

*Questions***Question 1:**

In what way is Pambupatti different from any other village?

Solution 1:

People of Pambupatti lived in peace. They did not fight in the name of religion or language. In this way, Pambupatti is different from any other village.

Question 2:

Why is Prem determined not to return to his village?

Solution 2:

The communal riots in his village made his as well as the villagers life unsafe in the village. During the riots, people burnt houses and killed one another. That is why, Prem determined not to return to his village.

Question 3:

Why did Makara dislike tortoises, snakes and lizards? Write a line about each.

Solution 3:

Makara disliked tortoises because they were slow and stupid.

He disliked snakes because they were slimy and they made funny noises.

He disliked lizards because they were undependable as they changed colour.

Question 4:

What went wrong when the tortoises, snakes and lizards left the forest?

Solution 4:

There came a tough time. The forest got filled with foul smell of rotting fruits and fishes in the absence of tortoises. Rats multiplied in the absence of snakes and without lizards, there were millions of insects in the forest.

Question 5:

Why do you think Prem wants to tell the story of the reptiles to the people of his village?

Solution 5:

The People of Prem's village had gone mad and they fought with one another in the name of religion. The story of Pambupatti gave the message of peace and coexistence. It underlined the importance of living together. So, Prem wanted to carry that message to his own village.

Question 6:

Do you agree that it is difficult not to go along with someone who is very strong and powerful? Express your views frankly and clearly.

Solution 6:

It is true that the common people are peace loving. They live in constant fear of the strong and powerful people's troublesome activities. It is human nature to go with the strong to keep the safety for self. But the people also stand up against the bully when they are driven to the wall. They take up arms and fight the enemies successfully.

Question 7:

If you were a baby crocodile, would you tell Makara that he was wrong? What would you say to convince him?

Solution 7:

Being a baby crocodile, I would tell the elders that this world is a common property of all the living being. To convince my dad, Makara, that he wrong, I will give him following reasons:

- It is the duty of the strong to protect the weak not to harass them.
- This earth is not the sole property of any one person or animal.
- All are interdependent and have a necessary role in the creation of this beautiful environment of the earth.