

CLASS 3

ENGLISH LITERATURE

TOPIC- Birbal and the cooking pot

1. What did Akbar want to test?

Ans- Akbar wanted to test the strength of the common man in his kingdom. He wanted to find out if any man could stand on the cold water of the river for one night.

2. What did the drummer announce to the people?

Ans- The drummer announced to the people that anyone who could stand in the river for one night near the palace would be richly rewarded.

3. Who won the test set by Akbar?

Ans- The poor washerman won the test set by Akbar.

4. Why did Akbar not reward the man at first?

Ans- Akbar did not reward the man at first because a courtier told him that the water was not really cold because the light from the palace kept it warm.

5. What did Birbal do to make Akbar realize his mistake?

Ans- Birbal lit a fire on the ground. Far above it, on a branch of a tree, he placed a cooking pot. He told Akbar that he was warming his pot to cook food. Akbar asked how the fire could warm his cooking pot from such a distance, to which Birbal replied that it did so in the same way as the light of the place warmed the river water. Hearing this, Akbar realised his mistake.

THINK AND ANSWER

Why do you think the washerman took the test?

Ans- The washerman was very poor and on hearing the drummer announcement of the reward, he took the test.