

Q1. Why were the people left with only enough rice to feed themselves before the famine took place?

A1. The people were left with only enough rice to feed themselves because they gave nearly all their rice to the Raja to store in case there was a famine. They only kept enough to feed themselves.

Q2. What did the ministers implore the Raja to do when the famine started?

A2. When the famine started, the ministers implored the Raja to keep his promise and give the rice to the people from the royal storehouses.

Q3. Where was all the rice collected and kept by the Raja?

A3. All the collected rice was kept in the royal storehouses.

Q4. How many baskets of rice was the elephant carrying for the royal feast?

A4. The elephant was carrying two baskets of rice for the royal feast.

Q5. What did Rani observe when she saw the elephant?

A5. When Rani saw the elephant she observed that rice was trickling down from one of the baskets.

Q6. What was Rani's good deed according to the Raja? How do you know he was pleased with her (Rani)?

A6. According to the Raja, Rani's good deed was that she was collecting the falling rice and giving it back to him. We know he was pleased with her because he offered her a reward, to ask him for anything and he would grant it.

Q7. Give the meaning of acquiesced?

A7. It means to agree to what someone wants.

Q8. How much rice did Rani get on the twentieth day?

A8. Rani got thirty two bags of rice on the twentieth day.

Q9. On which day was Rani presented with the contents of two royal storehouses?

A9. On the twenty-ninth day Rani was presented with the contents of two royal storehouses.

Q10. What happened on the thirtieth day?

A10. On the thirtieth day, Rani was given the contents of rice of the last four royal storehouses. These were carried by two hundred and fifty- six elephants.

Q11. What did Rani do with all the rice she had collected?

A11. Rani distributed the rice among all the people. She even gave the Raja a basket of rice.