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The Tiger King

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LECTURE-4

(Part - 02)

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Game time!



Unjumble the adjectives to describe the image.



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wlggion

ysmlicat

Here are the answers!



magical

glowing

mystical

to see

"Let's watch a funny movie."

Which word is a noun?

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Naming words

(A) watch

(A) funny

✓ (A) movie

(A) word

From the given options, select the one which most correctly explains the given expression:

He thought he would lose face if he admitted the mistake

(A) To feel sad

(A) To look angry

(A) To be confused

✓ (A) To lose respect from others



Topic : Introduction



By – “Kalki”



- The story revolves around a King whose death at the hands of a tiger had been foretold by astrologers when he was born.
- As he desperately tries to reverse the fate spelled out for him, the author uses **satire** to make the reader laugh as well as realize the King's folly.



Topic : Key Points



The Maharaja of Pratibandapuram

- ✓ ■ Maharaja's elaborate title shortened to the "Tiger King"
- ✓ ■ author jocularly informs the readers that the "Tiger King" is mortal
- ✓ ■ prophecy made newly born prince destined to be a great warrior and hero of heroes, but will die one day.



Ten-day-old Prince shocked everybody

- addressed the astrologers in his squeaky voice
- said “all those who are born will one day have to die”
- he ridiculed the astrologer and asked about the manner of his death
- astrologer said that death will come from a tiger because he is born in the hour of the Bull and that the Bull and the Tiger are enemies
- infant uttered “Let tigers beware!”

Upbringing and coronation of the prince

- crown prince brought up like all princes in India
- given milk of an English Cow, taught by an English tutor, looked after by an English nanny and watched English films
- crowned at the age of twenty



Everyone recalled the astrologer's prediction

- word reached Maharaja's ears about the prediction
- Maharaja killed first tiger to prove that the prophecy was a myth
- told the state astrologer about the killing
- astrologer said that no harm would come to him till the killing of ninety-nine tigers
- advised to avoid killing the 100th tiger
- if the king succeeded in killing the 100th tiger, the astrologer promised to leave his profession and cut his hair short

King's tiger-killing mission

- tiger killing banned in State
- only the Maharaja could hunt
- defaulter's wealth and property would be confiscated
- tiger-killing became the king's main occupation
- met many dangerous situations

A high-ranking British officer's visit *'Durai'*

- wanted to visit Pratibandhpuram for tiger hunting
- the Maharaja declined

The King's Dilemma

- turning down of a senior British officer's request could lead to Maharaja losing his kingdom
- Maharaja and his dewan decided to bribe the officer by sending expensive rings to his wife
- send about fifty samples of expensive diamond rings expecting the officer's wife would choose one or two rings
- the wife kept all the rings and sent 'thanks'
- the rings cost the king three lakh rupees, but his kingdom was saved

Part (IV) The Marriage and the Reason There of

The Maharaja's tiger hunts continued to be highly successful.

Within ten years he was able to kill seventy tigers. And then, an *unexpected* *சிறு* *unforeseen* *hurdle* brought his mission to a *standstill*. The tiger

population became extinct in the forests of Pratibandapuram.

Who knows whether the tigers practised *to avoid pregnancy* birth control or *Japan (Suicide)* committed harakiri? Or simply ran away from the State because

they desired to be shot by British hands alone?





One day the Maharaja sent for the dewan. *called minister* "Dewan saheb, aren't you aware of the fact that thirty tigers still remain to be shot down by this gun of mine?" he asked brandishing his gun. *showcasing*

Trembling
Shuddering at the sight of the gun, the dewan cried out, "Your Majesty! I am not a tiger!"

"Which idiot would call you a tiger?"

"No, and I'm not a gun!"

"You are neither tiger nor gun."

Called

Dewan saheb, I summoned you here for a different purpose. I have decided to get married.”

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The dewan began to babble even more. “Your Majesty, I have two wives already. If I marry you ...”

“Don’t talk nonsense! Why should I marry you? What I want is a tiger...”

forefathers

“Your Majesty! Please think it over. Your ancestors were married to the sword. If you like, marry the gun. A Tiger King is more than enough for this state. It doesn’t need a Tiger Queen as well!”

रिप्लाइ?



laughed heartily

The Maharaja gave a loud crack of laughter. "I'm not thinking of marrying either a tiger or a gun, but a girl from the ranks of human beings. First you may *gather data* draw up statistics of tiger populations in the different native states. Next you may investigate if there is a girl, I can marry in the royal family of a state with a large tiger population."

The dewan followed his orders. He found the right girl from a state which *had* possessed a large number of tigers.





Maharaja Jung Jung Bahadur killed five or six tigers each time he visited his father-in-law. In this manner, ninety-nine tiger skins adorned the walls of the reception hall in the Pratibandapuram palace.

decorated

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#Q. Why did the Maharaja's tiger killing mission come to a sudden standstill? 

- A** The Maharaja lost interest in hunting tigers.
- B** The Maharaja fell ill and couldn't continue hunting.
-  **C** The tiger population became extinct in the forests of Pratibandapuram.
- D** The British government banned tiger hunting in Pratibandapuram.

Topic : MCQs



#Q. Why did the Maharaja decide to get married?

- A** He wanted to have a successor to his throne.
- B** He was lonely and desired companionship.
- ☒ **C** He aimed to marry a girl from a state with a large tiger population.
- D** He wished to appease his dewan's suggestion for a political alliance.

#Q. What humorous explanations are given for the disappearance of the tigers?

- ☐ **A** They migrated to another forest
- ☒ **B** They practiced birth control, committed harakiri, or desired to be shot by British hands
- ☐ **C** They were captured by poachers
- ☐ **D** They were protected by a wildlife law



Part (V) The Hundredth Tiger

Worry

very high level

The Maharaja's anxiety reached a fever pitch when there remained just one tiger to achieve his tally of a hundred. He had this one thought during the day and the same dream at night. By this time the tiger farms had run dry even in his father-in-law's kingdom. It became impossible to locate tigers anywhere. Yet only one more was needed. If he could kill just that one single beast, the Maharaja would have no fears left. He could give up tiger hunting altogether.

Count

empty

wild animal

completely

But he had to be extremely careful with that last tiger. What had the late chief astrologer said? “Even after killing ninety-nine tigers the Maharaja should ^{Cautious} beware of the ^{dangerous} hundredth...” True enough. The tiger was a savage beast after all. One had to be ^{Cautious} wary of it. But where was that hundredth tiger to be found? It seemed easier to find tiger’s milk than a live tiger.



(डूबना)

Sink

Sadness

Thus, the Maharaja was sunk in gloom. But soon came the happy news which eliminated that gloom. In his own state sheep began to disappear often frequently from a hillside village.

made lure

It was first ascertained that this was not the work of Khader Mian Saheb or Virasami Naicker, both famous for their ability to swallow sheep whole. Surely, a tiger was at work. The villagers

निरालना

ran to inform the Maharaja. The Maharaja announced a three-year exemption from all taxes for that village and set out on the

लगान माफ करना

to leave

hunt at once. immediately



The tiger was not easily found. It seemed as if it had ^{knowingly} wantonly hid itself in order to ^{disregard} flout the Maharaja's ^{desire} will.

The Maharaja was equally determined. He ^{denied} refused to leave the forest until the tiger was found. As the days passed, the Maharaja's ^{anger} fury and ^{stubbornness} obstinacy ^{increased at a dangerous level} mounted alarmingly. Many officers lost their jobs.



One day when his ^{anger} rage was at ^{maximum level} its height, the Maharaja called the dewan and ordered him to double the land tax forthwith.
^{immediately}



“The people will become discontented. Then our state too will fall a prey to the Indian National Congress.”

unhappy

शिकार

“In that case you may resign from your post,” said the king.

The dewan went home convinced that if the Maharaja did not find the tiger soon, the results could be catastrophic. He felt life returning to him only when he saw the tiger which had been brought from the People's Park in Madras and kept hidden in his house.

extremely dangerous



ਘਸੀਰਨਾ

At midnight when the town slept in peace, the dewan and his aged wife dragged
pushed forcibly
the tiger to the car and shoved it into the seat.



The dewan himself drove the car straight to the forest where the Maharaja was hunting. When they reached the forest, the tiger Started its protest and refused to get out of the car. The dewan was completely tired in his efforts to haul the beast out of the car and push it down to the ground.

pull out
forcibly

next
 On the following day, the same old tiger wandered into the
 Maharaja's presence and stood as if in polite humble supplication,
 "Master, what do you command of me?" It was with boundless joy
 that the Maharaja took careful aim at the beast. The tiger fell in a
Collapsed crumpled heap.



"I have killed the hundredth tiger. My vow has been fulfilled,"
 the Maharaja was overcome with elation. Ordering the tiger to be
 brought to the capital in grand procession, the Maharaja
hastened away in his car.

After the Maharaja left, the hunters went to take a closer look at the tiger. The tiger looked back at them rolling its eyes in *Confusion* bafflement. The men realised that the tiger was not dead; the bullet had missed it. It had *देरी* fainted from the shock of the bullet *going past quickly* whizzing past. The hunters wondered what they should do. They decided that the Maharaja must not come to know that he had missed his target. If he did, they could lose their jobs.

One of the hunters took aim from a distance of one foot and shot the tiger. This time he killed it without missing his mark.



ordered

Then, as commanded by the king, the dead tiger was taken in procession through the town and buried. A tomb was erected over it.

જાનના યાત્રા made



A few days later the Maharaja's son's third birthday was celebrated. Until then the Maharaja had given his entire mind over to tiger hunting. He had had no time to save spare for the crown prince. But now the king turned his attention to the child. He wished to give him some special gift on his birthday. He went to the shopping centre in Pratibandapuram and searched every shop but couldn't find anything suitable. Finally, he noticed spotted a wooden tiger in a toyshop and decided it was the perfect gift.



The wooden tiger cost only two annas and a quarter. But the shopkeeper knew that if he ^{told} quoted such a low price to the Maharaja, he would be punished under the rules of the Emergency. So, he said, "Your Majesty, this is an extremely ^{दुर्लभ} rare example of craftsmanship. A ^{सौदा ; deal} bargain at three hundred rupees!"

शिल्पकारिता



“Very good. Let this be your offering to the crown prince
 on his birthday,” said the king and took it away with him. On
 that day father and son played with that tiny little wooden
 tiger. It had been ^{made} carved by an unskilled ^{carpenter} carpenter. Its surface
 was rough; ^{small pieces} tiny slivers of wood stood up like ^{quills} quills all over it.
 One of those slivers ^{penetrated} pierced the Maharaja’s right hand. He
 pulled it out with his left hand and continued to play with the
 prince.



Spread

The next day, infection flared in the Maharaja's right hand. In four days, it developed into a suppurating sore which spread all over the arm.

developing pus
गुत्ता





Three famous surgeons were brought in from Madras. After holding a consultation, they decided to operate. The operation took place.



 The three surgeons who performed it came out of the theatre and announced,

“The operation was successful. The Maharaja is dead.”

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In this manner the hundredth tiger took its final revenge upon the Tiger King.



Topic : Message



- ① What goes around , comes around!
- ② We can't run away from our destiny.
- ③ Don't harm animals.

#Q. Why did the Maharaja exempt the hillside village from all taxes for three years?

- ☐ **A** The villagers found a hundredth tiger
- ☒ **B** The villagers informed him of a tiger in the area
- ☐ **C** The villagers saved his life
- ☐ **D** The villagers offered him gifts

Topic : MCQs

#Q. What action did the Maharaja take when his rage was at its height?

☒ **A** He increased the land tax

☐ **B** He gave up hunting

☐ **C** He executed the dewan

☐ **D** He abdicated the throne



Topic : MCQs

#Q. Why did the shopkeeper quote a higher price for the wooden tiger?

- ☐ A He wanted to cheat the Maharaja
- ☒ B He knew he would be punished for quoting a low price
- ☐ C He wanted to impress the Maharaja
- ☐ D He was following the king's orders

NCERT Questions



- ✓ 1. The story is a satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author employ the literary device of dramatic irony in the story?
- ✓ 2. What is the author's indirect comment on subjecting innocent animals to the willfulness of human beings? ☆
- ✓ 3. How would you describe the behaviour of the Maharaja's minions towards him? Do you find them truly sincere towards him or are they driven by fear when they obey him? Do we find a similarity in today's political order? ←

चेले



Topic : Glossary



- **Strategic** : forming a plan to achieve a specific purpose or to gain an advantage
- **Stuka bomber** : a two-man German dive bomber and ground-attack aircraft that first flew in 1935
- **Retreat** : the act of moving back
- **Imperative** : of utmost importance; absolutely necessary
- **Indomitable** : impossible to subdue or defeat
- **Abode** : a place of residence
- **Demise** : death



- **Foretold** : predicted
- **Compelled** : obliged to do something
- **Revealed** : made known to others
- **Transfixed** : caused someone to become motionless with horror, wonder, or astonishment
- **Stupefaction** : state of being confused or shocked
- **Enunciated** : said clearly
- **Gazed** : looked steadily in admiration

- **Squeaky** : having or making a high-pitched sound
- **The Bull** : Taurus, the second sign of the zodiac represented by the 'bull'
- **The Tiger** : Leo, the fifth sign of zodiac represented by the 'lion/tiger'
- **Quake** : tremble
- **Rife** : widespread
- **Hindsight** : understanding of a situation or event only after it has happened
- **Innumerable** : too many to be counted
- **Drawled** : spoke in a slow, lazy way



- **Tuft** : a bunch or collection of threads, grass, hair, etc., held or growing together at the base
- **Incoherent** : in an unclear manner
- **Proclamation** : official declaration
- **Fling** : to throw
- **Vowed** : a solemn promise, pledge, or personal commitment
- **Confiscated** : took someone's property by force
- **Ambition** : a strong desire to achieve something

- **Leapt** : jumped or sprang a long way
- **Resolve** : settle or find a solution to a problem
- **Carcass** : dead body of an animal
- **Relented** : finally yielding to a request; gave in
- **Durai** : (in Tamil) means lord or god, but in the story, it refers to the British lords
- **Deliberations** : long and careful considerations
- **Duraisani** : (Goddess in Tamil) in the story it refers to the wife of the British officer

- **Hara-kiri** : ritual suicide by disembowelment with a sword, formerly practised in Japan by samurai as an honourable alternative to disgrace or execution
- **Brandishing** : waving a weapon in anger
- **Shuddering** : trembling
- **Summoned** : ordered someone to be present
- **Babble** : talk in a confused or silly way
- **Fever Pitch** : a very high level of excitement
- **Savage Beast** : a violent animal



- **Wary** : cautious; watchful
- **Dispelled** : eliminated
- **Ascertained** : made sure of something

✓ #Q. How did the ten-day-old baby (the future Tiger King) react to the prediction about his future made by the astrologers? (Delhi 2016)

Or

Why did the ten-day-old prince Jung Jung Bahadur utter the words “Let tigers bew”?

#Q. The Maharaja justified his actions based on the maxim: ‘You may kill even a cow in self-defence,’ so there would be no objection to killing tigers in self-defence.
Do you think it is right to justify our actions in this way? Elaborate.

(CBSE Question Bank)

#Q. ✓ How did the Tiger King stand in danger of losing his kingdom? How was he able to avert the danger? (Delhi 2012)

Or

Why did the Maharaja and the dewan of the State decide to send gifts of expensive diamond rings to the 'duraisani'?

Or

How did the Tiger King manage to retain his kingdom? (Foreign 2015)

Or

How did the Maharaja overcome difficulty created by the high-ranking British officer? (AI CBSE 2015 C)

✓ #Q. What proposal did the British officer's secretary give to the Maharaja? Did the Maharaja agree to his proposal? Why/Why not?

Or

What did the British officer's secretary tell the Maharaja? Why did the Maharaja refuse permission? (AI CBSE 2010)

☆ #Q. When did the Tiger King stand in danger of losing his kingdom? (Delhi 2010)

Or

When was the Tiger King in danger of losing his throne? (AI CBSE 2015)

Or

Why was the Maharaja once in danger of losing his kingdom? (Delhi 2017)

#Q. Why was the Maharaja once in danger of losing his kingdom?

(Delhi 2017)



Or

When was the Tiger King in danger of losing his throne?

(All India 2015)

Or

Why do you think was the Maharaja in danger of losing his throne?

(All India 2010)

Or

When did the Tiger King stand in danger of losing his kingdom?

(Delhi 2010)



#Q. How did the 'duraaisani' behave on receiving the gifts?

(CBSE 2023)



Thank
You