

## Get going

1) What does the name Prometheus mean?

ans:- Forethought.

2) Who was Epimetheus?

ans:- Epimetheus was the son of a great Titan, Lapetus, and the brother of Prometheus.

3) Why was Prometheus upset?

ans:- Epimetheus was given the responsibility of creating and protecting living beings. Not only did he thoughtlessly create living beings, but he also didn't do anything to protect or preserve them - he didn't think about them or their future. This upset Prometheus.

4) (a) F, (b) F, (c) F, (d) F, (e) F

5) Prometheus found a tall stalk of fennel and lit up from a spark that he stole from Zeus lightning bolt. He carried this stalk to the land of humankind and gave it to them.

6) Zeus was furious that Prometheus had disobeyed him and imparted the knowledge of fire to humankind, so he chained Prometheus to the side of Mount Caucasus to suffer there till the end of his life.

B) 1) Without fire, humankind was worse off than beasts. They were living starvation, hunted both by wild beasts and by each other.

2) The people came out of caves looking at Prometheus suspiciously as they couldn't believe anybody would bother to help them.

C) 1) No, I didn't think Zeus was right in not giving fire to the humans. He was being selfish by refusing to impart the knowledge of fire to the people. As a powerful god, Zeus had the ability to help others but he refused to do so because he was scared that humans would become stronger after obtaining the knowledge of fire.

2) If I were Zeus, I would have been upset at first because Prometheus stole a spark from my lightning bolt without my knowledge. However, after finding out the reason, I would have understood that he had done for a good cause.

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Vocabulary Junction :- 1 (a) panic,  
(b) in descent, (c) forum, (d) atlas,  
(e) narcissistic

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I love travelling. Be it a tiny village, a drought hit area, a desolated mountain top, a dense forest or even a monument in Egypt or China. I enjoy going to different places. On one occasion, I went to Sahyadri hills, a densely forested region in Karnataka. It had been drizzling the whole day. Through forests are difficult to negotiate.