

## Words and Expressions

bewildered	– stunned; puzzled; confused; dazed	بدحواس; حیران و سرگردان
clump	– group; thick grouping of trees; cluster; grove; copse; thicket	جھنڈ
compel	– force; drive; coerce	مجبور کرنا
feeble	– weak; lacking strength; frail	کمزور۔ ناتواں
fell	– knock down	گرا دینا
instantly	– immediately; at once	فوراً
goitre	– a disease of thyroid gland; a swelling of the throat	گلہڑ
mallet	– hammer; wooden hammer	لکڑی کا ہتھوڑا
overtake	– reach; catch up with	جا پکڑنا۔ پہنچنا۔ جا لینا
perceive	– understand; see; comprehend	سمجھنا۔ دیکھنا
pretend	– feign; give a false appearance; affect	بناوٹ سے کام لینا۔ جھوٹا دعویٰ کرنا
proceeding	– course of action; procedure; operation	کارروائی
prodigious	– enormous; huge	بہت بڑا
scarcely	– hardly; barely	بمشکل
shoulder	– pick; carry, lift or place on the shoulders	کندھے پر اٹھانا
stand	– bear; endure; survive	برداشت کرنا
swallow	– gulp; take in; eat	نگلنا
wretch	– scoundrel; criminal; rogue	مجرم، بد معاش، دھوکے باز
wretched	– miserable; unfortunate; feeling ill/sick; pitiful	نامراد۔ بد بخت۔ بد حال۔ فلاکت زدہ
villain	– criminal; rogue; scoundrel; rascal; cheat; fraudster	گنہگار، مجرم، بد معاش، دھوکے باز

## Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct synonym.

- Some travellers stayed to rest under a **clump** of trees.  
A) shadow B) group  
C) shade D) bough
- It was then easily **swallowed**.  
A) chewed B) vomited  
C) smashed D) gulped
- He **shouldered** his bundle, and went to the next village.  
A) tied B) picked  
C) bought D) unpacked
- He **pretended** that he was a doctor.  
A) denied B) tried  
C) thought D) feigned
- "I can cure **goitre**," answered the quack.  
A) a disease of liver  
B) a disease of thyroid gland  
C) a disease of mouth  
D) a disease of knee
- An old woman's throat was **swollen** to a frightful size.  
A) hoarse B) infected  
C) inflamed D) injured



7. An old woman's throat was swollen to a **frightful** size.  
A) horrible B) small  
C) negligible D) normal
8. Bring me a blanket and a good-sized **mallet**.  
A) wooden hammer B) iron rod  
C) wooden blade D) iron band
9. The poor old creature **instantly** expired.  
A) shortly B) accidentally  
C) immediately D) gradually
10. The poor old creature instantly **expired**.  
A) fell B) died  
C) exclaimed D) survived
11. This fellow is a **villain**.  
A) hero B) thief  
C) scoundrel D) quack
12. So they **seized** him.  
A) brought B) captured  
C) compelled D) inflicted
13. Let us therefore **compel** the wretch to dig her grave.  
A) ask B) punish  
C) force D) implore
14. Let us therefore compel the **wretch** to dig her grave.  
A) physician B) pretender  
C) scoundrel D) simpleton
15. Thus **exhorted**, the unfortunate man laboured away with all his might.  
A) inspired B) urged  
C) inflicted D) stricken
16. They buried the victim of his **mistaken** treatment.  
A) wrong B) brutal  
C) accidental D) instant
17. When he had **overtaken** them, he cried.  
A) consulted B) reached  
C) understood D) followed
18. These animals are camels of **prodigious** size and strength.  
A) enormous B) flimsy  
C) long D) healthy
19. She was a **feeble** old woman.  
A) weak B) meek  
C) cheerful D) beautiful
20. How was a feeble old woman to **stand** the blow of a mallet?  
A) bear B) change  
C) absorb D) face
21. How was a feeble old woman to stand the **blow** of a mallet?  
A) cut B) injury  
C) effect D) hit
22. He lifted a heavy stick, **bound** with iron rings.  
A) tied B) thinned  
C) straightened D) polished
23. The stolid creature, **scarcely** felt the blow.  
A) prodigiously B) instantly  
C) seriously D) hardly
24. The camel, a **stolid** creature scarcely felt the blow.  
A) dull B) sensitive  
C) admirable D) small
25. The stolid creature **merely** moved a step or two forward.  
A) rarely B) simply  
C) abruptly D) sometimes
26. He then struck the man himself a similar blow, which **felled** him to the earth like a log.  
A) knocked down B) stooped  
C) fixed D) rubbed
27. Never, never again shall I **set myself up** for a doctor.  
A) present myself as B) deny  
C) qualify as D) train for
28. "Ah!" said the **wretched** man.  
A) miserable B) bewildered  
C) weak D) brave
29. Do you not **perceive**?  
A) understand B) pretend  
C) differentiate D) identify
30. Why, sir, this cruel **usage**?  
A) instance B) cure  
C) blow D) treatment
31. The **bewildered** victim inquired.  
A) stunned B) mistaken  
C) beaten D) frightened
32. When **consciousness** returned.  
A) sleep B) senses  
C) curiosity D) excitement



## Answers

1. B	5. B	9. C	13. C	17. B	21. D	25. B	29. A
2. D	6. C	10. B	14. C	18. A	22. A	26. A	30. D
3. B	7. A	11. C	15. B	19. A	23. D	27. A	31. A
4. D	8. A	12. B	16. A	20. A	24. A	28. A	32. B

### II. Choose the correct answer.

- Where did the travellers stay?
  - in an inn
  - in a jungle
  - in a haveli
  - under a clump of trees
- Why did the camel fall ill?
  - by heat stroke
  - by infection
  - when a melon stuck in its throat
  - by poison
- What did the quack claim to cure?
  - fever
  - goitre
  - headache
  - injury
- What had happened to the throat of the old woman? (Board 2010)
  - injured
  - infectious
  - swollen
  - wounded
- What punishment did the villagers propose on the death of the old woman?
  - to pay the damages
  - to be persecuted
  - to dig the grave
  - to be imprisoned
- How was the quack treated when he had dug the grave?
  - honoured
  - rewarded
  - beaten well
  - fined
- What was the effect of punishment on the quack?
  - uninfluenced
  - influenced
  - grieved
  - disgusted
- What condition did the quack suggest before treating the old man?
  - to lay the old man on the bed
  - not to be compelled to dig the grave
  - not to be made responsible for the death of the man
  - to have the fee first
- Why did the quack return to the camel men instead of continuing his profession?
  - to befool them
  - to inquire the cause of death of an old woman
  - to blame them
  - to get his luggage
- Who was proved stupid?
  - the camel-man
  - the old woman
  - the quack
  - a villager
- What did the travellers do with their camels?
  - set them to plough
  - set them to work
  - set them to graze
  - slaughtered them
- The quack demanded a good-sized mallet and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a hammer
  - a screw driver
  - a pillow
  - a blanket
- The people called the quack a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - stranger
  - great healer
  - villain
  - pretender
- The quack made slow progress in digging the grave because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - he was too exhausted
  - he was afraid of being hanged
  - the digging tool did not work well
  - the ground was stiff and hard
- When the camel man struck the quack, he fell to the earth like a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - log
  - dead body
  - heavy stone
  - stone
- What was the effect on the camel when the camel man struck it with a heavy stick?
  - It ran away.
  - It fell to earth like a log.
  - It stood stunned.
  - It moved a step or two forward.

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17. "If you do not dig it," said they, "before the king you shall go, and then you will be \_\_\_\_\_."  
 A) hanged B) punished  
 C) imprisoned D) persecuted
18. The quack struck the old woman's throat with so much force that she \_\_\_\_\_ expired.  
 A) ultimately B) instantly  
 C) slowly D) scarcely
19. The villagers didn't let the quack cure the old man because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) they couldn't pay his fee  
 B) they didn't trust him  
 C) they wanted to cure the patient themselves  
 D) the old man didn't need the treatment
20. The throat of the old woman was swollen because of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) goitre B) anger  
 C) allergy D) disease
21. What did the people do with the foolish quack?  
 A) punished B) beat  
 C) forgave D) put on trial
22. What did the foolish quack call the camel men?  
 A) foolish men B) friends  
 C) wise men D) gentlemen

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### Questions from the Textbook

**Q.1 What is a clump of trees?**

**Ans.** A clump of trees means a cluster of trees, i.e. a large number of trees growing closely together.

**Q.2 What was stuck in the camel's throat?**

**Ans.** A melon was stuck in the camel's throat. It was feared he might die.

**Q.3 What did the quack pretend to cure?**

**Ans.** The quack pretended to cure goitre. Actually he had observed a camel man curing his camel whose throat was swollen because a melon had stuck in it while eating. The foolish man mistook the process for the treatment of goiter.

**Q.4 What did the quack do with the old woman?**

(Board 2007)

**OR**

**How did the quack try to cure the old woman?**

**Ans.** The quack tied a blanket round the old woman's throat and struck the swollen part with so much force that the poor old creature instantly expired.

**Q.5 What was the result of the cure?**

**Ans.** Being very old and feeble, the woman could not stand the blow of the mallet and instantly expired.

**Q.6 What was the punishment inflicted upon the quack by the villagers?** (Board 2008,16,17)

**Ans.** The villagers forced the quack to dig the grave of the old woman. Then they beat him well and let him go.

**Q.7 For whom did the quack dig the grave?**

**Ans.** The quack dug the grave for the old woman who was a victim of his mistaken treatment.

**Q.8 What did the quack do in the next village?**

(Board 2014)

**Ans.** The quack gave himself out as a great doctor. He was ready to cure an old man but this time on the condition that if the old man died, he was not to be compelled to dig the man's grave.



**Q.9 Why did the villagers not let the quack cure the old man?**

**Ans.** The villagers did not let the quack cure the old man because he talked about digging the patient's grave before he began his treatment.

**Q.10 Why did the quack come back to the camel-men?**

(Board 2007,17)

**Ans.** The quack came back to the camel-men to protest that they had not shown him the right way to cure goitre. He wanted their advice.

### Additional Questions

**Q.11 How did the camel-man cure his camel?**

(Board 2015)

**Ans.** The owner of the camel tied a blanket round the throat of the camel, and struck the place with the greatest violence. Instantly the melon broke in the throat of the camel and it was easily swallowed.

**Q.12 How did the quack come to realize his error?**

**Ans.** The quack came to realize his error only when the camel-man hit the quack with a stick to make him learn that the treatment suitable for animals is not good for human beings.

**Q.13 What lesson does the story "The Foolish Quack" teach?**

**Ans.** The story teaches us that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Therefore, a quack can bring harm to others and to himself.

### Punctuation Exercises

1) **Unsolved:**

but what can you cure asked the villagers i can cure the goiter answered the quack an old woman whose throat was swollen to a frightful size exclaimed o my son if you could only cure my goiter i would bless you for evermore.

**Solved:**

"But what can you cure?" asked the villagers. "I can cure the goiter," answered the quack. An old woman, whose throat was swollen to a frightful size, exclaimed: "O my son, if you could only cure my goiter, I would bless you for evermore!"

2) **Unsolved:**

(Board 2013)

i can cure goitre answered the quack an old woman whose throat was swollen to a frightful size exclaimed o my son if you could only cure my goitre i would bless you for evermore

**Solved:**

"I can cure goitre," answered the quack. An old woman, whose throat was swollen to a frightful size, exclaimed: "O my son, if you would only cure my goitre, I would bless you for evermore!"

3) **Unsolved:**

this time it was an old man who offered himself for treatment but the pretended doctor said look here good people i shall do my best to cure this case but remember if i am so unfortunate as to kill him i am not to be compelled to dig the mans grave

**Solved:**

This time it was an old man who offered himself for treatment. But the pretended doctor said: "Look here, good people. I shall do my best to cure this case; but remember, if I am so unfortunate as to kill him, I am not to be compelled to dig the man's grave."

4) **Unsolved:**

a pretty sort of doctor you must be cried they before you begin your treatment you are talking of digging the patients grave away with you we shall have nothing to do with you

**Solved:**

"A pretty sort of doctor you must be!" cried they. "Before you begin your treatment, you are talking of digging the patient's grave! Away with you; we shall have nothing to do with you."

**5) Unsolved:**

it is not we who are stupid answered the camel men but you we are not stupid at all these animals are camels of prodigious size and strength how was a feeble old woman to stand the blow of a mallet no it is you and you only who are stupid

**Solved:**

"It is not we who are stupid," answered the camel-men, "but you. We are not stupid at all. These animals are camels of prodigious size and strength. How was a feeble old woman to stand the blow of a mallet? No; it is you; and you only, who are stupid."

**6) Unsolved:**

one of the men now stepped forward saying to his friend you remain quiet and leave this fellow to me then addressing himself to the new comer he cried hear you sir these men do not understand the matter at all

**Solved:**

One of the men now stepped forward, saying to his friend: "You remain quiet, and leave this fellow to me." Then, addressing himself to the newcomer, he cried: "Hear you, sir, these men do not understand the matter at all."

**7) Unsolved:**

do you not perceive answered the camel man i wished to show you that what is good for camels is not good for poor old men and women

**Solved:**

"Do you not perceive?" answered the camel-man. "I wished to show you that what is good for camels is not good for poor old men and women."