

The Tiger King

Short Answer Questions (2-4 marks)

1. Who is the author of "The Tiger King"? What is the central theme of the story?
2. Describe the prophecy made by the astrologers at the birth of the Tiger King.
3. Why did the Maharaja decide to kill one hundred tigers?
4. How did the Maharaja react to the astrologer's prediction about the hundredth tiger?
5. What measures did the Maharaja take to ensure that he killed exactly one hundred tigers?
6. Explain how the Tiger King's actions reflect his obsession and paranoia.
7. What consequences did the Tiger King face as a result of his determination to kill tigers?
8. How did the Maharaja treat the British officer who wanted to hunt in his kingdom?
9. Describe the events that led to the death of the hundredth tiger.
10. What is the significance of the wooden tiger in the story?

Long Answer Questions (6-8 marks)

1. Discuss the character of the Maharaja of Pratibandapuram in "The Tiger King." How does he evolve throughout the story?
2. Analyze the satirical elements in "The Tiger King." How does the author use satire to criticize the behavior of rulers and the British officials?
3. Explain the role of fate and irony in the story "The Tiger King."
4. How does "The Tiger King" reflect the themes of power and authority?
5. Describe the relationship between the Maharaja and his subjects. How does this relationship change over the course of the story?
6. In what ways does "The Tiger King" critique the idea of destiny versus free will?
7. Compare and contrast the Maharaja's actions with those of the British officer in the story. What does this comparison reveal about their characters?
8. Evaluate the role of humor in "The Tiger King." How does the author use humor to convey serious messages?
9. Discuss the significance of the ending of "The Tiger King." What message does it convey to the readers?
10. Examine the use of symbolism in "The Tiger King." How do different symbols contribute to the overall meaning of the story?

Analytical and Higher Order Thinking Questions (10-12 marks)

1. Critically analyze the transformation of the Maharaja from a determined ruler to a superstitious and paranoid individual.
2. How does the story "The Tiger King" explore the conflict between man and nature? Provide specific examples from the text.
3. Discuss how the author uses the character of the Tiger King to reflect on the absurdity of blind ambition and the consequences of defying fate.
4. Examine the narrative technique used in "The Tiger King." How does the author's storytelling style enhance the impact of the story?

5. How does "The Tiger King" serve as a critique of colonialism and the attitudes of the British towards Indian princely states?

Discussion and Essay Topics

1. Debate the ethical implications of the Maharaja's decision to kill one hundred tigers.
2. Discuss how "The Tiger King" portrays the idea of leadership and responsibility.
3. Analyze the role of prophecies and superstitions in shaping the actions of the characters in "The Tiger King."
4. Explore the theme of environmental conservation in "The Tiger King." How relevant is this theme in today's context?
5. Write an essay on the use of irony in "The Tiger King" and its effect on the reader's perception of the story.

This question bank covers a range of comprehension, analysis, and critical thinking questions designed to test students' understanding and interpretation of the story "The Tiger King."