



CLASS - V ENGLISH NOTES JULY

4. The Jackal King

I. ERC:

1. “Didn’t God give this wretched animal any eyes to see where he was going?”

a) Who said this?

The washerman said this.

b) Who is the wretched animal?

The jackal is the wretched animal.

c) What had the animal done?

The animal had fallen into the washerman’s indigo vat.

d) Write a word to replace 'wretched' in the above line.

despicable

2. “Maybe this is all true. Why else would he be blessed with this unearthly colour?”

a) Who says this?

The other jackals say this.

b) What does the speaker mean by 'this'?

‘This’ refers to the jackal’s story that the goddess of the forest had poured ambrosia on him and had blessed him.

c) Who is 'he' referred to in these lines?

The jackal is referred to in these lines.

d) What was the 'unearthly colour'?

The ‘unearthly colour’ was indigo.

II. Short Answers:

1. Why did the jackal enter the washerman's house?

The jackal entered the washerman's house in search of food.

2. How did the jackal become blue in colour?

The jackal fell into the washerman's indigo vat and became blue in colour.

3. How would the jackal behave when he had to go somewhere?

If the jackal had to go somewhere, he would ride on an elephant. He would also have the lion to his right, the tiger to the left and packs of jackals behind him, and in front of him.

III. Long Answers:

1. Pick out at least two instances from the story that prove that the jackal was very clever.

- a) When he pretended to be dead when he was not able to climb out of the indigo vat.
- b) When he convinced the other animals that the goddess of the forest had blessed him.

2. Which quality of the jackal brought about his downfall? Do you think he deserved what happened to him at the end? Why/Why not?

The jackal had grown vain with the power he was enjoying over the other animals.

The answers to the second part of the question may vary.