

CLASS 7 ENGLISH

VET IN THE FOREST

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THEME OF THE CHAPTER :

The chapter vet in the forest deals with the issue that animals too have feelings and emotions and they should also be handled with care and concern as they too are part of this existing ecosystem.

MESSAGE OF THE CHAPTER :

It teaches us that just like we show our concern and love towards our fellow human beings so we should do it with the animals as well.

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

A. Answer these questions

1. Who were in the team that went to Bishnupur forest and why did they go there? Who joined them afterwards?

Ans - There were three men in the team that went to Bishnupur forest—SC De, Chief Wildlife Warden of the state; Subrata Choudhuri, an officer specialising in tranquilising animals; and the speaker. They went to the forest to treat an injured elephant. A veterinary officer (who had no experience of treating elephants) joined them afterwards.

2. How was the herd chased away? Why did it have to be chased?

Ans - The herd was chased away by a group of villagers who shouted and burst crackers. The herd had to be chased away so that the injured animal could be separated from it. The injured elephant could be treated only if it was alone.

3. "Our new plan of action was to ask the enthusiastic villagers for help to locate our patient "

a. Who was the patient?

Ans - The patient was an injured elephant.

b. Why did the speaker's team need help to locate the patient ?

Ans - The speaker's team needed help to locate the patient—the injured elephant—because it had been moving constantly with the herd and the speaker's team did not know where exactly elephant was.

c. Which word tells us that the villagers were willing to help?

Ans - The word 'enthusiastic' tells us that the villagers were very willing to help.

4. "We quickened ours accordingly. In about five minutes its hind legs bent under its body, and then it slowly fell over sideways and lay on its side.

a. What do they quicken and why?

Ans. They—they speaker's team—quickened their pace. They were following the injured elephant which had begun moving more quickly because it had been pricked by the dart.

b. What lay on its side and why?

Ans- The injured elephant lay on its side. Subrata had fired a dart gun with a tranquiliser at the elephant. The medicine took effect in five minutes and the elephant fell over and lay down.

5. How did the vet treat the elephant?

Ans - The vet made a deep cut across the swollen part of the elephant's leg. It brought out a flow of black blood. Then he treated the leg, gave the animal a shot of long-acting antibiotic, and bandaged the leg. He also gave an antidote to the elephant, which would revive it.

6. "As responsible managers, we should have stayed around for the moment of its revival". Do you think the speaker and his team were irresponsible? Why or why not?

Ans - No, the speaker and his team were not irresponsible. Although they wanted to stay around for the elephant's revival, they could not have done that because there was no tree that was strong enough to support a machan where the team could spend the night. And it would have been very difficult to spend the night on the ground with about fifty wild elephants nearby.

VALUE BASED /LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:

1. The speaker's team accomplished their aim by facing a different problem at each step and then finding a solution. Explain with reference to the chapter 'Vet In The Forest.

Ans. at first, the team did not know where the injured elephant was or how to locate. Then, a young man approached them and said he knew where the elephant was – he had been taking food to the elephant. The next problem was to separate the injured elephant from its herd so that it could be treated. After some discussion, the team decided to chase the herd away so that the injured elephant would lag behind. The villagers helped the team by shouting and bursting crackers so that the herd run away. Now the team needed to locate the injured elephant. Again the villagers helped them by finding the elephant. Finally when the team had treated the elephant they were worried because the elephant did not wake up when it was supposed to. The villagers helped by bringing buckets of water from a nearby stream To pour on the drugged

animal to keep its body temperature down. Eventually the team had to leave the spot because they could not stay near the elephant, although they would have preferred to. Later they heard that the elephant had revived in the night and the herd had taken it away.

2. How did the team finally give medical support to the injured elephant?

Ans. It was extremely difficult for the team to first locate the injured animal as it was with the herd and making it impossible for them to separate it from the herd and treat it. Later, with the help of the villagers, they drove the herd away and isolated the injured animal. After some initial difficulty the elephant was successfully tranquilised. The vet cut across the swollen part of the leg and brought out the black blood from the large abscess. The animal was then given a shot of long-acting antibiotics. There were a few tense moments for the teams as the elephant took a little more time than usual to revive. After confirming that the elephant was in a deep sleep, the team left the place.