



THE VILLAGE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
"We Nurture Dreams"

The tale of melon city

1. Who wrote the work 'The tale of melon city'?

Ans: The Tale of Melon City is written by Vikram Seth.

2. Write the qualities of the king and tell about his proclamation.

Ans: The monarch was a great giver. He was dedicated to the people's well-being. As a result, he stated that he would construct an arch that would span the main thoroughfare.

3. Why the king ordered an arch to be built over the public road?

Ans: To morally enlighten and uplift the bystanders, the righteous and peaceful king had an arch gate built above the public route.

4. Why the king was annoyed when he rode thoroughfare?

Ans: Since the arch was so low, as the king rode through the highway, his arch collided with it, and the crown was lost. This infuriated the king.

5. What was a disgrace for the king?

Ans: The king's crown had fallen to the ground and had been lost, which was a humiliation.

Short Answer Questions:

6. How is king in the poem just and placid? What makes him lose his temper?

Ans: The king was known for his cool demeanor and serene demeanor. That was a complete fabrication. King was about to lose his cool. As a just judge, he ordered the guilty person or thing to be hanged. His idea of justice had no bounds. As a result, he has hanged himself.

7. How was the architect able to turn the tables towards the king?

Ans: The king requested that the architect be presented in order to obtain a conviction. The architect, on the other hand, reminded the king of the king's own alterations to the architectural plan. This made the king anxious, so he stated he'd talk to the state's wisest man about it.

8. What circumstances lead to the execution of the king?

Ans: After consulting the wisest man, the monarch ordered the architect's execution. The architect was defended by a councilor. The people demanded action, and the noose was only big enough for the towering ruler. As a result, the king had to be hanged himself.

9. What are your thoughts about the king from the story?

Ans: The chapter elucidates the folly of a supposedly calm and just ruler. His concept of justice was much beyond anyone's comprehension. He lost his life as a result of his folly.

10. Why the author has described the ministers of the king as practical-minded men? How is it an irony?

Ans: As they were in a hurry to select a new ruler, the author describes the king's ministers as practical men. They lacked practical insight, however, when they followed the traditional custom of choosing the new monarch by the first person to pass through the gate. The first to pass was a fool, who was held by the ministers until the next monarch was named.

Short Answer Questions:

11. Why were the ministers relieved and elated?

Ans: The ministers were delighted and elated since the public's desire to see a hanging had been met. The public was ecstatic to see them hanging. The public was ecstatic that they had finally found someone to hang and that they could see it with their own eyes. The ministers feared that if they did not succeed, the people would revolt against the monarch.

12. On the basis of the behavior and action of the ministers, what opinion will you form for them?

Ans: The king's ministers were pragmatic individuals. They were staunch believers in the importance of traditional rituals. They cried, "Long live the king!" when he died. They were well aware that the throne would not be vacant for long. Someday, someone will ascend to the throne and rule them. They recognized the crown as a powerful symbol.

13. Discuss about the custom of the citizens.

Ans: Citizens can elect a representative to serve as the state's ruler or king. The mechanism for selecting the ruler was that whoever passed through the City Gate first the next day would be the next king or ruler. This technique of selecting a new ruler precluded hereditary rule and any conspiracy involving the king's selection or concerning the king. The ministers have to adhere to the rules with the utmost rigor.

14. How was the new king selected?

Ans: The state ministers sent a word to the people of the state through a messenger, saying that whoever crossed the City Gate first would get to choose their new king or ruler. The next day, an idiot occurs to be the first to pass through the City Gate. When asked who should be the future king of the state, he responded immediately with A melon. Our future monarch, according to the ministers, will be a melon.

15. What is your opinion for the selection process practiced by the ministers and people of the state?

Ans: The process of choosing a king or ruler for a country is foolish and idiotic. Choosing a ruler based on a single man's vote is never a good idea. The idea of appointing a monarch of the state made the state extremely unhappy and vulnerable. A king is the guardian of his subjects. The king should be capable of dealing with any situation. Giving a person the power to choose a ruler on behalf of all citizens is both humiliating and ridiculous.

Long Answer Questions:

16. Describe the king of the state from the lesson „The tale of Melon City“.

Ans: The king was regarded as a just and peaceful ruler. However, he reveals himself to be a brutal ruler when he orders the execution of all the builders in place of the builder. Due to his shaky thinking and erratic personality, he regularly changes his mind. He reconsiders his judgment and falls prey to the arguments. This is clear from the architect's actions. The king was easily duped by the cunning architect. The king has a reputation for being a keen observer. He is quick to judge the masses' temptations. He attempts to be amusing for the sake of their people, but he ends up dying. His nearsightedness is the cause of his death. The moose's neck cannot accommodate his height, and he dies.

17. Do you think the lesson "The Tale of Melon City" is interesting and edifying?

Ans: Yes, the lesson "The Tale of Melon City" is very interesting and edifying. The process of choosing a ruler and the role of ministers left an imprint on my life. The lesson roams around the making of the king, its processes, its people, and the process of choosing the king selector. We can learn a great lesson about the life of the king. This story has a very high moral for the people who think whatever they think is well acceptable for everyone. This story tells us that we should never fall into the trap of someone's conversation. We should analyze it before taking any action. We should always take suggestions from the people who are well learned. Sometimes our decisions can be disastrous for us as well as for the people who belong to us. Our decisions can sometimes be terrible for us as well as the people we care about.

18. Does the poem mocks the process of proper judgment and fair trial? Write your opinion.

Ans: The poem is about the old ways of administering justice through the king's speech. The words of the monarchs were formerly regarded as the words of God, and no one dared to dispute them. However, this is not a suitable way to give justice to individuals. This should improve with time. Oral justice is unsuitable for a king who is thought to be just and peaceful. The king in the poem "The Tale of

Melon City" was someone who was swayed by the people's arguments. People in his state used to play him for a fool by telling him lies. They would declare someone else a criminal for their misdeeds, and the kings would listen to their reasons. This was a mistake. As a result, the poem can be said to mock the process of appropriate judgment and fair trial.

19. Does the title of the poem "The Tale of Melon City" satisfy it?

Ans: The poem "The Tale of Melon City" ends with a satisfying conclusion. The incidents in the poem happened a long time ago, and the poem explains why. It sheds information on the states' practices. Everything in real life is a conundrum, from the practice of selecting a ruler to the practice of administering justice. No king is chosen by a single person's speech or election. It is impossible for one person to select who will be the king of the masses. The process of choosing a king or ruler for a country is foolish and idiotic. Choosing a ruler based on a single man's vote is never a good idea. The name of the city is based on the king's name. The entire poem revolves around and validates the title.

20. How can a state maintain peace and liberty?

Ans: Different peace philosophies are advocated by different people. Only if the ruler of the state is determined, indignant, and intelligent in making decisions can the state be peaceful. It makes no difference to any state which means they use to govern themselves; for example, some states use democratic norms while others use tyranny. The main slogan, in my opinion, should be excellent governance, regardless of the means or procedure of administration. Unbiased justice and equality for citizens should be the primary concerns of any ruler. A monarch should not base his or her decision on caste, creed, color, or religion. People should be aware of their state's rights, benefits, and responsibilities. This is the only way for a country to maintain its peace and liberty.