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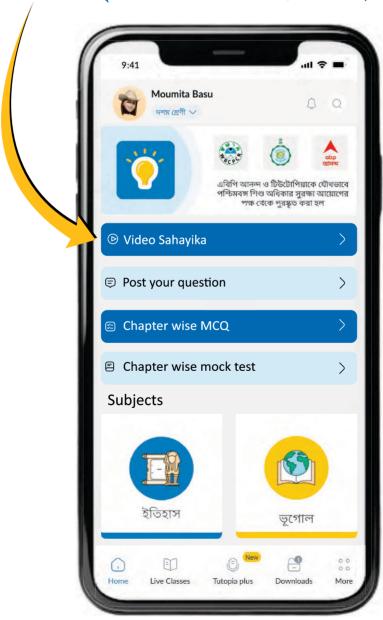
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অধ্যায়ভিত্তিক ভিডিও সহায়িকা

কী আছে এই ভিডিও সহায়িকায়? আছে প্রত্যেকটি অধ্যায়ভিত্তিক প্রশ্নোত্তরের আলোচনা। পরীক্ষায় প্রত্যেকটি অধ্যায় থেকে যা যা প্রশ্ন আসতে পারে সেই সমস্ত ধরনের প্রশ্ন ও উত্তর আলোচনা করা হয়েছে এই ভিডিও সহায়িকায়। শুধু তাই না, ছাত্রছাত্রীদের যাতে না বুঝে মুখস্থ করতে না হয়, তাই সঙ্গে থাকছে প্রত্যেকটি প্রশ্নোত্তরের প্রয়োজন অনুযায়ী ব্যাখ্যা। এইসব অধ্যায়ভিত্তিক প্রশ্নোত্তর ছাত্রছাত্রীরা পেয়ে যাবে আমাদের অ্যাপের ভিডিও সহায়িকা বিভাগে। আমাদের অভিজ্ঞ শিক্ষকমণ্ডলীর দাবি পরীক্ষায় এর বাইরে কোনো প্রশ্ন আসতে পারে না। স্মার্ট বুকের মধ্যে থাকা কোডের মাধ্যমে সম্পূর্ণ বিনামূল্যে ছাত্রছাত্রীরা আমাদের অ্যাপের এই ভিডিও সহায়িকা ব্যবহার করতে পারবে।

ভিডিও সহায়িকা পাওয়া যাবে অ্যাপের হোম পেজেই





Tales of Bhola Grandpa

Lesson

— Manoj Das

♦ INTRODUCTION

'Tales of Bhola Grandpa' is a humorous story, where the forgetful nature of an old man and the account of his hilarious adventures have been described by a young boy. Because of his forgetful nature, the dangerous and enraging incidents of his life have become comical.

👄 বঙ্গানুবাদ

'Tales of Bhola Grandpa' একটি হাস্যকর গল্প। এই গল্পটি একজন বৃদ্ধ মানুষের ভুলোমনের জন্য হওয়া হাস্যকর অথচ রোমাঞ্চকর ঘটনাগুলি একটি বালকের বিবৃতিতে আমরা পাই। তার ভুলোমনের জন্যই ভয়ংকর ঘটনাগুলিও মজার হয়ে উঠেছে।

♦ ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Manoj Das, an Indian by birth, a bilingual writer is read across the globe. He was born on 27th February, 1934 at a small village in Bhograi, Balasore District of Orissa. He was one of the most celebrated writers in Odia. He was a professor, editor, thinker and orator as well. His notable works include Cyclones, A Tiger at Twilight, Mystery of the Missing Cap and many more.

SUMMARY

Bhola Grandpa lived along with his wife in a village.

One day he had gone to enjoy a village festival along with his grandson. While returning he had lost his grandson and realised that much later. His grandson was found sitting under a cow's belly afterwards.

Once he told that he had seen a gang of pirates hiding a large box under the sand dunes near the sea shore. Hearing that, the father of the narrator along with his friends started searching for the box expecting treasure. Then past midnight, when everyone was still searching the treasure, Grandpa remembered that he had dreamt about the pirates and the incident was not real.

He had faced a dangerous Royal Bengal tiger also, while returning from the weekly market. He had somehow managed to save himself by climbing up a tree. But the tiger had waited for him to get down throughout the night. At dawn Grandpa came down, forgetting completely about the tiger, which could be seen by the villagers from a distance. They were astonished to see the fact. Grandpa remembered the existence of the tiger when one of the villagers asked him about his walking out from the front of the hungry tiger fearlessly. He had almost fainted out of fear and somehow ran to his home.

It was hilarious how forgetful his nature was. For this, when he had died at the age of ninety-five, his lamenting wife remarked that may be he had forgotten to breathe.

সারাংশ

ভোলাদাদু তার স্ত্রীর সঙ্গে এক গ্রামে বসবাস করত।

একদিন সে তার নাতিকে নিয়ে গ্রামের এক উৎসবে আনন্দ উপভোগ করতে গিয়েছিল। ফেরার পথে সে নিজের অজান্তেই তার নাতিকে হারিয়ে ফেলে এবং তা বুঝতে পারে অনেক দেরিতে। কিছু সময় পরে তার নাতিকে একটি গোরুর পেটের নীচে বসে থাকতে দেখতে পাওয়া যায়।

একদা ভোলাদাদু এক জলদস্যুর দলকে একটি বড়ো বাক্স সমুদ্রের পাড়ে বালির চরের নীচে পুঁতে রাখতে দেখেছিল। তা শুনে, লেখকের বাবা ও তার বন্ধুরা মিলে অনেক সম্পত্তির আশা করে সেই বাক্সটি খুঁজতে ব্যস্ত হয়ে পড়ে। খুঁজতে খুঁজতে মধ্যরাত পেরিয়ে গেলে দাদুর মনে পড়ে যে সে এই জলদস্যুদের তার দিবাস্বপ্নে দেখেছিল এবং বাস্তবে এর কোনো অস্তিত্ব নেই।

সাপ্তাহিক বাজার থেকে ফেরার পথে সে একবার সুন্দরবনের রয়্যাল বেঙ্গল টাইগারের সম্মুখীন হয়। সে একটা বট গাছে উঠে পড়ে নিজেকে বাঁচায়। কিন্তু বাঘটি গাছের নীচে সারারাত অপেক্ষা করে দাদুর নীচে নেমে আসার। ভোর হতে না হতেই দাদু বাঘের কথা সম্পূর্ণ ভূলে গিয়ে গাছ থেকে নেমে আসে কিন্তু গ্রামের লোকেরা বাঘটিকে তখনও বসে থাকতে দেখে এবং এই পুরো ঘটনাটি দেখে খুব অবাক হয়। যখন গ্রামের লোকেরা অবাক হয়ে তাকে জিজ্ঞেস করে যে সে কীভাবে ওই ক্ষুধার্ত বাঘের সামনে দিয়ে হেঁটে চলে আসল ? তখন তার বাঘটির কথা আবার মনে পড়ল। সে প্রায় ভয়ে অজ্ঞান হয়ে যাচ্ছিল এবং কোনোমতে দৌড়ে বাড়ি চলে যায়।

তার এই ভূলে যাওয়া স্বভাবটি খুবই হাস্যকর ছিল। যখন সে পাঁচানব্বই বছর বয়সে মারা যায়, এইজন্যই তার স্ত্রী বলেন, হয়তো তিনি শ্বাস নিতে ভূলে গেছেন।

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WORDS	MEANINGS	বাংলা অর্থ			
overshadowed	tower above and cast a shadow over	ছায়া দেওয়া			
troop	a group of men or animals	मल			
moonlit	full with moonlight	চাঁদের আলোয় পরিপূর্ণ			
foggy	full of fog	কুয়াশাবৃত			
enquiry	to ask for some information	জিজ্ঞাসাবাদ করা			
revealed	make known to others	প্রকাশ করা			
gripped	to hold something	হাতের মুঠোয় ধরা			
cosy	comfortable	আরামদায়ক			
pirates	people who rob and attack at sea	জলদস্যু			
bewildered	puzzled	ধাঁধাতে থাকা			

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS

>	EXERCISE 1	
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c) fifty-five

•	Tick the correct answer from the given alternatives:				
1.	In the bokal tree th	iere lived			
	a) crows		b) monkeys		
	c) tigers		d) sparrows		
2.	On the way back fr	om the festival, Bhola G	randpa tightly held on t	to the two fingers of his	
	a) son		b) cousin		
	c) grandson	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	d) nephew		
3.	A gang of pirates was burying a				
	a) large box	$\overline{\checkmark}$	b) small box		
	c) large bag		d) small bag		
4.	Bhola Grandpa wa	s returning from the			
	a) yearly market		b) monthly market		
	c) daily market		d) weekly market		
5. Bhola Grandpa died at the age of					
	a) eighty-five		b) ninety-five		
	c) fifty-five		d) seventy-five		

d) seventy-five

♦ EXERCISE 2

- Answer the following questions within fifteen words:
- a) When did Bhola Grandpa let out a loud wail?
- Ans One day, Bhola Grandpa was returning from a festival and he was holding his grandson by his two fingers. After coming a long way, when someone had asked him what he was holding in his hand, he realised that the child was not there. That is why, he let out a loud wail in shock.
 - b) Where had the grandson found a cosy shelter?
- Ans The parted grandson of Bhola Grandpa had taken a cosy shelter under the belly of a cow.
 - c) What request did Bhola Grandpa make to the first man he saw on the mound?
- Ans Bhola Grandpa requested the first man, seen by him on the mound, to provide some water to drink.
 - d) How old was Bhola Grandpa's wife when he died?
- Ans Bhola Grandpa's wife was eighty years when his old husband had died.

→ EXERCISE 3

- Answer the following questions within twenty-five words:
- a) Why was no real treasure found under the sand dunes?
- Ans No real treasure was found under the sand dunes as Bhola Grandpa confessed that it was nothing but a dream which he had during his midday nap.
 - b) What did the tiger do after Bhola Grandpa had climbed up the banyan tree?
- Ans After Bhola Grandpa had climbed up the banyan tree, the tiger roared and circled the tree nearly hundred times before settling down under a bush with its eyes fixed at him.
 - c) What was the reason of Bhola Grandpa's death according to his wife?
- Ans According to Bhola Grandpa's eighty-year old wife, his old husband had died because he must have forgotten to breathe.

→ EXERCISE 4

- Change the mode of narration of the following sentences:
- a) Bulbuli said to his friend, "Will you come tomorrow?"
- Ans Bubuli asked his friend if he/she would come the next day.
 - b) Paulami says, "I am fine."
- **Ans** Paulami says that she is fine.
 - c) The teacher said to the students, "Keep quiet."
- **Ans** The teacher instructed the students to keep quiet.
 - d) My mother said to me, "May your dreams come true."
- Ans My mother wished that my dreams might come true.
 - e) The students said, "Sir, please allow us to play in the field."
- Ans Addressing the teacher as Sir, the students requested him to allow them to play in the field.

♦ EXERCISE 5

In each of the sentences of the following passage some articles and prepositions are used in an incorrect manner. Underline them and replace them with the appropriate ones:

On an winter night I was aboard a boat. It was a moonlit night full on stars. The boat was anchored up a great river. I was thrilled to see a beauty of nature.

Ans On a winter night I was aboard a boat. It was a moonlit night full of stars. The boat was anchored in a great river. I was thrilled to see the beauty of nature.

→ EXERCISE 6

• Write a dialogue within 100 words on the need to ban the use of animals like tigers and lions as circus attractions:

Hints: wild animals decreasing - ill treatment to animals in circuses - criminal offence laws against such – need to be humane to animals

Atish: Hey Sumit! Where are you going in such a hurry?

Sumit: Hi Amit! I've booked a ticket of the famous Jubilee Circus that is in town for three days. Haven't you planned to visit?

Atish: No. I'm not so fond of these circuses where show tricks are done by animal. I feel very bad by looking at the pathetic condition of them. Don't you feel the same?

Sumit: I haven't thought like that before. In fact, people flock in there specially to enjoy the wild animals perform.

Atish: But the owners of the circus hire the animals and don't feed them well. They look so weak! I've also heard that some injects drugs also to the animals to tame them for a while. Their home is in forest. My heart breaks seeing them in this condition.

Sumit: I admit what you're saying. This is why the animals are decreasing in number also.

Atish: Yes. And as per my knowledge, government has already put a ban on this practice of making animals perform in circuses. So why are they still doing it? It's a crime.

Sumit: You're right. I also should not go and support this crime. Let's go and talk to the manager.

Atish: Wait! Let's inform the local councillor first, then we'll go. Come with me.

Sumit: Yes. I'm following you. This practice should stop however.

EXERCISE 7

• Write a story within 100 words using the given hints. Give a title to the story.

Hints: returning from educational excursion by bus - night journey - sudden breakdown tyres punctured - had to wait for two hours at a lonely place - tyres fixed - back home

A JOURNEY WORTH REMEMBERING

It was the middle of December, and we were sweating as if it was the humid weather of May. It was not humidity, but fear which was causing the sweat.

I, Amisha Paul, a student of class ten was returning from a trip with my school friends and teachers. We had gone to Murshidabad for an educational excursion. I was in Class nine as this was my first trip without my parents. All together we were a group of fifty people. We were returning by bus. After much excitement we all were feeling sleepy and there was not a single source of light on the road from where the bus was passing. So, some of us were chatting and some were drowsy. Suddenly the bus stopped with a huge jerk. We were all shocked. Our teachers along with the driver went to inspect the matter and we got to hear that it was a tyre puncture. Now, we were terrified as there was not a single shop around. After awhile, our driver went inside the village in the dark in search of a shop. We were all sitting for one hour in the dark being unsure whether we would be able to get back home or not. Then, like a messiah our driver returned with a tyre and fixed it. We were relieved and reached our respective homes. This was a journey worth remembering.

TEXTUAL GRAMMAR

	TEXT CAL GRAWWAR
•	Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions:
1.	Bhola Grandpa and his wife lived western end our village large bokal tree
	overshadowed their hut. In bokal tree lived small troop monkeys.
Ans	at, the, of, A, the a, of
2.	Everyone our party was surprised. We halted. Enquiry revealed that Bhola Grandpa had
	taken his grandson the festival. He had tightly held the two fingers the boy. He
	did not realize when those two fingers slipped
Ans	in, to, on, to, of, out

- Change the voice of the following sentences:
- i) Bhola Grandpa had taken his grandson to the festival.
- Ans Bhola Grandpa's grandson had been taken to the festival by Bhola Grandpa.
 - ii) My father chose two sharp-eyed men from our party.
- Ans Two sharp-eyed men were chosen from our party by my father.
 - Change the narration of the following sentences:
 - i) Someone asked Bhola Grandpa what he was gripping.
- Ans Someone said to Bhola Grandpa, "What are you gripping?"
 - ii) Bhola Grandpa, wild with excitement, told my father and his friends that he had seen a gang of pirates.
- Ans Bhola Grandpa said to my father and his friends, "Oh! What a gang of pirates I had seen."
 - Do as directed:
 - a) A large bokal tree overshadowed their hut. (Change the voice)
- Ans Their hut was overshadowed by a large bokal tree.
 - b) On a moonlit night, we were returning from a festival. (Turn into a compound sentence)
- Ans It was a moonlit night and we were returning from a festival.
 - c) Suddenly, Bhola Grandpa let out a loud wail. (Use the verb form of 'wail')
- Ans Suddenly, Bhola Grandpa wailed out loudly.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1.	1. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:					
a)	Bhola Grandpa's ho	ouse was situated benea	nth			
	i) a mango tree	ii) a large bokal tree	iii) a banyan tree	iv) a peepul tree		
Ans	ii) a large bokal tree	2				
	•	rty was surprised when	L			
	i) the festival was o		ii) Bhola Grandpa lost			
			iv) Bhola Grandpa let out	a loud wail a loud wail		
Ans	iv) Bhola Grandpa le	et out a loud wail a loud w	vail			
	Bhola Grandpa hac					
	i) a gang of dacoits		ii) a shoal of fish			
	iii) a gang of pirate	s	iv) a troop of monkeys			
Ans	iii) a gang of pirate	s				
		er and his friends starte	ed looking for			
	i) sand dunes		ii) box of chocolates			
	iii) a pack of jackals	3	iv) the hidden treasure			
Ans	iv) the hidden treas	sure				
e)	Bhola Grandpa con	fessed that there was				
	i) no tiger	ii) a monkey	iii) no real treasure	iv) a jackal		
Ans	iii) no real treasure					
f)	Having seen the an	imal, Bhola Grandpa ir	nstantly climbed up a			
	i) mango tree	ii) bokal tree	iii) banyan tree	iv) peepul tree		
Ans	iii) banyan tree					
g)	Dawn appeared wit	th the cooing of				
	i) doves	ii) crows	iii) cuckoos	iv) pigeons		
Ans	i) doves					
h)	Coming down from	n the tree, Bhola Grand	pa got to			
	i) mountain	ii) a mound	iii) a hill	iv) a plateau		
Ans	ii) a mound					
i)	After night fall the	forest became				
	i) silent	ii) mysterious	iii) noisy	iv) dangerous		
Ans	i) silent					
j)	The kid was found	under a				
	i) tree	ii) tin shed	iii) depot	iv) cow's belly		
Ans	iv) cow's belly					
k)	The narrator was ri	ding on				
	i) a cart		ii) a camel			
	iii) a bicycle		iv) the chowkidar's shoul	ders		
Ans	iv) the chowkidar's	shoulders				
1)	Bhola Grandpa was	8				
	i) chuckling	ii) jeering at	iii) mourning	iv) beaming		
Ans	iii) mourning	, ,	Č	C		
	Bhola Grandpa was	returning from the				
,	i) village fair	ii) book fair	iii) daily market	iv) weekly market		
Ans	iv) weekly market		·	•		

n)	The tree the tiger c	ircled was						
	i) banyan tree	ii) bokal tree	iii) palm tree	iv) coconut tree				
Ans	i) banyan tree							
o)	Bhola Grandpa rec	quested the man for						
	i) some food		ii) some water to drink	ii) some water to drink				
	iii) some money		iv) for a glass of milk					
Ans	ii) some water to d	rink						
p)	Bhola Grandpa wa	s returning from the w	veekly market					
	i) in the morning	ii) in the afternoon	iii) in the evening	iv) at night				
	iii) in the evening							
q)	-	me down from the tree						
	i) at evening	ii) at daybreak	iii) at dusk	iv) at night				
	ii) at daybreak							
r)	Bhola Grandpa die							
	•	ii) septuagenarian	iii) octogenarian	iv) nonagenarian				
_	iv) nonagenarian							
s)	The man had seen	the tiger						
	i) circling		ii) roaring					
	iii) waiting		iv) beating its tail on the dry leaves					
	iii) waiting							
t)	The path was cover							
	i) mud	ii) stones	iii) fog	iv) puddles				
Ans	iii) fog							
	-	-	ormation from the text:					
_	The path of returni	ing from the festival wa	as					
Ans	s long and foggy.							
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b)	Bhola Grandpa ha	=	e					
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Ans it was all a dream which he had during his midday nap.

- 3. State whether the following statements are True or False. Provide sentences/ phrases/ words in support of your answer:
- a) Bhola Grandpa heard the growl of a Royal Bengal tiger at a distance of about five yards before him.
- Ans False (**Supporting statement:** Suddenly, at a distance of about five yards before him, he heard the growl of a Royal Bengal tiger.)
 - b) Bhola Grandpa climbed up a nearby banyan tree without delay.
- Ans True (Supporting statement: Bhola Grandpa instantly climbed up a nearby banyan tree.)
 - c) Bhola Grandpa was bewildered to see the tiger waiting.
- Ans False (Supporting statement: The man had seen the tiger waiting. He was much bewildered.)
 - d) The Royal Bengal tiger was roaring while circling the tree.
- Ans True (Supporting statement: The tiger roared and circled the tree about a hundred times.)
 - e) Bhola Grandpa found the tiger's gaze to be dimmed.
- Ans False (**Supporting statement:** Then it settled down under a bush without taking its eyes off him.)
 - f) The forest grew dark and silent with nightfall.
- Ans True (**Supporting statement:** With nightfall, the forest grew dark and silent.)
 - g) The tiger settled down under a bush and slept.
- Ans False (Supporting statement: Then it settled down under a bush without taking its eyes off him.)
 - h) When Bhola Grandpa confessed the matter, it was evening.
- Ans False (**Supporting statement:** It was midnight. At this point of time, Bhola Grandpa confessed that there was no real treasure.)
 - i) Bhola Grandpa lost his grandson in the festival.
- Ans True (Supporting statement: He remembered his grandson and let out a loud wail.)
 - j) The boy was found before a sweet-meat stall.
- Ans False (Supporting statement: He had taken a cosy shelter under a cow's belly.)

4. Fill in the chart with information from the text:

a)

	What?		Why?
i)	Bhola Grandpa climbed up a banyan	i)	
	tree.		
ii)	The man was bewildered.	ii)	

Ans	

	What?	Why?			
i)	Bhola Grandpa climbed up a banyan tree.	i)	Bhola Grandpa turned and found the bright gaze of the Royal Bengal tiger on his face.		
ii)	The man was bewildered.	ii)	The man had seen the tiger waiting under a bush.		

b)

	Statement	Reason		
i)	Bhola Grandpa could hear the tiger beating its tail on the dry leaves.	i)		
ii)		ii)	Bhola Grandpa requested the first man on mound he saw for some water to drink.	



	Statement	Reason			
i)	Bhola Grandpa could hear the tiger beating its tail on the dry leaves.	i)	With nightfall, the forest grew dark and silent.		
	Bhola Grandpa came down from the banyan tree and climbed the mound.		Bhola Grandpa requested the first man on mound he saw for some water to drink.		

c)

	Cause	Effect			
i)	Bhola Grandpa found the bright gaze of the tiger on his face.	i)			
ii)		ii)	Bhola Grandpa almost lost his senses in fear.		



	Cause		Effect					
i)	Bhola Grandpa found the bright gaze of the tiger on his face.	i)	Bhola Grandpa instantly climbed up a nearby banyan tree.					
ii)	Bhola Grandpa remembered the tiger and looked at it.	ii)						

5. Answer the following questions within fifteen words:

- a) Where did Bhola Grandpa and his wife live?
- Ans Bhola Grandpa lived at the western end of the narrator's village.
 - b) What overshadowed Bhola Grandpa's hut?
- Ans A large bokal tree overshadowed Bhola Grandpa's hut.
 - c) Who lived in the bokal tree?
- **Ans**A small troop of monkeys lived in the bokal tree.
- d) Where were the narrator and his companions returning from and when?
- Ans The narrator and his companions were returning from a festival on a moonlit night.
 - e) On whose shoulders was the narrator riding?
- Ans The narrator was riding on the village chowkidar's shoulders.
 - f) How and where was Bhola Grandpa's grandson found?
- Ans Two sharp-eyed men had been chosen to find out the grandson and he was found before long under a cow's belly.
 - g) When did Bhola Grandpa tell the narrator's father and his friends about the gang of pirates?
- Ans Bhola Grandpa told the narrator's father and his friends about the gang of pirates when it had been a rainy afternoon.
 - h) Who were howling and when?
- Ans A pack of jackals were howling when moonlight came in through the clouds.
 - i) Who roamed freely in the dense jungles of the Sunderbans in those days?
- Ams In those days Royal Bengal tigers roamed freely in the dense jungles of the Sunderbans.
 - j) How did people take care to move about particularly after sundown?
- Ans People took care to move about only in groups, particularly after sundown.
 - k) What did Bhola Grandpa hear when he was returning from the weekly market?
- Ans When Bhola Grandpa was returning from the weekly market, he heard the growl of a Royal Bengal tiger at a distance of about five yards behind him.

- 1) What did Bhola Grandpa do when he saw the tiger?
- Ans When Bhola Grandpa saw the tiger, he instantly climbed up a nearby banyan tree.
- m) When did Bhola Grandpa almost lose his senses in fear?
- Ans When Bhola Grandpa remembered the tiger and looked at it, he almost lost his senses in fear.

6. Answer the following questions within twenty-five words:

- a) Why everyone was surprised in the party while returning from the festival?
- Ans While returning from the festival, everyone was surprised in the party because Bhola Grandpa let out a loud wail.
- b) When did Bhola Grandpa let out a loud wail?
- Ans Bhola Grandpa had taken his grandson to the festival by holding tightly on to the two fingers of the boy. He did not realize when those fingers slipped out. He was continuing as before. When someone asked Bhola Grandpa what he was gripping, he remembered his grandson and let out a loud wail.
 - c) What, according to Bhola Grandpa, were the pirates doing?
- Ans According to Bhola Grandpa, the pirates were burying a large box under one of the sand dunes on the seashore by the narrator's village.
 - d) When did the long search stop at last?
- Ans When Bhola Grandpa confessed that there was no real treasure as it was all a dream which he had during his midday nap, the long search stopped at last.
 - e) How long did the narrator's father and his friends search for the hidden treasure?
- Ans The narrator's father and his friends had been searching for the hidden treasure since midnight before Bhola Grandpa's confession.
 - f) What did the tiger do when Bhola Grandpa climbed up a banyan tree?
- Ans When Bhola Grandpa climbed up a banyan tree, the tiger roared and circled the tree about a hundred times. Then it settled under a bush without taking its eyes off him. With nightfall, the tiger beat its tail on the dry leaves.
 - g) What happened when Bhola Grandpa was returning from the weekly market?
- Ans When Bhola Grandpa was returning from the weekly market, he suddenly at a distance of about five yards behind him, heard the growl of a Royal Bengal tiger. Then he turned and found the bright gaze of the tiger on his face.
 - h) Why was the man on mound bewildered to see Bhola Grandpa?
- Ans When Bhola Grandpa came down from the banyan tree, the man on mound had already seen the tiger waiting under a bush. The man could not understand how Bhola Grandpa simply walked past the hungry beast and it did nothing. This is why the man on mound was bewildered.
 - i) When did Bhola Grandpa leave us forever?
- Ans Bhola Grandpa left us forever one morning at the age of ninety-five.
 - j) Why did Bhola Grandpa's eighty-year-old wife lament much?
- Ans Bhola Grandpa was forgetful in nature. When Bhola Grandpa died at the age of ninety-five, his eighty-year-old wife lamented much because she thought that Bhola Grandpa must have forgotten to breathe.

IMPORTANCE OF THE CHAPTER

This chapter makes students acquainted with the writing of world famous bilingual Indian writer Manoj Das. We should have knowledge about the writings of such an eminent writer.

FOR ADVANCED AND INTERESTED STUDENTS

PRACTICE QUESTION CLUSTER

1.	Write tl	he correct a	lternative to	complete	the fol	llowing sentences	:
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	Grandpa narrated the story	•	ichees.			
i) frightened	ii) angry	iii) excited	iv) happy			
The narrator's	father and his friends wer	e in search of the				
i) pirates	ii) box	iii) jackals	iv) treasure			
After sunset, p	people in the Sunderbans (ısually				
i) did not mov	e out	ii) did not move a	bout alone			
iii) carried gur	ns while moving around	iv) moved about a	llone			
The tiger settle	ed down under a bush and	stayed there				
i) till sunset	ii) till midnight	iii) throughout th	e night iv) for the whole day			
Bhola Grandp						
) as usually he		ii) as he had heard	_			
iii) as he found	d none of his friends	iv) as he failed to	find the hidden treasure			
The treasure w	vas supposed to be hidden					
i) in the river		ii) by the village				
iii) under the s	sand dune	iv) in a place unknown to anyone				
Bhola Grandp	a was coming back from t	he				
i) hospital	ii) market	iii) town	iv) office			
Bhola Grandp	a climbed up a banyan tre	e				
i) to see the ju	ngle around	ii) to collect leaves for his cow				
iii) to save him	nself from the tiger	iv) to pass the mig	ght safely			
The market ret	ferred to in the text is held					
i) once a week		ii) once in two we	eks			
iii) once a mor		iv) once a year	CKO			
		ii) onee a year				
-	a had an exciting experien					
i) in the city		ii) in the forest				
iii) in the dese	rt	iv) in the hospital				

2. Complete the following sentences with information from the test:

- a) Bhola Grandpa had seen a gang of pirates' to_____
- b) No sooner had Bhola Grandpa informed about the treasure____

c)	Finally Bhola Grandpa confessed that	
d)	After roaring and circling the tree for several times the tiger	
e)	To the first man he saw Bhola Grandpa requested	
f)	The man on the mound was confused because	
g)	The day dawned with	
	The tiger was	
	Bhola Grandpa almost lost	
j)	When Bhola Grandpa demised, his wife was	
3.	State whether the following statements are True or False. Provide senten in support of your answer:	ces/ phrases/ words
a)	The story of the pirates is nothing but a dream.	
Ans	Supporting sentence:	
b)	Bhola Grandpa became agitated in a rainy afternoon.	
Ans	Supporting sentence:	
c)	Bhola Grandpa did not deny that it was his midday nap.	
Ans	Supporting sentence:	
d)	When Bhola Grandpa came down from the tree, the tiger attacked him.	
Ans	Supporting sentence:	
e)	Two men with light eye-sight were chosen for the search.	
Ans	Supporting sentence:	
f)	People did not move alone after sundown.	
Ans	Supporting sentence:	
g)	The narrator and his companions were returning from a fair.	
Ans	Supporting sentence:	
h)	The tiger had followed Bhola Grandpa throughout the day.	
Ans	Supporting sentence:	
i)	The path of returning from the festival was stony.	
Ans	Supporting sentence:	
j)	On seeing the tiger Bhola Grandpa climbed up a peepul tree.	
Ans	Supporting sentence:	
	ll in the chart with information from the text:	
a)		

4.]	Fill	in	the	chart	with	infor	mation	from	the	text:	:
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	What?			Why?		
	i)	The forest grew dark and silent.	i)			
ĺ	ii)	Bhola Grandpa almost lost his senses.	ii)			

b)

	Statement		Reason			
i)	People used to move about only in groups, particularly after sundown.	i)				
ii)			Bhola Grandpa came across a Royal Bengal tiger.			

c)

	Cause		Effect		
i)	Dawn broke with the cooing of doves.	i)			
ii)			The narrator's father and his friends		
			started looking for hidden treasure.		

5.	Answer the	e following	g auestions	within	fifteen	words:
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a) How is the road described in the text?



b) Where had Bhola Grandpa gone with his grandson?



c) Who was carrying Bhola Grandpa's grandson?



d) Whose fingers was Bhola Grandpa holding on to?



e) Who chose two sharp-eyed men to find out the kid?



f) Where had the grandson found a cosy shelter?



g) How was the forest at night?



h) How did dawn break?



i) From where was Bhola Grandpa returning?



j) How did Bhola Grandpa know in the dark that the tiger was still there?



6. Answer the following questions within twenty-five words:

a) What do not Bhola Grandpa and his wife mind?



b) What did Bhola Grandpa tell about the treasure?



How could Bhola Grandpa feel the presence of the tiger?
How did the search party find Bhola Grandpa's grandson?
What did Bhola Grandpa see when he came down from the banyan tree at dawn?
What usually did the people do in order to protect themselves from the tiger?
Why was the narrator riding on the chowkidar's shoulders?
Why did not the tiger attack Bhola Grandpa at dawn?
Which incident shows that Bhola Grandpa was imaginative in nature?
"The old man must have forgotten to breathe" – Explain the meaning of the line.

CHAPTERWISE MOCK TEST

Class: IX

Subject : English

Lesson 1: TALES OF BHOLA GRANDPA

Time: 80 minutes Full Marks: 40

1. Bhola Grandpa and his wife lived at the western end of our village. A large bokal tree overshadowed their hut. In the bokal tree lived a small troop of monkeys. Bhola Grandpa and his wife did not mind it.

One moonlit night, we were returning from a festival. The road was long and foggy. I was riding on the village chowkidar's shoulders. Suddenly, Bhola Grandpa let out a loud wail. Everyone in our party was surprised. We halted. Enquiry revealed that Bhola Grandpa had taken his grandson to the festival. He had tightly held on to the two fingers of the boy. He did not realize when those fingers slipped out. Bhola Grandpa was continuing as before. Then someone asked Bhola Grandpa what he was gripping. He remembered his grandson and let out a loud wail.

My father chose two sharp-eyed men from our party to go back with Bhola Grandpa to the festival. The grandson was found before long. He had taken a cosy shelter under a cow's belly.

I remember another funny incident about Bhola Grandpa related by my father. It had been a rainy afternoon. Bhola Grandpa, wild with excitement, told my father and his friends that he had seen a gang of pirates. They were burying a large box under one of the sand dunes on the seashore by our village. At once father and his friends started looking for the hidden treasure. Evening passed on to night. Moonlight came in through the clouds. A pack of jackals were howling. It was past midnight. At this point of time, Bhola Grandpa confessed that there was no real treasure. It was all a dream which he had during his midday nap.

A. Choose the correct answers from the given alternatives and write them: 1 × 4 = 4 (i) Bhola Grandpa's hut was overshadowed by a large – (a) banana tree (b) mango tree (c) bokol tree (d) coconut tree

(ii) The author was returning from a festival on a –

(a) sunny day (b) moonlit night

(c) rainy day

(d) cloudy night

(iii) The grandson took a cosy shelter under a –

(a) horse's belly (b) cow's belly

(c) tiger's belly

(d) monkey's belly

(iv) Bhola Grandpa saw the dream daring his –

(a) sleep (b) night sleep

(c) midday nap

(d) evening rest

B. Answer the following questions within fifteen words:

 $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (i) On whose shoulder was the author riding?
- (ii) How was Bhola Grandpa reminded of his grandson?
- (iii) Where was Bhola Grandpa's grandson found?
- (iv) When did the long search finally stop?

C. Complete the following sentences with information from the text:

 $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (i) It was revealed in the enquiry that
- (ii) Bhola Grandpa excitedly reported his father
- (iii) Bhola Grandpa finally confessed that
- (iv) The grandson had taken a shelter

- D. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements and give supporting statements. $2 \times 4 = 8$
- (i) The narrator was riding on a bullock cart.

Supporting Statement:

- (ii) The pirates were burying a large box under one of the sand dunes in a jungle. **Supporting Statement:**
- (iii) Bhola Grandpa and his ife were not much bothered about the monkeys. **Supporting Statement:**
- (iv) The story of hidden treasure was nothing but a dream **Supporting Statement:**
- **2.** Once Bhola Grandpa had a great adventure in the Sunderbans. In those days Royal Bengal tigers freely roamed the dense jungles of the Sunderbans. People took care to move about only in groups, particularly after sundown.

One evening, Bhola Grandpa was returning from the weekly market. Suddenly at a distance of about five yards behind him, he heard the growl of a Royal Bengal tiger. Bhola Grandpa turned and found the bright gaze of the tiger on his face.

Bhola Grandpa instantly climbed up a nearby banyan tree. The tiger roared and circled the tree about a hundred times. Then it settled down under a bush without taking its eyes off him. With nightfall, the forest grew dark and silent. Bhola Grandpa could hear the tiger beating its tail on the dry leaves. Hours passed.

Dawn broke with the cooing of doves. Bhola Grandpa came down. There was a group of men on a mound a little away. Bhola Grandpa climbed the mound and requested the first man he saw for some water to drink. The man had seen the tiger waiting. He was much bewildered. "What is your secret that you simply walked past the hungry beast and it did nothing?" he asked Bhola Grandpa. The tiger was stretching its limbs and yawning. Then, Bhola Grandpa remembered the tiger and looked at it. Bhola Grandpa almost lost his senses in fear. He ran back home.

Half a century later, Bhola Grandpa left us forever one morning at the age of ninety-five. His eighty-year old wife lamented much. She said with a sigh, "The old man must have forgotten to breathe."

1. A.	Choose the correct	answers from the given	alternates and write	them: $1 \times 4 = 4$
(i)	The distance betwee	n the Royal Bengal Tiger	and Bhola Grandpa	was about –
	(a) ten yards	(b) Fifty yards	(c) five yards	(d) fifty Five yards
(ii)	In the sunderbans p	eople took care to move	about after –	
	(a) sunrise	(b) dawn	(c) nightfall	(d) sunset
(iii)	Bhola Grandpa insta	antly climbed up a nearby	y –	
	(a) peepul Tree	(b) banyan Tree	(c) neem Tree	(d) mango tree
(iv)	Dawn broke with th	e cooing of –		
	(a) parrots	(b) crows	(c) doves	(d) sparrows

B. Answer the following questions within twenty-five words:

 $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) Why was the man bewildered when Bhola Grandpa requested for some water to drink?
- (ii) What was the reaction of Bhola Grandpa's wife after his death?
- C. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements and give supporting statements: $2 \times 4 = 8$
- i) On seeing the tiger, Bhola Grandpa climbed up a peepul tree **Supporting Statement:**

- ii) The tiger settled under a bush but stared at him **Supporting Statement:**
- (iii) People did not move along after sunset **Supporting Statement:**
- (iv) Bhola Grandpa died at the age of eighty-five **Supporting Statement:**

D. Write the 'Cause' against the Effect and vice-versa:

 $1 \times 4 = 4$

Cause		Effect		
(i)		(a)	People took care to move about only in groups, particularly after sundown	
(ii)	Bhola Grandpa remembered and looked at the tiger	(b)		
(iii)		(c)	The man was much bewildered.	
(iv)	Bhola Grandpa found the bright gaze of the tiger on his face.	(d)		