

English Literature
STD-VIII
The Enchanted shirt

Questions and answers:-

1. What do you feel was the real state of the king's health?

Ans:-I think the king was fit and fine. He was idle and bored and hence felt a kind of depression.

2. Why were the doctors not able to cure him?

Ans:-The doctors were unable to cure him because the king because he was actually not suffering from any disease.

3. Pick out a few lines that make fun of the king?

Ans:-" The king was sick, his cheek was red"

"You are sound as a nut".

4. Why was the old doctor hanged?

Ans:-The old doctor was hanged because he could not find any disease with the king and he told that the king was hale and hearty.

5. Explain how was the second doctor wise?

Ans:-The second doctor was worldly wise because he knew that if he declared the king to be fit, he would be executed.

Hence he wrote a tricky prescription that the king would be well if he slept one night in the shirt of a happy man.

6. Did the king's men find a happy man easily?

Ans:-No, it was almost impossible for the royal couriers to find a happy man.

8. How does the poet contrast the poor beggar with the king?

Ans:-The poet describes the king as a rich and a lazy man who wore royal robes and ate rich food while the beggar was busy begging for work or food and did not even have a shirt to wear.

More importantly, the king was unhappy inspite of having everything while the beggar had no time to be sad and was jolly in whatever little he had.

8. What is the message of the poem?

Ans:-The message of the poem is that we must work hard, discharge our duties well and never be idle.

Only then can we be happy.