



CLASS IX
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH
LESSON: 2 - KUNWAR SINGH
(JIM CORBETT)

SOLUTIONS

A. COMPREHENSION

EXERCISE 1

Fill in the blanks with appropriate words as found in the text:

- 1) Jim Corbett was given the old double-barrelled muzzled loader.
- 2) Har Singh was a poor shikari with little knowledge of the jungle folk.
- 3) The tiger did not bite or scratch Har Singh.
- 4) I cocked the hammer and fired the gun off into the air.
- 5) I found that one of the tiger's claws had entered his stomach.
- 6) Har Singh was of the opinion that his inside should be put back into his stomach.
- 7) Times without number when returning from a shoot I called in at Kunwar Singh's village.
- 8) Kunwar Singh had fallen a victim to the curse of our foothills opium.
- 9) News of my arrival spread through Kaladhungi that night.
- 10) Returning, I cut the bark rope by which the cow was tethered.
- 11) As headman of Chandni Chowk and the best shikari in Kaladhungi all men respected Kunwar Singh.
- 12) Kunwar Singh kept his oath.

EXERCISE 2

Write short answers to the following questions:

1. When did Jim Corbett get the double-barrelled muzzle-loader?

Ans. Jim Corbett got the double-barrelled muzzle-loader when he was eight years old.



2. What were the experiences of Kunwar Singh and Har Singh at their hunting expedition of Garuppu during the day time?

Ans. The experiences of Kunwar Singh and Har Singh at their hunting expedition of Garuppu during the day time were when they started the expedition, a fox had crossed their path. Secondly, Kunwar Singh shot at a chital stag and unaccountably missed it. Later, Har Singh broke the wing of a pea fowl but lost it in the long grass.

3. Why did Kunwar Singh and Har Singh avoid the road?

Ans. Kunwar Singh and Har Singh avoided the road because they had fired two shots and were afraid that the forest guards would be looking for them.

4. What did they meet in the *nullah*?

Ans. Kunwar Singh and Har Singh met a tiger in the *nullah*.

5. What did the tiger do to Har Singh?

Ans. The tiger did not bite or scratch Har Singh but standing on its hind legs, it clapped the tree, pinning Har Singh against it, and then started to claw big bits of bark and wood off the far side of the tree. One of the tiger's claws had entered Har Singh's stomach.

6. Why was Har Singh unable to escape from the tiger?

Ans. Har Singh was unable to escape from the tiger because he had not learnt how to climb trees when he was a boy.

7. How did the tiger turn away?

Ans. On hearing the gunshot by Kunwar Singh so close to it, the tiger turned away.

8. Where did they go from the jungle after the attack of tiger?

Ans. After the attack of the tiger, they went to the hospital at Kaladhungi.

9. Why was Kunwar Singh afraid of going out for hunting?

Ans. Kunwar Singh was afraid of going out for hunting because he had a horror of dacoits.

10. Why did Kunwar Singh's health fall gradually?

Ans. Kunwar Singh's health had fallen gradually because he had become a victim of opium.



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11. How did Corbett revive the health of Kunwar Singh?

Ans. Corbett revived the health of Kunwar Singh by allowing fresh air in the room and by helping him drink plenty of warm milk.

12. Why was Kunwar Singh an important and respected man in his village?

Ans. Kunwar Singh was an important and respected man in the village because he was the headman of Chandni Chowk who paid government land revenue of four thousand rupees and the best shikari in Kaladhungi.

COMPOSITION

Answer the following questions:

1. Describe the experience of Kunwar Singh and Har Singh when they met the tiger at Garuppu.

Ans. When Kunwar Singh and Har Singh returned from hunting in the jungle, a tiger came out and stood looking at them. After some time, the tiger turned away. The tiger came out the second time, looking at them, growling and twitching its tail. When Har Singh fired his shot to frighten away the tiger, it came crashing upon them. Kunwar Singh managed to climb up a tree while Har Singh was still standing on the ground trying to grasp a branch of a tree. The tiger sprung on him, did not bite or scratch but pinned Har Singh against the tree and then started to claw big bits of bark and wood off the far side of the tree. Later, Kunwar Singh cocked the hammer and fired the gun off in the air. The tiger hearing the shot so close bounded away. Har Singh was wounded as one of the tiger's claws had entered his stomach and had to go to the hospital at Kaladhungi. Thus, they had a bad experience when they met the tiger at Garuppu.

2. How, according to Jim Corbett, do men die in India generally?

Ans. According to Jim Corbett, men in India generally die due to the wrong beliefs. When a man is dying, it is customary that relatives and friends gather around the dying man, burning cow dung cakes, performing rituals, offering prayers and ringing a bell awaiting the death of the dying man with the women folks wailing. The dying man is made to hold the tail of a cow to purgate the sins. Such wrong beliefs are responsible for the untimely death of men in India.



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3. How did Jim Corbett try to save his friend Kunwar Singh when the latter was almost dying as a victim of opium?

Ans. When Jim Corbett saw the condition of Kunwar Singh, with people piling around him waiting for his death, he ordered everyone to go out of the room, he asked Kunwar's son to bring warm milk as hurriedly as he could. He then opened the window to let fresh air in the room. He picked up Kunwar Singh from the floor and laid him on the bed. Gradually, Kunwar Singh revived, started breathing normally and was able to speak. This was how Jim Corbett tried to save his friend, Kunwar Singh who was almost dying from opium.

4. What was the oath that Kunwar Singh had to swear to Jim Corbett?

Ans. The oath Kunwar Singh had to swear to Jim Corbett was that he would never touch opium again.

5. Describe the scene when Jim Corbett smoked cigarettes with Kunwar Singh.

Ans. As Kunwar Singh was recovering and regaining his breath again, Jim offered him to smoke a cigarette with him. Jim took out two cigarettes from the case and lit one and placed it between Kunwar Singh's lips. Kunwar Singh coughed at first, then, continued to draw on it, resting his head on Jim's hat. His son who brought milk for him nearly fainted of surprise when he saw his father smoking a cigarette who few moment's back was almost dying.



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