the lands. "We're finished, Margaret, finished! Those beggars can eat every leaf and blade off the farm in half an hour! And it is only early afternoon - if we can make enough smoke, make enough noise till the sun goes down, they'll settle somewhere else perhaps...." And then "Get the kettle going. It's thirsty work, this."

i. Why did Margaret wonder?

Ans: Margaret wondered what she could do to help the men.

مارگریٹ کیوں حیران تھی؟
مارگریٹ حیران تھی کہ وہ آدمیوں کی مدد کیلئے کیا کر سکتی تھی۔

ii. What did old Stephen say?

Ans: Old Stephen told Margaret regretfully that they were finished because the locusts ate every leaf and blade off the farm in half an hour.

مارگریٹ نے کیا کہا؟
مارگریٹ نے افسوس کے ساتھ مارگریٹ کو بتایا کہ وہ
پورا دن بھر بچے تھے کیونکہ ٹڈیاں آدھ گھنٹے میں ہی کھیت کا ہر پتہ
اور ہر چھان چٹ کر چکی تھیں۔

iii. What did he desire?

Ans: He desired that they could make enough smoke and noise till the sun set so that they (locusts) might settle somewhere else, leaving a chance of the cattle's survival.

مارگریٹ (ٹڈے) کی کیا خواہش تھی؟
مارگریٹ (ٹڈے) کی خواہش تھی کہ وہ سورج غروب ہونے
کے بعد آوازوں اور شور پیدا کر سکیں کہ ٹڈیاں کہیں اور بسیرا کریں
اور ان کے مویشیوں کے بچاؤ کا امکان پیدا ہو جائے۔

