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Class:4 English Literature

Chapter 5

Arachne

Answer Key

1. Fill in the blanks:

- a) spin
- b) gods
- c) Athena
- d) tapestry
- e) fine cloth
- f) blazing
- g) repent
- h) silk ,weave
- i) marvellous
- j) human beings,goddess

2. Answer the following questions:

ans:a- Arachne was a young girl in Greece. She had big blue eyes and fair skin. She had long hair which looked like gold.

ans:b-Arachne lived with her parents in a tiny village dotted with little cottages surrounded by fig trees ,green hills and valleys.

ans:c- People would come from far and wide to buy her cloth as it was extremely fine, soft and bright.

ans:d- People praised the cloth by saying it was made up of the rays of sunlight or the threads of gold.

ans:e- The Gods and Goddesses watched Arachne become so proud that she forgot to be nice to human being they decided to do something about this.

ans:f- The great Jupiter who sat in the clouds was the judge.

ans:g- Athena had set up her loom in the sky where the breeze was blowing and the summer sun was shining as she was the queen of air.

ans:h- Arachne had set up her loom in the shade of the mulberry tree where butterflies and bees were flitting from flower to flower.

ans:i- The web which Athena wove in the sky was full of enchanting pictures of flowers, gardens, of castles, towers, mountains heights full of snow and of men of giants and dwarfs of mighty beings who dwell in the clouds with Jupiter.

ans:j- When the people saw Athena's web they were filled with wonder and awe, they forgot all about the beautiful web which Arachne had woven.

### 3. Reference to the context:

A. "Oh, how can I live."

ans: i- Arachne said these words to herself.

ans: ii- Arachne felt this way as she realised she lost and she would never be able to use her loom or spindle again.

B. "Then so be it."

ans: i- Athena said these words to Arachne.

ans: ii- The speaker, Athena was angry as Arachne challenged Athena to come down from heaven and prove that she was a better weaver than her.

### 4. Make sentences

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#### 1A. Find the meanings:

- a) feeling embarrassed
- b) attractive
- c) quick and light in movement
- d) arrogant
- e) piece of thick fabric with a design woven on it.

#### 2. Write exactly what happened after:

ans: a- Jupiter decided to send Athena to earth.

ans: b- Arachne took her straight to the room where all her work was displayed.

ans:c- An agreement was made, if Arachne's work was the best then Athena would not weave ever again but Athena's work was the best then Arachne would never use the loom or spindle ever again.

ans:d- Athena saw Arachne weeping she took pity on her, she touched Arachne with the tip of her spear immediately Arachne was changed into a spider.

ans:e- Arachne was changed at once into a nimble spider which ran into a shady place in the grass and began merrily to spin and weave a beautiful web.