



CLASS - VII ENGLISH NOTES JANUARY

11. The Chill Pill

I. ERC:

1. What's up Kedar keshto? Why is your face like thunder?

a) Who is the speaker of these words?

A school teacher is the speaker of these words.

b) Who is Kedar keshto?

Kedar-keshto is Kedar Babu, a very short-tempered man.

c) Why was his face like thunder?

His face was like thunder because his silver-plated hookah had broken into seven pieces.

d) What did Kedar-keshto reply?

Kedar-keshto replied that his silver-plated hookah had been broken. So, his face ought to be like thunder.

2. "That's easy to say and hard to do. My rage isn't the kind I can cage."

a) Who is the speaker and who is he speaking to?

Kedar Babu is the speaker. He is speaking to the school teacher.

b) What is easy to say and hard to do?

To tell someone to control their temper is easy to say but hard to do.

c) What is meant by 'cage' in the above lines? What part of speech has it been used as?

In the given lines, 'cage' means to control or to confine. It has been used here as a verb.

d) Give a word to replace 'rage' in the above line.

Anger.

3. 'What? Has the man gone mad?'

a) Who says this?

The crowd that had gathered around Kedar Babu said this.

b) Who is the man?

The man is Kedar Babu.

c) What is the man doing that makes the speaker think that he has gone mad?

The man was standing in the deserted school field and muttering out numbers to himself.

This made the others think that he had gone mad

d) What happens after this?

After this, others asked Kedar Babu why he was behaving so strangely

II. Short Answers:

1. What was Kedar Babu's problem?

Kedar Babu's problem was that he was a very short-tempered man.

2. Why was he angry when the teacher met him?

He was angry when the teacher met him because his silver-plated hookah had broken into seven pieces.

3. According to the teacher, who was the actual villain?

The teacher said that Kedar Babu's short temper was the actual villain.

4. What suggestion did the teacher give Kedar Babu?

The teacher told Kedar Babu to count till hundred the next time he got angry. According to the teacher, slowly counting up to ten usually worked. However, since Kedar Babu's anger was at a different level, the teacher suggested that he count up to hundred.

5. What circumstance made Kedar Babu angry a few days later?

A few days later, Kedar Babu was passing by the school where the boys were playing outdoors. Suddenly, a marble came and hit his shin bone. This made him very angry.

6. How did he react initially?

He initially reacted in anger by jumping and raising his walking stick.

7. What sight did the watchman see in the deserted school field?

The watchman saw a strange man in the deserted school field, muttering the numbers aloud as he counted.

8. What happened as soon as Kedar Babu reached the end of his counting?

As soon as Kedar Babu reached the end of his counting, he cursed the teacher for telling him that counting up to hundred would cool his temper. Then, he started hitting right and left wildly with his stick.

III. Long Answers:

1. What, according to you, makes this story humorous?

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers.

2. Who do you think the narrator is? How can you tell?

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers. Sample answer: The narrator is a school student.

3. Is anger a desirable emotion? What can the disadvantages be?

Answers may vary. Accept all relevant answers. Sample answer: No, anger is not a desirable emotion.

It causes you to say and do things that may well be regretted later but cannot be reversed. It is an emotion that surfaces on the spur of the moment. Since there is no thought that goes into it, it very often causes more hurt and damage than good.