English Reader (Class 6)

Lesson – 7

Fair Play

- I. Answer the following questions:-
 - 1. "Then the situation changed". What is being referred to?

Ans. Jumman and his wife became indifferent to old relative. His wife was not happy to give the little food that the old lady wanted everyday.

2. When Jumman's aunt realised that she was not welcome in his house, what arrangement did she suggest?

Ans. When Jumman's aunt realised that she was not welcome in his house she suggested that Jumman should give her a monthly allowance so that she could set up a separate kitchen.

3. What was the villagers reaction when the aunt explained her case to them?

Ans. When the aunt explained her case to the villagers, some sympathised with her, others laughed at her and a few others advised her to make it up with her nephew and his wife.

4. Why was Jumman happy our Algu's nomination as head panch?

Ans. Jumman was happy over Algu's nomination as head panch because Algu was his best friend so he would never go against him.

5. "God lives in the heart of the Panch" the aunt said. What did she mean?

Ans. She meant that a Panch would not kill his conscience for the sake of friendship. Everybody is equal before him. The justice delivered would be the justice delivered by God.

6. What was Algu's verdict as head Panch? How did Jumman take it?

Ans. Algu's verdict as head Panch was Jumman had to pay his aunt a monthly allowance or else the property would go back to her. Jumman felt betrayed and became Algu's enemy.

7. Algu found himself in a tight spot. What was his problem?

Ans. One of Algu's fine pair of bullocks died and he sold the other to sahu on the understanding that Sahu would pay the price of the bullock in a month's time. The bullock died within a month and sahu refused to pay Algu.

8. Why was Algu upset over Jumman's nomination as head Panch?

Ans. Algu was upset because Jumman became Algu's enemy after Algu had given a verdict in favour of Jumman's aunt and Jumman wanted revenge.

9. What was Jumman's verdict as head Panch? How did Algu take it?

Ans. Jumman's verdict as head Panch was that since the bullock did not suffer from any disease when sahu bought it, although the death was unfortunate Algu could not be blamed for it. Sahu would have to pay the price of the bullock.

Algu was so happy on the verdict and said loudly again and again "Victory to the Panchayat". This is justice. God lives in the heart of the Panch. Jumman and Algu became friends again.

- II. Who said and to whom.
 - 1. "My wife knows best how to run the house."

Ans. Jumman said to his Aunt.

2. "But is it right, my sun, to keep mum and not say what you consider just and fair?"

Ans. Jumman's aunt said to Algu.

3. "What have you to say in your defence?"

Ans. Algu said to Jumman.

4. "I can't pay you a penny for the wretched beast you sold me."

Ans. Sahu said to Algu.

5. "Victory to the Panchayat. This is justice."

Ans. Algu said to the Panchayat.