

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

Once there was a generous king. Every day, two beggars used to come to him and he always gave them alms. On receiving the alms, the older one used to say, "God provides" and the other beggar would say, "Our king provides." The king became angry with the old beggar. He wanted to teach the older beggar a lesson. So, one day he kept a purse full of gold coins on the road. He was sure that the younger beggar would come first and he would get the purse. But as the younger beggar walked down the road, he was busy in watching the beautiful palace. So, he missed the purse. It was spotted and picked up by the older beggar who was coming behind him.

The king watched everything. Now he became more determined to show that it was he who provided. So, he gave a watermelon to the younger beggar. He tactfully kept the jewels inside the fruit. But the beggar did not know that. On the way home, he sold it to a merchant for a few coins. After a while, the older beggar came there. He bought it from the merchant. When he cut open it, he found the jewels. The king came to know everything.

Thereafter, the king gave up trying because now he knew who the real provider was. Finally, he accepted the truth and praised the old beggar for his faith on God.

Answer the following questions:

- (i) From the above passage, find out one positive quality of the king.
- (ii) Mention the trick used by the king to hide the jewels.
- (iii) Find out the antonym of 'ugly' from the above passage.
- (iv) Give a title and moral of the story.

A. Choose the correct answer from the questions given below:

- (i) The main reason why the king became angry with the older beggar was
(a) he praised the kind king [b] he praised God (c) he was very rogue (d) he praised no one
- (ii) Find out the word from the passage which means 'a trader or shopkeeper'.
(a) beggar (b) younger (c) merchant (d) giant
- (iii) The purse which the king put on the way of the two beggars are full of _____.
(a) precious jewels (b) gold coins (c) watermelons (d) rocks

B. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements.

- (i) The king was finally able to teach the old beggar that he himself is the real provider.
- (ii) The old beggar bought the watermelon from the merchant.

