

Chapter 1 Three Questions

WORKING WITH THE TEXT

Answer the following questions.

1. Why was the king advised to go to magicians?

- A. Many people told the king that the magicians could look into the future. If one person knows the future, it is easy to decide the right time for doing something. The king wanted to know the right time to begin something in his kingdom. So, the king was advised to go to magicians.

2. In answer to the second question, whose advice did the people say would be important to the king?

- A. The hermit who replied the answer to the second question, was the best. The people said that the hermit's advice would be important to the king.

3. What suggestions were made in answer to the third question?

- A. In answer to the third question some said science, others chose fighting and some others said religious worship. The hermit's answer was the best.

4. Did the wise men win the reward? If not, why?

- A. No, the wise men did not win the reward because none of their answers could satisfy the king.

5. How did the king and the hermit help the wounded man?

- A. When the king was in the hermit's hut, a bearded man in a weak voice came in. They saw that there was a wound on his stomach. The king washed it and covered it with his handkerchief but blood kept on flowing. He redressed the wound. At last the bleeding stopped. The man felt better. The king gave him some fresh water. After that, he was carried by them into the hut and laid him on the bed.

6. i) Who was the bearded man?

- A. The bearded man was the king's enemy. The king had killed his brother and seized his property. He wanted to take revenge by killing the king.

ii) Why did he ask for the king's forgiveness?

- A. The king washed the wound and covered it with his handkerchief but blood kept on flowing. He dressed it again. It was stopped. The king treated him as his most faithful servant. So the bearded man felt grateful to the king. Therefore, he asked for the king's forgiveness.

7. The king forgave the bearded man. What did he do to show his forgiveness?

A. The king not only forgave him but also sent his servants and his own doctor to look after him. He also promised the man to give back his property.

8. What were the hermit's answers to the three questions? Write each answer separately. Which answer do you like most, and why?

A. The hermit's answers are the following:

- i) There is only one time that is important and that time is 'now'.
- ii) The most necessary person is the 'person you are with' at a particular moment, for no one knows what will happen in the future.
- iii) The most important thing to do is 'to do good' to the person who is with you.

I like the first answer the most because that is the most logical one.