2. The Tiger King (Flamingo)

Study Material

1. The astrologers had foretold that the king of Pratinbandpuram would meet his death through a tiger.
2. He began talking at the age of ten days.
3. He decided to kill one hundred tigers so that he would be safe.
4. He did not allow a British Officer to shoot any tiger. He agreed to a photograph with the carcass of a tiger.

The king bribed him by ordering 50 rings from a Calcutta shop. The officer’s wife, instead of selecting one or two rings, kept all the fifty rings causing an expanse of three lakhs to the treasury.

1. The king shot seventy tigers and then no tiger was to be found. So he married a lady from a state that had tigers.
2. The king raised public taxes when no tiger was found and reduced taxes when tiger was found for killing.
3. Like this the king shot ninety nine tigers.
4. Then when no tiger was found, his minister procured an old tiger from the Madras Park.

This tiger was brought in a car to the king.

1. The tiger was dragged out of the car. The king’s shot did not kill the tiger.

One of the hunters took a close shot of the tiger and killed him.

1. Now the king thought that he had killed one hundred tigers, but he had killed only ninety-nine.
2. The king’s son was three years old and he went to a toy shop to buy a gift for the son.

He selected a toy tiger that costed three hundred rupees, but he paid nothing for it.

1. The king was playing with his son when a sliver ( thin piece of wood) went under the skin and caused pus formation in the body.

The king was attended by many surgeons but died.

1. Therefore the prophecy came to be true.

HUMOUR ANGLE OF THE STORY:

1. The king began to talk when he was only ten days old.
2. He raised taxes when no tiger was found to be killed.
3. He ordered fifty rings rom a Calcutta firm for the British Officer’s wife.

She selected all.

The king caused a loss of three lakhs to the treasury.

 4.When no tigers were found to kill , the king thought the tigers practised birth control or

 Harakiri (suicide).

 5.When the king wanted to marry a girl from a kingdom of tigers, the minister misunderstood him.

 6. The one hundredth tiger was too old. He bent his head in front of the king and stood there.

 7.Ironically a toy tiger took the life of the king.

 8. The surgeons said “ the operation was successful and the king was dead.”

WORD MEANING

1.strategic of great military and political importance

2.vital important

3.indomitable what can not be conquered

4.revealed disclosed

5.compelled forced

6. astonishing surprising

7. transpixed in stupification not moving in shock

8. enunciated said

9.prediction what is told beforehand about the future

10. incredible unbelievable

11. rumour small talk going around

12. hindsight looking back

13. incoherent not clearly heard

14.proclamation announcement

15.carcass dead body of animal

16. relent to agree

17. hurdle obstruction

18.adorn decorate

19.anxiety worry

20. baffled puzzled

21.adorn decorate

22.flared spread

23.dispelled removed

24.obstinacy to be stubborn

25.catastrophic bringing destruction

26.baffled puzzled

27.sliver a piece

28.suppurating discharging pus