

LIFE SKILLS**→ THE SECRET OF SUCCESS**

UNIT # 07

A long time ago there was a king who was searching for the secret of success. He thought that if he could answer three questions, he would find the secret of success. The questions were: What is the most important time to start some work? What is the most important work to do? Who is the most important person? The king asked his ministers, courtiers and the wise and learned people, but no one could answer.

The king announced the prize, but no one could answer. To answer the questions, the king disguised himself as a poor man and went to a saint. The king placed his questions before him and asked their answers but the saint kept quiet. The king spent the whole day with him. In meantime, a wounded and breaded man came there and collapsed. The king dressed his wounds. The man was his enemy. The treatment and behavior of the king changed his mind and he became his faithful servant. The saint then told the king the answers. The most important time to start some work is present, the most important work is what we are doing now and the most important person is that man with whom we are at the moment.

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English 9th - Exercises

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1. The king asked the following people the three questions. However, the order in which these people were asked is jumbled up. Read the text and put them in the right order, by writing the number in the blank space. One has been done as an example for you.

Question		Answer	
(a) Common people	_____	(a) Common people	5
(b) Ministers	_____	(b) Ministers	2
(c) Saint	_____	(c) Saint	6
(d) Scholars and wise-man	_____	(d) Scholars and wise-man	4
(e) King Himself	_____	(e) King Himself	1
(f) Courtiers	_____	(f) Courtiers	3

2. (1) Did the king find his answers?

Ans: Yes, the king found his answers.

- (2) Who gave him the answers?

Ans: The saint gave him the answers to his questions.

3. Read the text. Find the following words / phrases and underline them.

discover	evaded	disappointed	consult
pondered	destitute	frequently	determined
glanced	straight away	hospitality	break of day
bitter	grief	count on me	departed

Ans: Work with your partner and guess the meanings of these words. Then check the meanings given in the glossary at the end of the book to see if you have guessed correctly.

Following are the 'Words Meanings'

discover	دریافت کرنا	evaded	بچتا۔ نال دینا
disappointed	مایوس	consult	مشورہ کرنا یا لینا
pondered	غور کیا۔ سوچا	destitute	محجّن
frequently	متعدد بار۔ اکثر	determined	ثابت تدبیر۔ پختہ
glanced	سرسری نظر ڈالی	straight away	فورا۔ فی الفور
hospitality	مہمان نوازی	break of day	دن کا نکانا
bitter	سخت۔ شدید	grief	دکھ۔ ملال
count on me	مجھ پر اعتماد کریں	departed	روانہ ہو گیا

4. Work in pairs and see how many of the given words in exercise 3 you can use in your own sentences. The pair who will make the most correct sentences will be the winner.

S No	Word	Sentences
1.	Discover	Did you discover something new today?
2.	Evaded	She evaded the direct question.
3.	Disappointed	I was disappointed that you didn't call.
4.	Consult	I persuaded him to consult a doctor.
5.	Pondered	He pondered the question before he answered.
6.	Destitute	The floods left thousands of people destitute.
7.	Frequently	Maria and Biljees spoke frequently on the phone.
8.	Determined	Waseem was a poor boy who was determined to learn.
9.	Glanced	She glanced briefly at the newspaper.
10.	Straight away	He needs to see a doctor straightaway.
11.	Hospitality	All the guests were touched by her hospitality

12.	Break of day	We set out at break of day
13.	Bitter	False friends are worse than bitter enemies
14.	Grief	He hid his grief behind a smile.
15.	Count on me	You can count on me
16.	Departed	He departed for Lahore the day before yesterday

5. The following are statements about the story 'The Secure of Success'. Read them and write (T) if the statement is true and (F) If the statement is false, in the blanks provided. The first one has been done as an example for you.

(a)	The King wanted to find answers to 5 questions.	F
(b)	The answers were important for him to be able to control his army.	F
(c)	The king was looking for the answers in order to succeed in life.	T
(d)	The king was happy with the answers that the group of learned men found.	F
(e)	The saint was living in the jungle with his family.	F
(f)	The king accepted the saint's invitation to visit him in the jungle.	F
(g)	The bearded man wanted to kill the king.	T
(h)	The bearded man had been injured by the king's servants.	T
(i)	The saint asked the king to look after the bearded man.	F
(j)	The bearded man became the king's loyal citizen.	F

6. Work with a partner, and tick (v) the right answer.

1. Which one of the following statements best summarizes the story?

- (a) The present has all the answers.
- (b) The present is not what matters.
- (c) v The present is the most important time
- (d) The present gives you the most joy

2. The saint who lived in the jungle was a very:

- (a) rich man
- (b) poor man
- (c) severe man
- (d) v wise man

3. The king went to see the saint:

- (a) v all alone
- (b) with all his soldiers
- (c) along with his family
- (d) with all his courtiers

4. Who warned the king that the bearded man was coming?

- (a) his soldiers
- (b) v the saint
- (c) his servants
- (d) his minister

5. After the bearded man left, the saint told the king that:

- (a) he would not answer his questions
- (b) his questions were too difficult
- (c) the bearded man had answered his questions
- (d) v all his questions had been answered

7. Read the text and complete the followings tenses. Write the completed sentences in your notebook.

- (a) The king wanted to find the answers to the three questions because _____
- (b) The wise and learned men were unable to give the answers because _____
- (c) The king dressed himself in rags to meet the saint because _____
- (d) The king told his servants not to go with him because _____
- (e) The king realized the saint's tired easily because _____
- (f) Although the saint did not answer his questions the king waited because _____
- (g) The bearded man was running towards the king because _____
- (h) The bearded man fainted when he reached the king because _____
- (i) The king agreed to stay the night in the saint's hut because _____
- (j) The bearded man became the king's loyal servant because _____

Answers :

- (a) he thought if he could find out the answers to three questions he would discover the secret and never fail.
- (b) they could not see eye to eye with each other, and ended up arguing amongst themselves.
- (c) the saint did not mix with rich and wealthy
- (d) he wanted to appear poor and destitute
- (e) he was old and weak
- (f) he hoped that he would find the answers to his questions
- (g) he wanted to kill the king
- (h) he was wounded and bleeding
- (i) he was too tired to return home
- (j) the king bandaged his wounds, took care of him and saved his life

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English 9th-Multiple Choice Questions

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7. The most important time is the:

- (a) ✓ present (b) past
(c) future (d) none of these

8. The most important work is what we are doing:

- (a) in the future (b) soon
(c) ✓ now (d) none of these

9. The most important person is that one whom we are with at the:

- (a) ✓ moment (b) office
(c) meeting (d) none of these

10. The king announced a reward of:

- (a) 2,000 gold coins (b) 3,000 gold coins
(c) 4,000 gold coins (d) ✓ 5,000 gold coins

11. The king did not approve of their:

- (a) logic (b) ✓ answers
(c) explanation (d) suggestions

12. The saint did not mix with the:

- (a) poor people (b) ✓ rich people
(c) foolish people (d) wise people

13. The king dressed hi self in:

- (a) ✓ rags (b) uniform
(c) royal dress (d) fine clothes

14. The bearded man became a bitter enemy of the king out of:

- (a) revenge (b) ✓ grief
(c) sorrow (d) hatred

15. The king found out the answers to his three questions from the:

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|--------------|-----------------|
| (a) old man | (b) ✓ saint |
| (c) scholars | (d) learned men |

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English 9th-Short Answer Questions

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Q.1: What were the three questions asked by the king?

Ans: These were the three questions the king asked?

- (i) What is the most important time to start some work?
- (ii) What is the most important work to do?
- (iii) Who is the most important person?

Q.2: Why did the king want to know the answers to his three questions?

Ans: The king was in search of the secret of success. The king thought if he could find out the answers to three questions, he would discover this secret and never fail. He announced a reward of 5,000 gold coins for the man who could give correct answers.

Q.3: What could have happened if the King had returned earlier from the saint's hut?

Ans: The bearded man would kill the king if he had returned earlier from the saint's hut.

Q.4: Why did the king decide to take the saint's advice? What was the problem with meeting the saint and how did the king solve it?

Ans: The king had heard of the saint's wisdom who lived in the jungle at some distance from the capital. The problem with the saint was that he did not mix with the rich. The king overcame the problem by disguising himself in rags and set out to see the saint.

Q.5: Write a short note on "The Secret of Success".

Ans: The most important time for doing a thing is the present. The most important work is what we do in present and the most important person is he with whom we are at present. Past has gone, the future is unseen and will come, both are not present but the present is with us so it is important.

Q.6: Why did the bearded man want to kill the king? What happened to him?

Ans: The bearded man wanted to kill the king because he had got his brother killed. He kept in hiding for the return of the king. As the king did not return, he came out of the hiding and was wounded by the king's servants.

Q.7: What is the moral of the lesson "The Secret of Success"?

Ans: The moral of the lesson is that the most important time for doing anything is the present. The most important work is what we are doing now. The most important person is the one whom we are with at the moment. In short, the 'present' is important, we should value it.

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English 9th- Words Meaning

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S No	Words	Meaning in English	Meaning in Urdu
1.	announce	make a formal public statement	اعلان کرنا
2.	argue	giving opposite views in anger	بیٹھ کرنا
3.	bearded	having a beard	دائر چھپی والا
4.	bedding	bed sheets	بستر
5.	bitter	resentful	سخت - شدید
6.	break of day	dawn	دن کا نکلننا
7.	consult	seek advice	مشورہ کرنا یا لینا
8.	count on me	rely on me	مجھ پر اعتماد کریں
9.	courtiers	persons who attend a royal, court	درباری
10.	debated	argued about	بیٹھ کی
11.	departed	left	روانہ ہو گیا
12.	destitute	extremely poor	بیخان
13.	determined	having made a firm decision	ثابت قدم - پختہ

14.	disappointed	sad or displeased	مایوس
15.	discover	find -located	دیافت کرنا
16.	evade	escape or avoid	چھٹا۔ نال دینا
17.	fade	becoming less bright	دھنڈا۔ ہونا۔ مد ہم پڑنا
18.	fainted	became unconscious	بے ہوش ہو گیا
19.	fame	being known	شهرت
20.	Fortunate	lucky	خوش قسمت
21.	frequently	repeatedly	متعدد بار۔ اکثر
22.	glanced	took a brief look	سرسری نظر ڈالنی
23.	grief	sorrow	دکھ۔ ملال
24.	hay	grass	سوکھی گھاس
25.	hospitality	generous reception	مہمان نوازی
26.	humbly	unpretentiously	عاجز ائے۔ عاجزی سے
27.	meaningful	having meaning	باعظی۔ معنی خیز
28.	ministers	cabinet members	وزیر۔ وزراء
29.	moment	instant –time	لحہ۔ پل
30.	motivated	inspired -stimulated	ترغیب دی
31.	needy	poor	ضرورت مند

32.	patience	ability to wait	صبر
33.	pondered	thought carefully	غور کیا۔ سوچا
34.	rags	torn clothes	پھٹے پرانے کپڑے
35.	restful	relaxed	پر سکون
36.	saint	A very virtuous, holy person	صوفی۔ حیر۔ درویش
37.	spade	a digging tool	پھاڑا
38.	straightaway	immediate	فورا۔ فی الفور
39.	stranger	unfamiliar person	اجنبی
40.	wounds	injuries	زخم

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