

ASSIGNMENT-III

THE TIGER KING

BY KALKI



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THEME- 'The Tiger King' is a story about the transience of life and power. It is found that most of the time, the rulers are not interested and bothered about working for public welfare. Rather, they spend their time in foolish things. Most of the people, who surround these powerful people, are also interested in taking advantage of the proximity for their own welfare. In this satire, the author has rightly portrayed how Tiger king have subjected innocent tigers to untold torture and death, merely to fulfill his whims and fancies.

CHARACTERS

1. **THE MAHARAJA**:-Jilani Jung Bahadur, a royal prince of Pratibandhpuram. He is a crazy, eccentric and inhumane who killed 99 tigers only to prove prophecy wrong.
2. **THE DEWAN**:- The wan is a senior courtier but, in reality he holds no authority.
3. **THE CHIEF ASTROLOGER**:- He had a deep knowledge in astrology, was logical, but a little foolish in predicting people's fate.

CONTENT IN NUTSHELL

This is the story of the maharaja of Pratibandhpuram, who became known as the Tiger King. According to legend, when he was born, the astrologers proclaimed that having born under a particular star meant that he would have to die. Hearing this the Royal Prince who was then only ten days old suddenly spoke, much to the astonishment of all those assembled there.

The prince said that it was common knowledge that anyone who took birth would have to die and that he would acknowledge the wisdom of the astrologers if they could predict the manner of his

death. The astrologers then replied he was born in the hour of the bull and the bull and the tiger are enemies, and his death would be connected with a tiger.

When the prince came of age, and got back his kingdom from the British, he embarked on a mission to destroy the tigers completely in his kingdom. He was thrilled when he killed his first tiger, but the astrologers warned him that though he may kill ninety-nine tigers but he must be wary of the hundredth one. After that the king obsessed with tigers hunt and the state banned tiger hunting by anyone except the king. He proclaimed-if anyone dared fling even a stone at a tiger, his wealth and property would be confiscated. He vowed to attend to all other matters only after killing a hundred tigers. Once he came close to losing his throne when he denied permission to a high ranking officer to hunt a tiger, appeased him with 50 expensive diamond rings, lost three lakhs rupees. After killing 70 tigers, when tigers extinct in his kingdom he married a girl from a royal family with a large tiger population to kill rest 30 tigers. The king happily continued shooting tigers till he had 99 tiger skins on walls. For the last tiger, king offered 3-years exemption from all taxes but villagers would not manage hundredth one so king became annoyed and ordered land tax to be doubled. Dewan decided to place his own caged tiger. The king was overjoyed to shoot his hundredth tiger but actually he missed his target and later his hunter shot it. The king pleased with himself at having proved all astrologers wrong, he now turned his attention to his son who had just turned three. In his search for a gift for his son he bought a wooden tiger made by an unskilled carpenter. While playing with his son a splinter pierces his right hand, it developed into a wound and infection spread to his whole arm. The best surgeons called to operate king but the king was dead.

IRONY IN THE LESSON

The fact that one can't defy destiny or fate, the tiger king spends life in a single-minded pursuit of tigers but finally killed, not by a live tiger but a wooden toy tiger.

Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:

1. How did the tiger king acquire his name?
2. What happened to the tiger provided by the Dewan Saheb?
3. When was the Tiger King in danger of losing his kingdom?
4. What led the Maharaja to start out on a tiger hunt?
5. Which problem did the Maharaja face when he had killed seventy tigers? How did he solve it?
6. How did The Tiger King meet his end? What is ironical about his fate?
7. Did the Tiger King shoot the hundredth tiger? Give reason for your answer.

Answer the following question in about 120-150 words:

1. The story is a satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author employ the literary device of dramatic irony in the story?
2. Attempt a character –sketch of ‘Tiger King’.
3. Describe the efforts made by the Tiger King to achieve his target of killing a hundred tigers.

WRITING-SECTION

POSTER

A poster is a very useful means to create awareness about current social problem and issues. It is also useful for an announcement or appeal or issuing a notice to advertise a product or to extend an invitation for an event and information for the general public.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO DRAFT A POSTER

(A) LAYOUT:

- Eye-catching and visually attractive.
- A catchy/suggestive title in the form of a slogan, jingle or short verse.
- Sketch or simple drawings using matchstick figures.
- Letters of different size and shape.
- Proportionate spacing, etc.

(B) CONTENT:

- The theme or subject of the poster.
- Description or details associated with theme.
- Essential details like time, venue and date, in case of an event.
- Name(s) of the issuing authority, organizers, etc.

(C) EXPRESSION:

- The overall organization and sequencing of the matter.
- Appropriate and accurate language.
- Creativity in terms of content and design.

EXAMPLE: Draft a poster on save water.

Marking scheme:Format-1mark Content-2marks Expression-1 mark

SAVE WATER-SAVE THE WORLD!	Catchy title
Every Drop is Precious	Slogan
Water Level Going Critically Low Year by Year	
APPLY	
RAIN-WATER HARVESTING	Details about the subject
# Don't let rain-water run waste.	
# Store it in tanks and ponds.	
# Save this gift of nature before it is too late	
ISSUED BY: National Agriculture Organization, Lucknow	

1. You are Director General of Health Services. You want to invite people to come forward for eye donation. Draft a poster for the same.
2. Design a poster in about 50 words to create awareness on the need to prevent cruelty to animals. You are Vijay/Vinita.
3. You are a fitness trainer in a health club. Design a poster to emphasize the importance of exercise in maintaining mental and physical fitness. You are Prem/Priya.
4. Design a poster in about 50 words to create awareness among the people of your city on the importance of following traffic rule.
5. Design a poster in about 50 words to create awareness among people of your city on the pandemic of COVID-19.

INVITATIONS AND REPLIES

Marking scheme-Format-1mark, Content-2 marks Expression-1 mark

INVITATIONS

To invite someone for an occasion, we use the written form invitation. Invitation can be both formal as well as informal. They can be printed on cards or can be drafted in the form of letters.

Main characteristics:

An invitation is complete information. It answers the question: who, whom, when, where, what time and for what, therefore ,are:

- Occasion

- Name(s) of the invitees(s)
- Name (s) of the host(s)
- Date, time and venue.
- Name (s) of the chief guest or special invitees, in case of an official invitation.

characteristics of Formal Invitation:

- A formal invitation is normally a single sentence presentation in third person.
- In case a VIP is invited as the chief guest, the name of the chief guest must appear prominently.
- Name of the invitee is not to be included. The addressee's address is to be written only on the envelope.
- Simple present tense is to be used.
- The date of writing is not to be given.
- There is no signature on the host.
- The abbreviation RSVP (French: repondez s'il vous plait) i.e 'please reply' is written below on the left side with name(s), address and phone number of the host(s).
- Put the invitation into a box.
- Do not exceed 50 words.

FORMAT OF CARD FORM

- Name of the host
- Standard expression(e.g., request the pleasure of your company, solicit your gracious presence, cordially invited)
- Purpose of the invitation
- Name of the honouree
- Day, date and time of the event
- Name of the place, location with complete address
- RSVP(please respond)
- Telephone number or address of the host

Q.As Secretary of the Literary Club of St Anne's School, Ahmedabad, draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words for the inauguration of the club in your school.

The Principal, Staff and Students
Of
ST ANNE'S SCHOOL, AHMEDABAD
Seek the pleasure of your company on the
INAUGURATION
Of
THE LITERARY CLUB
On
Saturday, 20 May, 2020 at 4p.m
in the School Auditorium

RSVP
Secretary,
Literary Club
Phone: 0120-3456456

OR

Q. You are Chandra Mohan Singh of Rajendra Nagar, Delhi. Draft an invitation for your daughter Soni's marriage.

Mrs. and Mr. Chandra Mohan Singh
Solicit your benign presence on the auspicious occasion
Of the marriage of their daughter
SONI WITH RITESH
(S/O Mrs. and Mr. Satish Kumar Singh)
On
Friday 10 May, 2020
At
Hotel Crystal Regency, New Delhi
From 7p.m onward followed by dinner
Please accept the cordial invitation and obliged.

RSVP
Chandra Mohan Singh
Phone no. 01234567899

FORMAT OF LETTER FORM

Formal Invitation in letter format should follow the formal letter format

Q. On 30 May your school is going to hold its annual sports day. You want Mr. Dhanraj Pillai, a noted hockey player, to give away the prizes to the building sportspersons of the school. Write a formal invitation in about 50 words requesting him to grace the occasion. You are Karuna/Karan.

Sunrise Global School Agra-282002	→	Sender's address
4 May,2020	→	Date
Mr. Dhanraj Pillai New Delhi	→	Receiver's name and address
Subject-Invitation - Annual Sports Day	→	Subject
Sir	→	Salutation
We are pleased to inform you that our school is celebrating its Annual Sports Day on May30, 2020 at 9a.m in the school playground. We shall consider it a great honour and favour if you could grace the occasion and preside over the function as the Chief Guest and give away prizes. We hope your honour will kindly accede to our request. Soliciting a line in reply or an email at sunrise global@gmail.com. Thank you	→	Content (event/ date/ time/ venue)
Yours faithfully Karan (sports secretary)	→	Complementary close Sender's name and designation

1. You are a student leader of Apex public school, New Delhi. Draft an invitation on behalf of the Principal for a musical evening to be held in your school.

2 You are Faiz/Falak living at 39, shimla. You decides to hold a dinner party to congratulate your grandparents on their golden wedding anniversary. Draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words to all family members to attend a grand dinner at home.

3. You have been asked by your Director to invite a team of students and teachers from AVP School, Mumbai for a workshop on changes in CBSE syllabus being conducted by a reputed publisher of educational books. Write an invitation as the Secretary, English Literary Society of the publisher. You are Suman.

4. Invite a person of repute as judge for an inter-school competition. Invent the necessary details.

5. As the President of the Spastic Society of India, invite all its members on 10 May, 2020, to a dance programmes by 'Hena Ratna' at 6:30p.m at Siri Fort Auditorium. Famous film personality Mrs. Madhuri Mani has consented to be the Chief Guest.