

Class Test

VIII

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F.M: 10

A. Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions : (5)

"The king wrote a poem," she began, her voice trembling. "It was filled with vague expressions-sun, moon, stars, beautiful sky-but it made no sense. When he tried reciting it to his ministers, they all too avoided him, making excuses. It was late evening when he came to me, seeking an audience. He began reciting it to me, but I was so exhausted after a tiring day that I yawned- not once, but several times. The king thought I was disrespecting his poem and stormed off. Since then, he has not spoken to me. If I had known this would happen I would have chosen another day. Help me, please, Rama. Only you can help the king understand." Rama nodded thoughtfully. "If you like, I will try my best to resolve this matter, Your Highness. But this needs a well-planned approach, and I may need time to find the right strategy." The queen, who had placed her last hope in Rama, agreed and thanked him profusely.

- i) State the reason behind the king's anger towards the queen. (1)
- ii) Identify the word from the passage that means "shaking with fear or emotion". (1)
- iii) 'The queen's decision to seek Rama's help reflects wisdom and emotional maturity.'- Justify the statement. (2)
- iv) Select the option that best describes Rama's response to the queen's problem: (1)

- (a) careless and indifferent
- (b) thoughtful and reassuring
- (c) angry and impatient
- (d) nervous and confused

B. Answer the question in 120 words : (5)

“Rama’s wit, wisdom, and thoughtful actions transformed a moment of misunderstanding into one of harmony and admiration in the royal court.” Substantiate the statement with detailed reference to the events and incidents presented in the chapter ‘The Wit That Won Hearts’.