

Ch-6 Night of the scorpion (Worksheet)

1) How was the mother finally cured? Do you think

it was the result of prayers and incantations? Explain.

A: The mother was cured by the prayers and incantations of the village people. ~~because~~ ^{This means that} Noone's

medicines could heal the mother. Even the father

who was a rationalist had to depend on

herbs instead of taking his wife to a doctor.

2) Why did the mother thank God for letting the scorpion sting her and sparing her children?

A: The mother thank god for letting the scorpion

sting her ~~and~~ because she was glad that

the scorpion did not sting her children.

3) The poem projects superstition. Mention any superstition that still prevails in India.

A: The poem exposes the superstitions that dominate the minds of Indians and also the motherhood of a lady who just only of her children even in the worst condition.

4) What came to the poet's mind when he saw the fire?

A: When the poet saw the fire he thought that his mother might be suffering from fatal pain.

5) How was the holy man trying to tame the scorpion's pain in the poet's mother's back?

A The holy man tried to tame the serpent's poison

with a chant that accompanies a holy ritual.

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