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Tiger

Reading

A. Answer the following

1. What is happening to the tiger family?

ans. The tiger family is being hunted and its numbers are reducing.

2. What have the poachers used shereu's skin and bones for?

ans. The poachers ground shereu's bone to powder which would be used in some ~~kind~~ chinese medicine. His bone and skin would be chipped to some place where they would be hung on the wall as decoration.

3. What power people think tiger bones have?

ans. People think that the bones of the tiger would cure a sick man and bring him back to life.

4. According to the speaker, whose souls are sick? Why?

ans. According to the speaker, the souls of the ~~king~~ killing the tigers are sick. He calls them sick because they are killing a beautiful animal just to experiment with its skin and bones in order to satisfy their own greed.

5. Why does ~~the~~ the speaker say the tiger's 'black and gold' won't shimmer now?

ans. The speaker says the tiger's 'black and gold' won't

shimmer now because it is not alive anymore

Q. Why have the tiger's bones ~~been~~ packed? ~~that~~ ^{where} have they been shipped to?

ans. The tiger's bones have been packed ~~to~~ ^{shipped} to ~~some~~ to another country and sell there where poaching is restricted. They have ^{been} shipped the tiger bone to other countries.

B. Think and answer

1. Why do you think the tiger's skin is hanging on someone's wall? Why have they displayed it?

ans. The tiger's skin is hanging on someone's wall as a showpiece. Tiger's skin is illegally sold at extremely high price and those who own it considered it to be an object of pride. They display their wealth and prosperity by hanging the tiger's skin on their walls.

2. Read these lines

Tiger, Tiger, burning bright
In the forest of the night.

These lines are from William Blake's 18th century poem the tiger. This poem praised and highlighted the majesty of the tiger. How is Daruwalla's poem different from Blake's?

ans- William Blake's poem the Tyger highlighted the majesty of the tiger and glorifies the animal. Daruwalla's poem Tiger, talks about the misery of the majestic animal. He mourns for tigers. The tiger, according to him is no longer the hunter, but has become the hunted. It has been capture and killed by humans. His poem explores the pitiful plight of the tiger now.

APPRECIATING THE POEM.

1. Which line has been repeated in the poem? Why.
ans- The line, The tiger isn't burning bright has been ~~repeated~~ repeated in the poem for emphasis and effect. The poet tries to emphasise the plight of the endangered animal by repeating the line twice.

2. The speaker has shown us two very different images of the tiger in the poem. Compare these images. Can you tell why the speaker has drawn such a contrast?
ans. In one image of the tiger, it is shown as the king of the forest. Mighty and powerful, his roar would scare all the birds and animals away in ~~the~~ fear. His fur would shimmer in stripes of gold and ~~that~~ black, as if it was burning like fire. In contrast to this image, the poet describes, how the tiger is weak

and powerless in the hands of humans. His beautiful skin is now shipped to be used as a lifeless ornament on someone's wall. His bones are being powdered to make some Chinese medicine.

Using Words

A. Read this line from the poem and say what the metaphor which is underline refer to.

Lord God had stamped upon his skin
In equal stripes both night and dawn

ans- The stripes of gold and black on the tiger's skin are compared to the golden colour of dawn and to the darkness of night respectively.

B. Identify the metaphors in these lines and say what they are describing and how.

1. My friend Manoj is such a clown!

ans- ~~My~~ Manoj is funny like a clown.

2. Larissa is a walking dictionary.

ans- Larissa is as knowledgeable as a dictionary.

3. My sister is innocent like an angel.
ans- My sister is innocent like an angel.

4. The clouds are balls of cotton.
ans- The clouds are white balls of cotton.

B. Life is one long and exciting journey.
ans- Life is exciting and adventurous just like a trip or a journey.

WRITING

~~Use the:~~

The tiger, one of the most magnificent animals in the world, is also one of the most endangered species in the world. A cat of beauty, strength and majesty, the tiger is master of all and subject to none except humans. Of the ~~eight~~^{nine} original subspecies of tigers, three have become extinct within the last year; and there are less than 50 South China tigers left on this planet - few and possibly more Sumatran tigers in the wild. Today from an ~~also~~ astonishing 100,000 in 1900s, there are only approximated 1911 tigers left.

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