

## **DISCOVERING TUT : THE SAGA CONTINUES**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

All afternoon the usual line of tourists from around the world had descended into the cramped, rock-cut tomb some 26 feet underground to pay their respects. They gazed at the murals on the walls of the burial chamber and peered at Tut's gilded face, the most striking feature of his mummy-shaped outer coffin lid. Some visitors read from guidebooks in a whisper. Others stood silently, perhaps pondering Tut's untimely death in his late teens, or wondering with a shiver if the pharaoh's curse — death or misfortune falling upon those who disturbed him — was really true.

- i. Name the lesson and the author.
- ii. Why do the visitors read the guidebook in whisper?
  - a. Because they had the fear of police
  - b. Because they had the fear that they would fall victim of curse of Tut
- iii. What is the mural stand for?
  - a. The beautiful golden artifacts
  - b. painting and art work on wall
  - c. The rare books
  - d. None of these
- iv. Who was the Pharaoh?
  - a. The Sultan of Pakistan
  - b. The Sultan of India
  - c. The King of Egypt
  - d. Both 'a' and 'b'

2. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow:

Till the goldfinch comes, with a twitching chirrup  
A suddenness, startlement at a branch end  
Then sleek as a lizard, and alert and abrupt,  
She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up  
Of chittering, and of tremor of wings and trilling

- i. Name the poem and the poet.
- ii. Why is there a 'sudden startlement'?
  - a. because the mother comes to feed the chicks
  - b. Mother comes to meet the chicks
  - c. Mother comes to stay with chicks
  - d. None of these.
- iii. What does the poet mean by starting of machine?
  - a. The sudden movement made by the mother
  - b. The sudden movement made by chicks
  - c. The sudden movement made by tree
  - d. None of these.
- iv. Find out the poetic device used in 'Suddenness startlement'
  - a. Simile
  - b. Alliteration
  - c. Consonance
  - d. Both 'b' and 'c'
- v. Find out the poetic device used in 'machine starts up'
  - a. Simile

- b. Assonance
- c. Oxymoron
- d. Metaphor

3. Answer any four out of the following questions in 30 to 40 words :

- i. Explain, "Her barred face identity mask".
- ii. What were the Pharaoh's curse/ who refers to it and in what context?
- iii. How is the tree transformed during the bird's visit?
- iv. Which evidence proves the burial of Tut in March or April?
- v. What startling/shocking fact came to light in 1968 through the X-ray

4. Answer the following questions in 120 to 150 words :

- i. Give a brief account of the exploration of Tut's mummy from 1922 to 2005.

5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The million-dollar scanner had quit because of sand in a cooler fan. "Curse of the pharaoh," Joked a guard nervously. Eventually the substitute fans worked well enough to finish the procedure. After checking that no data had been lost, the technicians turned Tut over to the workmen, who carried him back to his tomb.

- i. The million-dollar scanner machine was donated by:
  - a. By Discovery Channel
  - b. By National Geography
  - c. By Samsung
  - d. By the author
- ii. What was the curse of pharaoh?
  - a. The visitor who disturbed him will get reward

- b. The visitor who disturbs him will get a surprise
- c. Death or misfortune falling upon those who disturbed him
- d. None of these

iii. What was the purpose of bringing the scanner machine?

- a. To study the history of Egyptian Empire
- b. To know about the fall of kingdom
- c. to study about the reason of Tut's death
- d. To study about the rule of Tut.

iv. Why was a substitute fan brought?

- a. because temperature was very high outside
- b. Because the scanner machine had stopped working
- c. Because the scanner machine was working slow
- d. All of these
- e.