

CBSE Class 06 English
NCERT Solutions
A Pact With The Sun Chapter 03
The Shepherd's Treasure

1. The shepherd hadn't been to school because

- (i) he was very poor.
- (ii) there were very few schools in those days.
- (iii) he wasn't interested in studies.

Choose the right answer.

Ans: The shepherd did not go to school because there were very few schools in those days.

2. Who visited the shepherd one day, and why?

Ans: The king of Iran, the country where the shepherd lived, heard about the shepherd's wisdom. So he disguised as a shepherd and riding on a mule, visited the shepherd one day. Although poor and uneducated, the shepherd was very wise and understood people's sorrows and troubles and helped them face them with courage and common sense. The king heard about him and therefore wanted to meet the shepherd who had become so famous for his wisdom and friendly nature among the common people.

3. Why did the other governors grow jealous of the shepherd?

Ans: The other governors grew jealous of the shepherd when he was appointed the governor of a small province. Although the shepherd rose to power and dignity, he remained as humble as ever. People loved and honored him for his wisdom, sympathy and goodness and his fame, as a fair and wise governor, soon spread throughout the country.

4. Why was the new governor called to the palace?

Ans: The other jealous governors cooked up false stories about the shepherd -governor and told the king that the new governor was very dishonest and kept for himself a part of the money that he collected as tax from the people. He stored it in an iron chest which he carried

with him all the time. When the king grew tired of their stories and could not ignore them any longer, went to check it for himself. He noticed that the governor did carry with him the iron chest at all times. He summoned him to the palace to find out the truth.

5. Why was everyone delighted to see the iron chest on the camel's back?

Ans: Everyone was delighted to see the iron chest fastened securely behind him on the camel's back. The councilors had already warned the king that he was dishonest and stored all the treasures that he collected in the iron chest. They were convinced that now that he had brought the iron chest with him, it would be opened and his dishonesty would be revealed to the king and he would be dismissed of all his powers.

6. (i) What did the iron chest contain?

(ii) Why did the shepherd always carry it?

(iii) Is it an example of the shepherd's humility or wisdom or both?

Ans: (i) The iron chest did not contain gold, silver or jewels as the jealous governors had assumed but an old blanket.

(ii) The shepherd always carried the blanket with him because it was his oldest friend and would protect him if, at any time, his Majesty decided to take away his post and power.

(iii) It is an example of the shepherd's humility as well as wisdom because even after he was appointed the governor, he still remained a humble and a wise man.

7. How did the king reward the new governor?

Ans: The king was very pleased with the governor's humility and wisdom. He rewarded him with a promotion and made him the governor of a much bigger province the same day.