

5.The Empty Heart

1. What made the rich man in 'The Empty Heart' mad?

Ans: - Fill the empty pot with gold made the rich man mad.

2. Why did the poet pray to the wish-yielding tree?

Ans: - The wish-yielding tree gave the rich man seven silver pitchers which were filled with coins.

Q.3. What did the man lose while trying to fill the half-filled pitcher in "The Empty Heart"?

Ans: - The man, while trying to fill the half-filled pitcher in "The Empty Heart" lost his peace and health.

Q.4. Why was the tree called unkind?

Ans: - Because the tree gave him a half-filled extra pitcher to make him greedy.

Q.5. What makes our life happy-money or contentment or both?
Discuss.

Ans: - Contentment is the root of all happiness. No doubt; money is also essential for us but up to a limit and it is contentment which ascertains that limit.

Q.6. Why was the man not content. although he was rich?

Ans:- He was greedy, so he was not content

Q.7. What does "Silver pitcher" symbolize in the poem?

Ans: -The 'Silver pitcher' in the poem symbolises wealth which should have been more than enough to fill the man's heart with happiness and contentment.

Q.8. Contentment is the style of life. Discuss in the light of the poem.

Ans: -Contentment is the real wealth of human being. It is sure money is necessary, no doubt but how much money, cannot be limited. By our hard labour what we get is enough. We should have limited needs and desires.

Q.9. What was the reason of the greedy man's death?

Ans: - The man was very rich but he had no satisfaction. Although his demand was granted sevenfold, yet his desire shaped a demon. He was also given a half-full pot. He worked day and night to fill an empty pot and so he died helplessly.

Q. 10. Explain the following lines: Nothing is wrong with a half-filled purse; Tis the void in the heart that is the curse.

Ans: - Desire is a restless bird that can't be fulfilled even if the whole property of the world given to a single man. Each and every man needs some wealth; and it is enough to entertain our life in a good way; then why we need more? So, it is said that if our heart is empty, it is a curse.

Q. 11. What does the name "Kalpaka" evoke? What light does it throw on the character of the person?

Ans: -"Kalpaka" is a Tamil word means god, that has enough power to produce anything. A god should be generous and so it was. The man demanded only one pot of gold, and the tree gave him seven pots.

Even an eight pot was given, though it was half filled. It explains the greed of the person.

Q. 12. Why was he given seven pots?

Ans: - The tree granted his promotion heartily.

13. What is your opinion about a greedy man?

Ans: - A greedy man loses his existence quickly.

14. When did the man want one pot of gold?

Ans: - When he prayed a lot, he demanded a pot.

1. 'The Empty Heart' has been composed by -

(A) Periyasamy Thooran

(B) Keki. N. Daruwala

(C) Sarojini Naidu

(D) Mahadevi Verma

Ans - A

2. In the poem 'The Empty Heart', the prayer was granted –

(A) three fold

(B) sevenfold

(C) five fold

(D) nine fold

Ans - B

3. In the poem "The Empty Heart", to whom did the man bid good bye ?

- (A) His Mother
- (B) His wife
- (C) His Children
- (D) His Mother, Wife and Children

Ans - D

4. How many pots of gold were given to the man in the poem "The Empty Heart"?

- (A) Seven
- (B) Six
- (C) Five
- (D) Eight

Ans - A

5. "The Empty Heart" speaks about

- (A) Happiness
- (B) Greed
- (C) Sorrow
- (D) Fear

Ans - B

6. In the poem "The Empty Heart", the man was rich, but not

- (A) wealthy
- (B) worthy
- (C) content
- (D) clever

Ans - C

7. In the poem "The Empty Heart" a rich man's prayer was granted

- (A) Sevenfold
- (B) Eightfold
- (C) Sixfold
- (D) None of these

Ans - A

8. According to the poem "The Empty Heart" which of the following statements is true ?

- (A) The man was given six pots.
- (B) Periyasamy Thooran was a Bengali writer.
- (C) The man was not satisfied because he was greedy.
- (D) The poem "The Empty Heart" has been translated by S. Swaminathan.

Ans - C

9. The richman wrecked his

- (A) desire
- (B) pitchers
- (C) car
- (D) health

Ans - D

10. At the end of the poem what happened to the richman in the poem "The Empty Heart"?

- (A) He became poor
- (B) He died
- (C) He became wealthy
- (D) He became healthy

Ans - B

11. Eating, drinking and sleep he

- (A) did
- (B) shirked
- (C) passed
- (D) left

Ans - B

12. Periyasamy Thooran was born in

- (A) 1908
- (B) 1907
- (C) 1906
- (D) 1905

Ans - A

13. The poem 'The Empty Heart' highlights a great human

- (A) boldness
- (B) greatness
- (C) weakness
- (D) promptness

Ans - C

14. The poem is the translation of Tamil poem

- (A) Kurari Kudam
- (B) Aparajito
- (C) Kudam
- (D) Yama

Ans - A

15. Greed is but life is not.

- (A) good

- (B) bad
- (C) worthy
- (D) endless

Ans - D

16. The discontented man prayed for

- (A) one pot of gold
- (B) two pots of gold
- (C) seven pots of gold
- (D) eight pots of gold

Ans - A

17. The demon desire now made him

- (A) sad
- (B) pleased
- (C) mad
- (D) happy

Ans - C

18. The man tried all tricks to gather

- (A) jewellery
- (B) gold
- (C) silver

(D) diamonds

Ans - B

19. In the poem "The Empty Heart", what did the pitchers contain ?

(A) silver coins

(B) gold coins

(C) copper coins

(D) lead coins

Ans - B

20. There was a which had the power to grant wishes -

(A) snake

(B) pigeon

(C) tree

(D) temple

Ans - C

21. The Poet narrates the story of a

(A) Poor man

(B) healthy man

(C) rich man

(D) greedy man

Ans - D

22. The man was rich but he was not

- (A) content
- (B) proud
- (C) happy
- (D) fool

Ans - A

23. Harder and harder he tried, but

- (A) became mad
- (B) became senseless
- (C) failed
- (D) died

Ans - D

24. Periyasamy was awarded

- (A) Bharat Ratna
- (B) Padma Bhushan
- (C) Padma Bibhushan
- (D) Padmshri

Ans - B

25. Which tree had the power to grant, wishes in the poem 'The Empty Heart'.

- (A) Pipal
- (B) Banyan
- (C) Neem
- (D) Kalpaka

Ans - D

26. The tree granted him silver pots full of

- (A) gold
- (B) coins
- (C) jewellery
- (D) diamond

Ans - A

27. Periyasamy Thooran was a distinguished writer.

- (A) Bengali
- (B) Bhojpuri
- (C) Marathi
- (D) Tamil

Ans - D

28. What made him mad ?

- (A) Greedy tendency
- (B) Excessive desire

(C) Insatiable greed

(D) Wrecked health

Ans - B

29. Who did the rich man pray to in the poem 'The Empty Heart'?

(A) The pots of gold

(B) The Wish-yielding Tree

(C) The king

(D) God

Ans - B

30. The poem "The Empty Heart" tells about the problems caused by

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(A) poverty

(B) content

(C) greed

(D) anger

Ans - C

31. The rich man asked for a

(A) pot of silver

(B) pot of gold

(C) pot of diamond

(D) pot of jewellery

Ans - B

32. How did the rich man work ?

(A) from morning to evening

(B) from morning to noon

(C) from morning to afternoon

(D) from morning to midnight

Ans - D

33. The poem "The empty Heart" highlights man's insatiable

(A) food

(B) hunger

(C) greed

(D) nature

Ans - C

34. "Eager and anxiously he shamelessly took" What did the man take ?

(A) Gold coins

(B) Fancy clothes

(C) Beautiful gems

(D) Property

Ans - A

35. 'The seven full vessels he clean forgot', is from

- (A) The Empty Heart
- (B) Koel
- (C) Martha
- (D) Ode on Solitude

Ans - A

36. The rich man left home because he wanted to earn more

- (A) knowledge
- (B) respect
- (C) money
- (D) gold

Ans - D

37. 'llantamiza' has been written by

- (A) Periyasamy Thooran
- (B) Durga Prasad Panda
- (C) Vidyapati
- (D) Puran Singh

Ans - A

38. 'The Empty Heart' tells us about

- (A) greed
- (B) poverty
- (C) sickness
- (D) over-eating

Ans - A

39. 'Greed is endless, but life is not'-is from

- (A) The Empty Heart
- (B) Koel
- (C) God Made the Country
- (D) Thinner Than a Crescent

Ans - A

40. "The demon desire now made him mad" is from

- (A) The Empty Heart
- (B) Koel
- (C) Thinner Than a Crescent
- (D) Martha

Ans - A