

Text Book Exercise

Q.1 Why didn't the old man follow the advice of the doctors?

بوڑھے آدمی نے ڈاکٹروں کی نصیحت پر عمل کیوں نہ کیا؟

(Dgk-G2)-16

Ans. The old man did not follow the advice of the doctors because he believed in himself. He also believed in struggle. If he had followed the doctors' advice, he would have been confined to bed and died.

(Lhr-G2)-15

(Dgk-G2)-13

(Lhr-G1)-12

بوڑھے آدمی نے ڈاکٹروں کی نصیحت پر عمل نہ کیا کیونکہ اُسے خود پر یقین تھا۔ اُسے جدوجہد پر بھی یقین تھا۔ اگر اُس نے ڈاکٹروں کی نصیحت پر عمل کیا ہوتا تو وہ بستر پر ہی مقید ہو جاتا۔

ڈاکٹروں نے بوڑھے آدمی کو کیا کہا تھا؟

(Bwp-G2)-16

Q.2 What had the doctors told the old man?

Ans. Twenty times in the life of the old man, a doctor told him to go home and stay with his family as long as he could. Not to do anything but to live and enjoy the few days he had left with him.

(Sgd-G2)-16

(Mtn-G2)-15

(Lhr-G2)-11

بیسویں مرتبہ بوڑھے کو ایک ڈاکٹر نے نصیحت کی کہ گھر جائے اور جتنا ممکن ہو سکے اپنے خاندان کے ساتھ وقت گزارے۔ کوئی بھی کام نہ کرے۔ اور اپنی زندگی کے باقی ماندہ دن خوشی کے ساتھ گزارے۔

Q.3 Where did the old man take his son to?

بوڑھا آدمی اپنے بیٹے کو کہاں لے کر گیا؟

(Dgk-G2)-15

Ans. The old man took his son to the top of the mountain to show the clearing in the sky, where he had raised potatoes, yams, and tomatoes.

بوڑھا آدمی اپنے بیٹے کو پہاڑی کی چوٹی پر رکھتے دیکھانے کو لے گیا۔ جہاں اُس نے آلو، شکر قندی اور ٹماٹر کی فصل کاشت کی تھی۔

Q.4 Had the son ever been there before?

کیا لڑکا اس سے پہلے وہاں گیا تھا؟

(Grw-G1)-14

Ans. With the exception of the last three years, the son had visited there for many times, but he had never seen anything extraordinary.

پچھلے تین سالوں کے سوا، لڑکا بیشتر دفعہ وہاں گیا تھا لیکن اُس نے وہاں کبھی کوئی غیر معمولی چیز نہ دیکھی تھی۔

Q.5 What were the names of the vegetables?

اُن سبزیوں کے کیا نام تھے؟

(Sgd-G1)-15

Ans. The old man grew corn, beans, pumpkin potatoes, yams, and tomatoes in his farm.

(Fsd-G1)-15

بوڑھے آدمی نے مکئی، پھلیاں، کدو، آلو، شکر قندی اور ٹماٹر (کی فصل) اُگائی تھی۔

Q.6 Why did the old man take the steep path?

بوڑھے آدمی نے ڈھلوانی راستہ کیوں اختیار کیا؟

(Dgk-G1)-15

Ans. The old man took the steep path to climb the mountain, because he wanted to show his son that he was still healthy.

(Rwp-G1)-15

(Mtn-G1)-14

بوڑھے آدمی نے پہاڑ پر چڑھنے کے لیے ڈھلوانی راستہ اختیار کیا کیونکہ وہ اپنے بیٹے کو ثابت کرنا چاہتا تھا کہ وہ اب بھی صحت مند ہے اور وہ حق بجانب تھا کہ اُس نے ڈاکٹروں کی بستر پر آرام کرنے کی نصیحت پر عمل نہ کیا تھا۔

Q.7 Why had the son at the age of six cry?

لڑکا چھ سال کی عمر میں کیوں پھوٹ کر رو یا تھا؟

(Sgd-G1)-16

Ans. The son cried at the age of six because he lost the little toy plough; his father had made for him. He kept crying till his father made another wooden plough for him.

(Sgd-G1)-15

(Fsd-G1)-15

لڑکا چھ سال کی عمر میں پھوٹ کر رو یا تھا کیونکہ اُس نے اپنا ہل والا کھلونا کھو دیا تھا۔ وہ مسلسل روتا رہا حتیٰ کہ اُس کے باپ نے اُس کو لکڑی سے ایک اور ہل بنا کر دیا۔

Q.8 What were the feelings of the old man at the age of seventy?

بوڑھے آدمی کے 70 سال کی عمر میں کیا احساسات تھے؟

Ans. The old man was happy that he had cheated death many times and lived the years of life, the good book allows to a man, despite the warnings of doctors. He was happy that he had raised a family of five children successfully.

بوڑھے آدمی خوش تھا کہ اُس نے ڈاکٹروں کی تنبیہات کے باوجود فطرتی زندگی گزاری ہے اور 5 بچوں کے خاندان کی کامیابی سے پرورش کی ہے۔

Q.9 Why had the old man planted his secret garden?

بوڑھے آدمی نے اپنا خفیہ باغ کیوں لگایا تھا؟

Ans. The old man planted his secret garden to prove his strength. The secret garden was a symbol of his will-power and a sign of his victory over nature.

بوڑھے آدمی نے اپنا خفیہ باغ اپنی قوت کو ثابت کرنے کے لیے لگایا تھا۔ خفیہ باغ اُس کی قوت ارادہ اور اُس کی قدرت پر فتح کی علامت تھا۔

Additional Questions

Q.1. Where did the old man take his son to?

Ans. The old man took his son to the top of the mountain to show the clearing in the sky, where he had raised potatoes, yams, and tomatoes.

(Dgk-G2)-15

Q.2. Why did Jess not want to go with his father?

Ans. Jess didn't want to go with his father because it was very hot outside and he had already walked half a mile uphill carrying basket of dishes to his Mom.

Q.3. How much distance did Jess cover to reach his father's house?

Ans: There were two slips in the road and he couldn't drive his car well, Jess had to walk a half mile uphill from his home to reach his father's home.

Q.4. What was the temperature when Jess came to see his father?

Ans. It was 97 in the shade when Jess came to see his father

(Bwp-G1)-16

Q.5. According to the son, what had the doctor suggested to his father about his health?

(Grw-G1)-14

Ans. According to the son, the doctor had suggested his father to go home and take rest with his family and enjoy the few days he had.

Q.6. Why did Jess not protest to his father when he had made up his mind?

OR

What kind of man was the writer's father?

Ans: Jess didn't protest to his father because he knew when his father made up his mind to do a thing, he would do it if he had to crawl. He didn't care if it was 97 in the shade or 16 below zero.

Q.7. While climbing, what did the old man cut with his knife and why?

Ans: The old man took the steep path to measure his health. That was one way of knowing about his health. He also wanted to show his son that he was still healthy.

Q.8. What did Jess reply about Alfalfa?

Ans: Jess said that it was the best looking hay, he had seen at any place. Even he had not seen better looking alfalfa in the little sandy River bottoms.

Q.9. What did the people warn the old man about his piece of land?

Ans. Everybody around the old man warned him that he would end up with his family, if he tried to make a living there.

Q.10. How much time did the old man spend to improve his acres?

Ans: It took him thirty years to improve those old worn-out acres to make them rich and fruitful.

Q.11. What did the old man remember on seeing the fox squirrel?

Ans. The old man remembered the old days when he and his son used to sit under hickory trees and the squirrels used to throw green hickory shells at them.

Q.12. What were the old man's memories about August morning?

Ans: The old man couldn't forget those days of August when he used to go to the woods with his son to hunt fox squirrels. They used to sit beneath those hickories and the squirrels threw green hickory shells down at them. The morning wind was also good to breathe in August.

Q.13. What were the old man's memories about October?

OR

What was the significance of October in old man's memories?

Ans. In October, the old man and his son used to sit beneath hickories and the hickory leaves fell like yellow rain due to frost. It was time when the rabbits were ripe and their hounds would make the rabbits circle.

Q.14. How were the pine trees looking like in the sky?

OR

How did the pine trees look on the top of the mountain?

Ans. The long boughs of the pine trees on top of the mountain looked like the fingers in the sky, fondling with the white clouds.

Q.15. Had the son ever been there before?

(Text Q.No.4) (Grw-G1)-14

Ans. With the exception of the last three years, the son had visited there for many times, but he had never seen anything extraordinary.

Q.16. How did Jess manage to stand on the steep path?

Ans: Jess managed to stand on the steep path by holding to a little sapling because it was too steep for his feet to hold unless he braced himself.

Q.17. What did the son see right on the mountain top.

(Dgk-G2)-14

OR

(Fsd-G1)-14

What did the old man show to his son, right on mountain top?

Ans: The old man took his son on the top of the mountain. They saw a clearing in the sky, it was small clearing of not more than three-fourth of an acre in the heart of this wilderness, right on the mountain top.

Q.18. Who cleared this land and who fenced it?

OR

Why did the old man fence his vegetable field?

Ans. The old man cleared the land and fenced his field against the stray cattle if they ever got out of the pasture and ruin the field.

Q.19. What did the old man tell to his wife and son about growing crops in the new grounds?

OR

Why did the old man raise vegetables on the mountain top?

OR

Why did the old man prefer the piece of land on the top of the mountain?

Ans. The old man preferred to raise vegetables on the mountain top because anything grown in a new ground would give better flavour, colour and size. He explained to his wife and the son.

Q.20. What were the names of the vegetables?

(Text Q.No.5)

OR

What were the names of the vegetables, the old man grew in his farm?

OR

What did the old man grown in his field.

Ans: The old man grew corn, beans, pumpkin potatoes, yams, and tomatoes in his farm.

Q.21. What did the doctor suggest the old man, to live his life?

Ans: Twenty times in the life of the old man, a doctor told him to go home and stay with his family as long as he could. Not to do anything but to live and enjoy the few days he had left with him.

Q.22. What were the feelings of the old man at the age of seventy.

OR

What age does the good book allow to a man upon this earth?

Ans: The old man was happy that he had cheated death many times and lived the years of life, the good book allows to a man, despite the warnings of doctors. He was happy that he had raised a family of five children successfully.

Q.23. According to the old man, what thing Jess is unable to understand till he reaches the age of seventy (three scores and ten)?

Ans: According to the old man, Jess was unable to understand till he reaches the age of three score and ten that a man loves to go back to the places what he knew and loved. After seventy years, the time of a man's life is borrowed.

Q.24. How did the old man plough the land?

Ans: The old man ploughed the land with the help of a mule. He himself had done all the work.

Q.25. Why did the son at the age of six cry?

(Text Q.No.7)

Ans: The son cried at the age of six because he lost the little toy plough, his father had made for him. He kept crying till his father made another wooden plough for him.

Q.26. Why didn't the old man follow the advice of the doctors? (Text Q.1)

Ans. The old man did not follow the advice of the doctors because he believed in himself. He also believed in struggle and will to work. If he had followed the doctors' advice, he would have been confined to bed and died.

Q.27. Why had the old man planted his secret garden? (Text Q.No.9)

Ans. The old man planted his secret garden to prove his strength. The secret garden was a symbol of his will-power and a sign of his victory over nature.

Q.28. What crops did Jess father and mother grow in their youth?

(Dgk-G1)-15

Ans: Jess' father and mother cleared and formed in corn, maize and cane, in their youth.

(Rwp-G1)-15

(Mtn-G1)-14

Q.29. Why did the old man take the steep path?

(Text-Q.6)

OR

Why did the old man make so many paths?

Ans. The old man took the steep path to measure his health. That was one way of knowing about his health. He also wanted to show his son that he was still healthy.

