

CLASS-5

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LITERATURE

TOPIC- THE MOUSE AND THE LION (POEM)

ANSWER KEY

A. Find the meanings of the following words:

- i. Dare to ask
- ii. Nibbled
- iii. To sleep lightly
- iv. Long projecting hair growing from the face or snout of many animals
- v. Having or showing fine personal qualities or high moral principles.

B. Write true or false:

- i. False
- ii. False
- iii. True
- iv. False
- v. True

C. Reference to context:

- i. The lion said these words to the mouse.
- ii. These words were spoken when the lion was awakened by the mouse.

- iii. The lion said these words because he was angry at being awakened by the mouse.

Exercise 1.A.- Answer the following questions (page 43)

- a. "In the hottest Sun of the longest day" is the line which suggests that it is summer.
- b. The lion sneezed when the mouse danced on its whiskery nose
- c. The lion picked up the mouse in its paw and questioned as to who had dared to awaken him.
- d. The mouse offered to save the lion's life if he let him go.

The proud lion was amused at the thought of being saved by a tiny mouse.

- e. After a few days the lion was caught in a net. No matter how hard he tried he could not set himself free. The tiny mouse bit and gnawed the net with his sharp teeth setting the lion free. This is how the mouse's words came true.
- f. This poem can be called a fable as its characters are animals and it conveys a moral. The lesson we learn from this poem is that one good turn deserves another. Little acts of kindness never go unnoticed. It also teaches us that we should not look down upon the humble and weak. Even the strongest at some time may need the help and support of those whom they considered weak and helpless.

2. A. four different sounds are as follows:

- i. Pit-a-pat - a sound made by the quick light steps of a mouse.
- ii. Grr, grrr, grrrr- roaring sound made by the lion.
- iii. Oho, oho, ohohohoho - exclamatory sound made by the lion to show his surprise
- iv. Squeak - high pitched and shrill sound made by the mouse.

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