

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS ANS ANSWERS

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Read the following comprehension and answer the questions that follow in the spaces given below. (20mks)

COMPREHENSION

Hare, Elephant and Hippo

One day Hare, popularly known as Ogila Nyakarondo, met Elephant on his way to the forest. As Hare is a cunning and clever animal, he wanted to fool Elephant on some issue. He started talking to Elephant; ‘Elephant my brother, good morning. What is the matter? Why are you walking alone like that my friend? Why don’t you ask me to walk along with you through the forest?’

After they had walked together for some time Hare said, ‘Elephant my brother, I want to go on a rope- pulling contest with you. I know that I can defeat you miserably, for I am stronger than you.’ Elephant replied, ‘iii! Ogila Nyakarondo, you are too small to contest with me. You are playing about, my brother. Think twice.’

They then planned to go on a contest the next day in the forest, but Elephant went laughing, thinking that Ogila could do nothing to him.

The same day, Ogila met with Hippo and started talking to him saying, ‘Hippo my brother, I want you to contest with me one of these days. We shall pull a rope across the forest and see who will be the winner.’ Hippo said, ‘Don’t play with me, Hare my brother, you are just too small to contest with me.’ He made the same plan, just as he had planned with Elephant to pull the rope in the contest across the forest.

The next morning, Hippo and Elephant went to each side of the forest thinking that they were going to contest with Hare. They started pulling the rope. Meanwhile Hare was sitting on a high hill looking at what was happening below. He sang a song to taunt Elephant and Hippo. As he sang, Hippo and Elephant pulled even harder. They pulled and pulled and got very tired. At dusk, they almost fainted and stopped pulling.

Hare immediately ran to Elephant and asked, ‘am I not great?’ elephant told Hare, ‘Oh Hare my brother, I have agreed that you are really great. I have had it tough the whole day.’

Hare then ran to Hippo and told him the same thing he had told Elephant. Hippo wondered at the strength of the Hare and said, ‘Hare my brother, I have just realized that you are very strong. In fact you should be made the king of the jungle.’ Hare went away merrily playing his guitar.

(Adapted from African Oral Literature for schools by Jane Nandwa and Austin Bukonya, Longman Kenya.)

- (i) Classify the above narrative. (2 marks)
- (ii) How was hare popularly known? (1 marks)
- (iii) Why was elephant so sure that the hare could not beat him in the contest?(2 marks)
- (iv) Why did hare sing when the Elephant and Hippo were pulling the rope? (2 marks)
- (v) At what time and why did the elephant and the hippo stop pulling? (2marks)
- (vi)What is the moral lesson in this story? (1marks)
- (vii)Identify and illustrate any two features of oral narratives in the story. (4marks)
- (vi) Discuss the character of:
 - a. Hare. (2marks)
 - b. Elephant. (2marks)
- (vii) Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. (2marks)
 - a. Contest.....
 - b. Merrily.....

COMPREHENSION(20MARKS)

- i. *Trickster narrative.(1mark).The hare fooled Hippo and elephant in believing they were competing with him.(1 mark)*
- ii. *Ogila Nyakarondo*
- iii. *He knew that he was stronger than hare.(1mark).Hare was also of small size. (1mark)*
- iv. *To taunt Elephant and Hippo.(2marks)*
- v. *At dusk.(1mark).because they got very tired and were almost fainting.(1mrk)*
- vi.
 - *we should not be arrogant and proud*
 - *To be clever and witty (Any relevant-1mark)*
- vii.
 - *Opening formula(1mark)-One day(1marks)*
 - *-Timelessness (1mark)-One day (1mark)*
 - *-Personification (1mark)-Hare, Elephant and Hippo talking-Hare plays the guitar*
 - *-Element of Fantasy (1mark)-Animals talking-Hare plays the guitar (Any two illustrated points)*
- viii.
 - *-witty,clever,cunning(1mark)Illustration(1mark)*
 - *-foolish,arrogant,proud(1mark)Illustration(1mark)*
- ix.
 - *Contest-competition(1mark)*
 - *merrily-happily(1mark)*