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IN THE KINGDOM OF FOOLS



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EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES:

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

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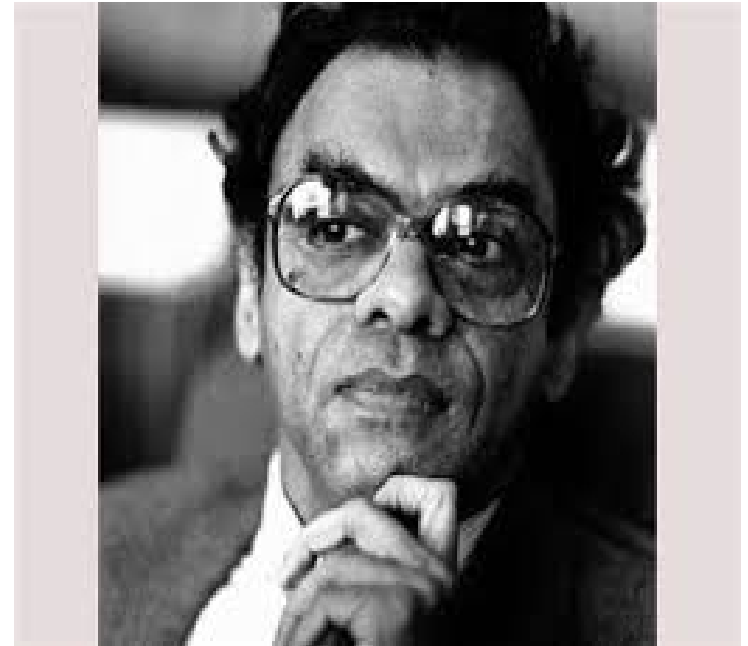
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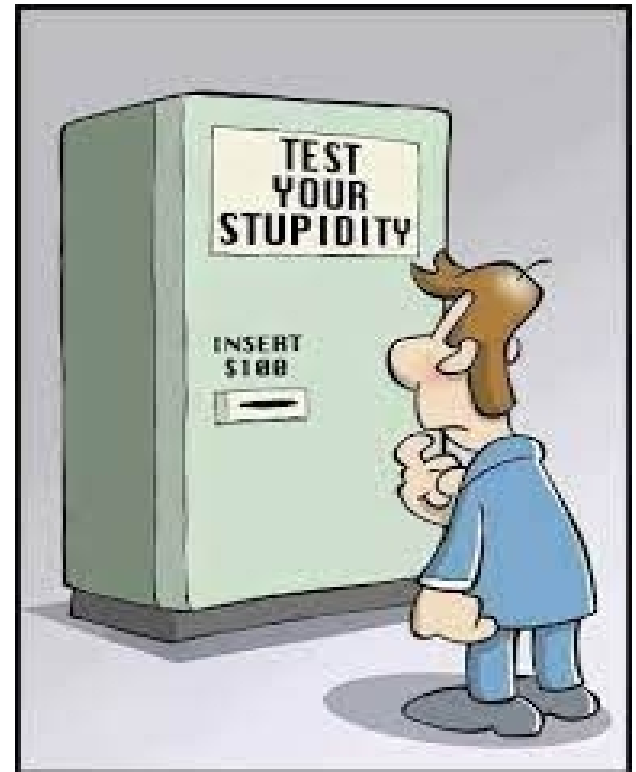
Attipate Krishnaswami Ramanujan (March 16, 1929 – July 13, 1993) also known as A. K. Ramanujan was a scholar of Indian literature who wrote in both English and Kannada.

Ramanujan was an Indian poet, scholar and author, a philologist, folklorist, translator, poet and playwright. His academic research ranged across five languages: Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Sanskrit, and English. He published works on both classical and modern variants, and also argued strongly for giving local, non-standard dialects their due.



THEME OF THE STORY:

- “In the Kingdom of Fools” is a folktale that brings to light the dangers posed by foolish people.
- It also emphasizes the view that foolish people can be very difficult to manage.
- They can be dealt with only by the wise and calm people. The story is about a kingdom where the king and the ministers are nothing but fools.
- They reversed the order of the day and night and punished anyone who violates the laws.
- A learned Guru and his disciple arrive in the kingdom only to find that everyone performed the chores after evening and slept at night.
- After this a series of events follows which lead to the downfall of the king and his minister.



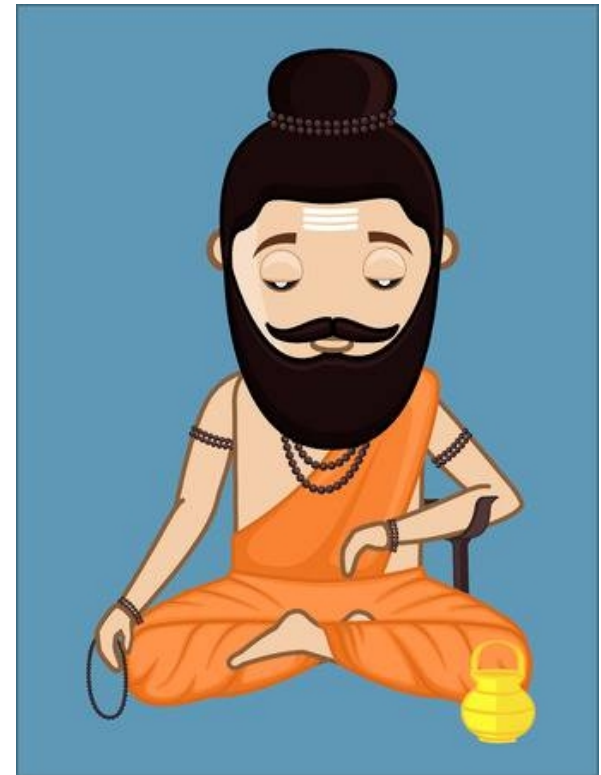
THE KINGDOM OF FOOLS

- In the kingdom of fools the king and the minister were idiots. They ordered all things to be reversed.
- They decided to change night into day and day into night.
- They ordered people to do day's work in night and sleep in the day.
- Anyone not obeying was to be punished with death.
- So people out of fear did as they were asked to do. This delighted the king and the minister.



A GURU AND A DISCIPLE SEE THE CITY

- Once a guru and his disciple arrived in the city. They found everyone asleep during the day.
- No activity was observed. It amazed them. They wandered till evening.
- Then the people woke up. They started doing their nightly businesses.
- Now the two were hungry. They bought some food items. The price of everything was same, a single duddu.
- This surprised and delighted them. The guru realized that it was really a kingdom of fools.



GURU LEAVES THE CITY AND DISCIPLE STAYS BEHIND

- The guru decided to leave the city of fools. He asked his disciple also to leave the place.
- But the disciple didn't want to do so for cheap food.
- The guru advised the disciple that nothing could be predicted of fools.
- But the disciple didn't care. He remained behind. Time passed on.
- The disciple ate to his fill. As a result, he became very fat.



VOCABULARY

- till: raise crops by ploughing and fertilizing
- disciple: a follower or pupil of a teacher, leader, or philosopher
- sneaked : go or do something secretly
- pursuing: carrying out some work
- wrongdoer: a person who does things that are immoral or illegal
- compensate: to give someone something in recognition of loss, suffering, or injury incurred
- accused: a person or group of people who are charged with or on trial for a crime
- plead: to argue a case or cause in a court of law
- guilty: committed an offense, crime, violation, or wrong, especially against moral or penal law
- execution: legal punishment of killing someone
- jingling: a light metallic ringing sound

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