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Class 4

English Literature Answer Key Chapter 2

Topic- The Elephant's Child

**1) Fill in the blanks:**

- a) elephants, trunk
- b) insatiable, curiosity
- c) pounds, melons
- d) crocodile, nose
- e) hungry, angry
- f) Limpopo

**2) Name them:**

- a) crocodile
- b) Kolokolo bird
- c) Limpopo River
- d) hippopotamus
- e) Elephant's Child

**3) Answer the following questions:**

Ans :a). In far off times, the elephants did not have a long trunk. He only had a blackish bulgy nose, as big as a boot that he could wriggle about from side to side.

Ans:b) The Kolokolo bird told the Elephant's Child where to find the crocodile.

Ans:c) The crocodile was found at the very edge of the great-grey green Limpopo River.

Ans:d) The Elephant's Child's trunk stretched up to four feet long.

Ans:e)At the end of the story the herd of elephants decided to go one by one to the crocodile and get a new long trunk.

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A) Look at the new words and fill in the blanks:

- a) insatiable
- b) curiosity
- c) familiar
- d) squirting
- e) pachyderm

C) Explain the following expressions in your own words or with the help of a sentence:

- a) short movements
- b) walk on
- c) no plan of
- d) before he knew what was happening

2. Choose and write the correct answers:

- a) nose no bigger than a boot
- b) curiosity
- c) Kolokolo Bird
- d) could not pick it up
- e) missed home

3) Write short answers:

Ans a) In far-off days, elephants had a blackish bulgy nose, as big as a boot that he could wriggle about from side to side but he could not pick up anything with it.

Ans b) The Elephant's Child went to the Limpopo river to find out what the crocodile has for dinner.

Ans c) We know that the Elephant's Child was all excited when he met the crocodile because he grew all breathless and panted and kneeled down on the bank of the Limpopo river.

Ans d)The Elephant Child's new nose was four feet long.

Ans e)The Elephant's Child was a tidy pachyderm by now since he picked up the dead skins and rinds he had dropped on the way to the Limpopo river.

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**4)Answer the following questions in detail:**

Ans a) The question the Elephant's Child asked his friend that what the crocodile has for dinner. The advice got was to go to the Limpopo River and see for himself.

Ans b)The next morning itself, the Elephant's Child took a hundred pounds of bananas and seventeen melons, bid his family goodbye and started his journey to the Limpopo River.

Ans c ) When the crocodile would not let go, the Elephant's Child spread all his legs and pulled his nose it stretched four feet long ,as he kept pulling he stumbled backwards and sat down. In this way he finally freed his nose from the crocodile.

Ans d) The Elephant's Child thought that his nose had swelled up due to pulling so he wrapped his nose in banana leaves and sat down waiting for it to shrink.

Ans e)The Elephant's Child discovered that he was able to kill a fly ,squirt the river water on his back and he was able to pluck fruits from the trees.