

STORY WRITING (NOTEBOOK WORK)

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Q: 1 Mahesh wrote only a few lines and couldn't complete the story he wanted to write. Taking help from the given input, and basing it on the beginning Mahesh made, write a complete story.

A woodcutter was chopping down trees on the bank of a river. His hands were so much wet with his sweat that he lost his grip...

OUTLINE: Axe fell down into river couldn't swim unhappy at his misfortune and wept God of Forests appeared promised to get back his axe dived came out with an axe of gold "not mine" dived again came out with silver axe "not mine" said woodcutter dived again came out with woodcutter's axe "this is my axe" truly honest rewarded all three axes to the woodcutter.

Ans. Honesty Pays in the Long Run

A woodcutter was chopping down trees on the bank of a river. His hands were so much wet with his sweat that he lost his grip over the axe. It slipped away from his hands and fell down into the river. The poor man couldn't even swim. He thought that his axe was lost forever. He was very sad at his misfortune and started sobbing and weeping. Suddenly there was a flash of light. The god of the Forests appeared before him. The woodcutter explained what had happened. The god consoled him, "Don't you worry. I'll get back your axe for you." Having said these words, he dived into the river. After a few moments, he came out with an axe. It was made of gold. "Is this yours?" he asked. The woodcutter only said "No!" A few seconds later he came out of the river with another axe. It was made of silver. "No, no, sir, this is not mined," said the woodcutter. He dived again and came out with the third axe. The woodcutter cried loudly looking at the axe "Yes, yes, it's mine—the woodcutter's axe with an iron blade." The god of Forests was impressed with the woodcutter's honesty. "Keep all three of these axes as a present from me." The god uttered these words and disappeared.

Q:2 Construct a story from the given outlines. Give a suitable title and moral to the story.

OUTLINE : Ramu a village boy -----daily takes out sheep and goats for grazing, gets tired to work----- Shouts 'wolf as a joke----- villagers rush to help----- find no wolf -----boy laughs at them----- plays theme joke again----- villagers annoyed----- one day a wolf comes actually ----- boy shouts----- villagers take no notice----- result.

Ans: A VILLAGE BOY

Ramu was a village boy. He acted as a shepherd. He took out sheep and goats to a hill-side for grazing. It was his daily routine. He felt bored doing the same job of grazing every day. He thought of a plan. He thought of a prank just for fun. He cried "Wolf! Wolf!! Help! Help!!" The



villagers working in the nearby fields rushed to his help. They had sickles and lathis in their hands. They wanted to drive away from the nasty wolf. But to their amazement, they found no wolf. They found the boy Ramu laughing and laughing out of mischief. They lost their temper and went away in a huff. Ramu laughed. He told the villagers tVt-it Was a joke. He did it for fun. Many days passed. Ramu kept silence. One day he again repeated the same silly joke. This time a few villagers came running to help him from the cruel wolf. But they had to come back as they went. There was no wolf at all. Again, they found Ramu, the shepherd boy, showing them his ugly teeth. This annoyed them very much. They decided never to take him very seriously. One day a wolf actually came there. He killed many sheep. He also wounded Ramu. Ramu cried and cried. But the people took no notice of him. They thought that the boy was crying to befool them. They went on working in their fields. But when they heard non-stop cries of the boy, they rushed to his rescue. They found him seriously wounded. They took him to the doctor. He was treated. Now he promised never to play a silly joke of this nature.

Moral: Once a liar, always a liar.

Q:3 Sneha wanted to write a story but could not go beyond a line or two. Taking help from the information given below along with the lines Sneha wrote a complete story. Mr Aggarwal was a very wealthy businessman. One day he was alone sitting at his dining table when...

OUTLINE : Thief entered..... Mr Aggarwal thanked to give company birthday gave him good food and drinks gave a purse full of silver coins years passed by fortunes changed business was ruined Mr Aggarwal became poor 50th birthday Alone..... no food no drinks bell rang a man emerged..... recognised the old thief came with fruits, sweets and drinks and a bag full of money.

Ans. The Return Gift

Mr Aggarwal was a very wealthy businessman. One day he was alone sitting at his dining table. It was his birthday. He heard the footsteps of a man behind the curtains. He knew there was a thief there. "Come on! Thank you for coming to my house on my birthday. I'm alone, give me your company." The thief was starving. He had good food and drinks. Mr Aggarwal gave him a big purse. It had silver coins. Years rolled by. His fortunes changed. Mr Aggarwal was a very poor man now. His business was ruined. Today was his 50th birthday. But he had become a pauper now. He was alone reflecting over his good old days. It was at 9 pm. The bell rang. "Who can be at such a time to visit a poor man?" thought Aggarwal. He saw a man in a new suit with a lovely bouquet of red roses. He had many packets of gifts, fruits, sweets and a few bottles. He tried to recognise the man. "I'm your old thief," replied the man. With the money, you gave me I did some business. I earned a lot of money within these years. Now I am a rich businessman. "Let's celebrate your birthday," he said. "It is for you, a little return-gift." He gave a bag to Mr Aggarwal. Mr Aggarwal opened the bag. It was full of new currency notes.



PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Q:4 Aradhna started writing a story of 'Two Boys in a Jungle' and wrote only a few lines and couldn't complete the story she wanted to write. Taking help from the input given below and basing on the introduction Aradhna made, develop a complete story.

Veeru and Karim were young Keralites. Next week their school was going to organise a camp near a forest in Ponmuddy.....

OUTLINE: Went out to explore forest lost the way away from the camp cries of animalsheard "thump-thump" sound a large elephant trumpeted angrily came towards them a balloon started blowing big balloon hit hard with hand "bang-bang" loud noiseelephant turned away saved.

Q:5 Construct a story from the given outlines. Give a suitable title and moral to the story.

OUTLINE: Great God.....gave a feast.....invited all the animals all came except tortoise..... next day God met the tortoise.....asked him why he had not come..... the lazy tortoise said, 'There is no place like home'.....God was angry about tortoise's laziness.....God put the roof of tortoise's house on its back..... that is why tortoise carries his house with him wherever he goes.

Q:6 Construct a story from the given outlines. Give a suitable title and moral to the story.

OUTLINE: Rat.... run over the body of a sleeping lion..... lion awake.....caught the rat..... thought, 'A nice morsel for dinner'.....rat trembled..... begged forgiveness.... rat said, 'I promise to repay you for your kindness if you let me go'..... lion laughed.....lion said, 'What can a rat give me? Ha! Ha!..... a few days later..... lion captured by hunters.....tied by a rope.....rat came..... rat gnawed at the rope.....lion free.....rat says, 'Do not despise the weak in the pride of your strength',..... lion learns his lesson.

