



I.SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. Who was Vijay Singh? What did he look like?

Ans: Vijay Singh was a famous wrestler. He was unbeatable. He had big shoulders and strong arms. He was so tall that he looked like a giant.

2. This pahalwan had but one shortcoming. What was that?

Ans: Vijay Singh's one shortcoming was his habit of boasting. He wished to fight with a ghost and teach him a lesson.

3. How did Vijay Singh feel when he was told to go to the Haunted Deserts?

Ans: Vijay Singh was frightened when he was asked to go to the Haunted Deserts. His heart missed a beat or two at the thought of fighting with a ghost.

4. Who really helped Vijay Singh in defeating the ghost? How?

Ans: An old woman really helped Vijay Singh against the ghost. She gave him a packet containing a piece of salt and an egg. These two things helped him fool the ghost.

5. Quote words that Vijay Singh uses to insult and demoralise the ghost.

Ans: A plain, lying ghost, stupid ghost, a worthless ghost, a rascal of a ghost.

II.LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. In what respect was the wrestling match strange? Who were the two rivals? Who was the winner?

Ans: The wrestling match was strange because it was a fight between a man and a ghost. The wrestler Vijay Singh had one weakness. He was boastful of his strength. This pushed him into an awkward situation. He accepted the challenge to fight a ghost in a haunted desert. The two gifts given by an old woman proved very useful. One was an egg and the other a lump of salt. It was in fact a trial of wit and wisdom. Finally Vijay Singh won the match and returned home with lots of gold.

2. Give a character sketch of Vijay Singh. How did he outwit the ghost?

Ans: Vijay Singh was a famous wrestler. He was boastful of his physical strength. He declared that he was unbeatable. His tall claim pushed him into trouble. He was challenged to fight a ghost. He went through the Haunted Desert. He carried a small packet containing an egg and a piece of salt. He used them wisely to fool and frighten the ghost. He crushed easily the lump of salt and cracked the egg. As it was dark, the ghost couldn't understand Vijay's trick and accepted his defeat. Thus Vijay won the match by cheating and his superior wit.

3. How did the old woman's little gifts help Vijay Singh in vanquishing the ghost?

Ans: Vijay Singh was a bold and unbeatable wrestler. But his one great weakness was his boastfulness. Once he was called upon to prove his power and fearlessness. He went through a haunted

desert to fight the ghost. An old woman's gift of an egg and a piece of salt helped him befool and outwit the ghost. He squeezed the egg as well as the salt to prove his prowess. In the ghost's cottage too he acted wisely and saved his life.

4. How did Vijay Singh outwit the ghost with his wit and wisdom?

Ans: Vijay Singh made good use of the old woman's gift—an egg and a lump of salt. He challenged the ghost to squeeze a piece of rock. The ghost failed to do that. Vijay Singh took out the egg from his pocket and squeezed it easily. The ghost was non-plussed and he accepted defeat. Vijay Singh then threw another challenge. He gave another piece of rock to the ghost to crush. The ghost failed to crush the rock. Vijay Singh took out the piece of salt from his pocket and crushed it easily. The ghost felt demoralised and again accepted his defeat.

5. How did the ghost make a plan to trick Vijay Singh finally?

Ans: The ghost invited Vijay Singh to his cave. He vowed silently to kill the wrestler. He offered Vijay Singh a comfortable bed to sleep on. Vijay Singh saw through the ghost's trick. He lay awake and at mid night, he slipped off his bed. He put a bolster in his place on the bed. Early next morning the ghost hit the bolster with his club. He took his enemy for dead. But. Vijay Singh faced the ghost who panicked. He fled from the cave leaving behind all his wealth for Vijay Singh.

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