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CHAPTER – 3 THE KING’S MAGIC DRUM

This entire work must be done neatly in your English Literature copy.

A. Answer these questions.

1. Who was Efriam Duke? What special object did he possess?

Ans. 1] Efriam Duke was an ancient king of Calabar. He possessed a magic drum.

2. What could the magic drum do?

Ans. 2] The magic drum, when beaten, provided plenty of food and drink.

3. How did the king treat his enemies?

Ans.3] Whenever any country declared war against the king, he used to invite his enemies to a feast and beat his drum. Then to the surprise of everyone, instead of fighting the people found their tables spread with all sorts of dishes, fish, foo-foo, palm oil, chops, soup and cooked yams and plenty of palm

wine. He sent his enemies away with full stomachs and in contented frame of mind.

4. Why did the tortoise want compensation?

Ans.4] The tortoise wanted compensation because the queen had given his palm nut, which lay on the ground, thinking it had fallen from the tree to her little girl to eat.

5. What did the tortoise ask the king to give him?

Ans.5] The tortoise asked the king to give him his magic drum.

6. How did the tortoise become one of the richest men in the kingdom?

Ans.6] The tortoise invited the king, the people and animals to a feast in order to display his riches. He then fed them good food and wine. People enjoyed these fine dishes and after the feast all the people looked upon the tortoise as one of the richest men in the kingdom.

7. What happened when the tortoise crossed over a stick while he was holding the drum?

Ans.7] When the tortoise crossed over the stick, the spell was broken at once and as soon as he beat the drum, instead of food being brought out, his house got filled with Egbo men, who beat the tortoise, his wife and children badly.

8. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. *I am a poor man..... Gave it to your child.*

a. Who said this?

Ans. a] The tortoise said it.

b. Who was the speaker talking to?

Ans. b] The speaker was talking to the queen. c.

Why did the listener take the palm nut?

Ans. c] The listener saw the palm nut lying on the ground and thinking it had fallen from the tree, she took it and gave it to her little girl to eat.

2. *What will you take? You may have anything you like.*

a. Who said this and to whom?

Ans. a] The king, Efriam Duke said this to the tortoise.

b. Why did the speaker say this?

Ans. b] The king said so because his wife had picked up the palm nut which was lying on the ground. It was the tortoise's meal and she had given it to her little girl to eat.

c. What did the listener want to have from the speaker?

Ans. c] The listener wanted to have the magic drum from the speaker.