**CHAPTER 1:**

1. Who is Gonzalo? Why does he think the ship he is on will not sink in the tempest?

Ans. Gonzalo was the old councilor. Knowing the complexion (talent) of the boatswain, Gonzalo argued that the passengers would come to no harm if the boatswain himself would drown. Which means, if boatswain remained alive and in charge, the ship won’t sink. Gonzalo continued to remain optimistic in the face of all chaos.

1. Who has brought about this tempest? What does he say about his past to his daughter?

Ans. Prospero has brought about this tempest with his magical powers. He told his daughter Miranda, that it was due to his brother, Antonio’s foul play that compelled them to leave Milan. But on their way out, they received much help from people who really cared for them. Prospero entrusted his brother with the management if the state and became a stranger to his own kingdom. Taking this as an opportunity, Antonio learnt how to manipulate his officials into going against Prospero. Prospero was unaware of the treachery against him and neglected all worldly duties, dedicating himself to the improvement of his mind. Soon Antonio began to think of himself as the rightful Duke of Milan and his ambition grew unbounded. He knew about the enmity between Alonso and Prospero and offered Alonso a handsome tribute and undue homage and in return, asked for Milan to be conferred upon him and that, Prospero be deported from the kingdom. So, at midnight, Prospero and his daughter were pushed out of the gates of Milan.

1. Why does Ariel think he should be freed from his master’s service? From what torments had his master freed him twelve years ago?

Ans. Ariel thought that for the constant toils that he had performed at his orders, Prospero owed him his liberty. Prospero reminded Ariel of the torment he had freed Ariel from. Years ago, several acts of sorcery had caused Sycorax to be banished from the city of Algiers. She and Caliban, her son had been left on this island by sailors. Sycorax had then employed Ariel to do her bidding, who was too delicate to perform the earthy tasks she would set him. He had refused and in a fit of mad rage, Sycorax had imprisoned him in a tree. He remained there for twelve years till Prospero went to live on the island, heard his desperate howls for help and set him free.

1. Who is Caliban? What reasons does he give for the displeasure he feels towards Prospero?

Ans. Caliban was Sycorax’s son. Caliban said to Prospero that the island belonged to him. He recalled that Prospero and Miranda had taken great care of him, fed him berried and taught him their language. Caliban had returned the favour by familiarizing them with the island, showing them where the fresh springs were and leading them to the fertile areas and steering them away from the brine pits. But Prospero grew intolerant and confined his benefactor in a rocky cave, keeping him from the rest of the island of which he was once master.

1. Why does Ferdinand agree to follow Prospero’s orders? Why does Prospero want to punish him?

Ans. Ferdinand agreed to follow Prospero’s orders as he had expressed his desire to make her Queen of Naples. Prospero wanted to punish him because he thought Ferdinand to be an impostor who had come to the island to try and win it from his master. He also intended to put obstacles in Miranda and Ferdinand’s path so they would find each other even more valuable than they already did. According to Prospero, Miranda is a foolish girl for thinking that there are no other men like him, having only Caliban for comparison.

**CHAPTER 2:**

1. Whose loss is Alonso mourning? **What does Francisco say to comfort him?**

Ans. Alonso is mourning the loss of his son, Ferdinand who he thinks, has drowned in the shipwreck.

1. Why do Antonio and Sebastian plan to do while the rest of their group is asleep?

Ans. Antonio instructed Sebastian. Antonio and Sebastian planned to murder Alonso and Gonzalo.

1. **If Gonzalo were king of the island he is stranded on, how would he govern it?**

Ans.

1. Why does Sebastian blame Alonso for their current situation?

Ans.

1. What does Caliban promise to do for Stephano? Why does he think Stephano is a ‘wondrous man’?

Ans. Caliban promises to show Stephano every fertile inch of the island and take him to the best springs that flowed on it. He tells Stephano that he would pluck berries for him, catch fish for him and fetch him wood.

**CHAPTER 3:**

1. What has Prospero ordered Ferdinand to do? How does Miranda plan to relieve him?

Ans. Prospero ordered Ferdinand to collect a large number of logs and pile them for him. Watching him toil ceaselessly, Miranda begged him to not work so hard. She asked him to set the logs down and rest for a while. She told him that her father was engrossed in books and he need not worry about him. She asked him to let her carry the wood for him.

1. How does Miranda go against her father’s wishes?

Ans. Miranda did remember the instructions that her father had given her, but when Ferdinand told her that he did prize and honour her, she was touched by his words. She began to think herself unworthy of his love. She told him that she would be his wife if he agreed to marry her, and if not, she would die as his maid. She told Ferdinand that even if he refused to marry her, she would still stay by his side as a servant even if it was against his wish. Ferdinand answered her saying that he wanted to marry her as desperately as bondage longs for freedom and gave Miranda his hand. This way, Miranda had gone against her father’s wishes.

1. What does Caliban promise Stephano if he killed Prospero and became the master of the island?

Ans. Caliban requests Stephano to kill Prospero and says that if he would do so, he would become the master of the island and Caliban, his faithful servant. Caliban says that they could destroy his books that gave him his power. He tells Stephano that if he kills Prospero, he would have his beautiful daughter as his wife who would produce fine children for him. Stephano couldn’t resist such temptations and assures to kill Prospero.

1. When Stephano feels afraid on hearing Ariel on his tabor, how does Caliban comfort him? What does he say about the island?

Ans. When Stephano was visibly afraid, Caliban consoles him by saying that the island was full of unaccountable noises, sweet and delightful and would never bring harm. He recalled how various string instruments would sound sweetly in his ears, and melodious voices would bring sleep to his eyes. Often while he slept he would see the sky opening up to shower riches upon him. The visions were so fantastic that when he awoke he would long to sleep again. This proved to be a kind kingdom to Stephano.

1. What does Ariel, in harpy’s disguise, say to the king, his brother and Antonio? What is Alonso’s reaction?

Ans. Ariel says that they were three men of sin, whom destiny has caused the sea to belch up on an island on which men do not inhabit and on that island, he had driven them insane. He calls them fools when he sees the men draw their swords. He tells them that the excessive courage that they displayed would lead to their own destruction. He asks them to listen to his words carefully. He says that they supplant Duke Prospero from Milan and exposed him and his child to the sea. It was this grave offence that vexed the sea and all its shores and every creature that lives there. He blamed Alonso for being the reason behind his son’s death. He says that it was only a matter of time till damnation came to each of them, stranded on the island where life could only be full of penitence and sorrow.

To this, Alonso cried in utter bewilderment and said that the waves themselves spoke to him for his misdeed. He blamed himself for Ferdinand’s death in the tempest and wished him own life would end so he could lie beneath the seabed next to his beloved son.