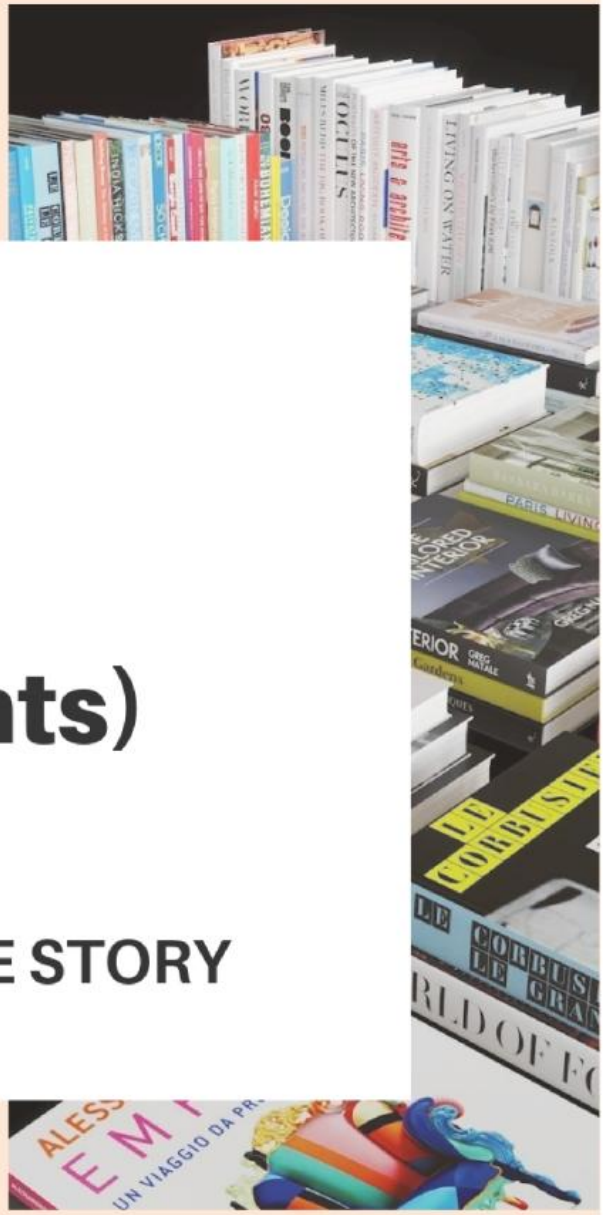
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Class 9 English (Moments) Notes

ISWARAN THE STORY TELLER



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Lesson 3

ISWARAN THE STORY TELLER R.K. Laxman

Value Points

- This story is narrated to Ganesh by a young man Mahendra who was a supervisor in a firm.
- His job was to keep an eye on the activities at the work site.
- As he was a bachelor, he always had, his cook Iswaran with him.
- Iswaran used to read the popular Tamil thrilling stories.
- His own description was greatly influenced by Tamil Stories.
- He weaved endless stories and played a role of "the television in Mahendra's life.
- He narrated the tale of a Tusker, which destroyed everything on the way and how he made him collapse in the end with a small cane.
- Iswaran linked the auspicious full moon night to the story of a female ghost.
- Mahendra did not believe and rebuked him explaining such stories baseless .
- One night Mahendra heard some sound near his window.
- Mahendra saw a cloudy figure holding a bundle.
- This affected Mahendra very much and he could not sleep properly.
- Next morning Iswaran greeted him and asked him about the last night experience.
- Mahendra resolved to leave the haunted place the very next day.

ACTIVITY 1

Describing the scene when any animal created problem in your locality as Tusker the elephant had done.

The Scene that was created by a stray Bull

- One day in our locality a stray bull made .....
- He came on the main road side and .....
- He hit two small children who were .....
- A young boy tried to save them but he .....
- Crowd gathered there some one phoned .....
- A team of Police and MCD came with .....
- It seemed the bull had become .....
- Any how he was tied with .....
- then the MCD Department took .....
- It was ..... scene I never .....

COMPREHENSION PASSAGES

1. When he was narrating even the smallest of incidents, he would try to work in suspense and a surprise ending into the account.
   Questions :
   a) Name the Lesson from where the above passage is taken
   b) Who is 'he' in the above lines?
   c) How did he make his story narration interesting?
   d) Give the comparative degree of 'smallest'?
2. Whether the story was credible or not, Mahendra enjoyed listening to it because of the inimitable way in which it was told.
   Questions :
   a) Name the lesson from which the above passage has been taken.
   b) What did Mahendra Enjoy?
   c) Why did Mahendra enjoy listening to it.
   d) Find a word from the above passage which means the same as 'believable'.
3. There, not too far away, was a dark cloudy form clutching a bundle. Mahendra broke into a cold sweat and fell back on the pillow, panting.
   Questions :
   a) Name the lesson from where the above passage is taken?
   b) What did Mahendra see at night?
   c) Why was he scared?
   d) Find a word that means "breathing quickly and loudly".

Short Questions

Q 1. What did Iswaran do when Mahendra left for work?
Q 2. Where did Iswaran get the ideas of his stories from?
Q 3. Why did Iswaran make special dinner one day?
Q 4. What did Mahendra see on full moon night and how did he feel?
Q. 5 Why did Mahendra have to move from place to place?
Q. 6 What was the routine of Mahendra and Ishwaran?

Long Answer Questions

Q 1. More than a cook Ishwaran was a constant companion and friend for Mahendra. He entertained him and made his life very lively. Based on your reading the story write a note on the topic :
'The need for good friends in life'.
Q 2. As in the story Iswaran was a good story teller. How a child can adopt the qualities to be a good story teller. Write the steps that support you to be a good story narrator.
Q. 3 Describe the ghost incident. What was its impact on Mahendra's mind?
Q. 4 How did Mahendra tackle the elephant in the school building?