

The January Night

Q.1. How many characters are there in the story 'January Night'? List them.

Ans. There are three characters in the story 'January Night'. They are Halku, Munni, Jamindar and Jabra.

Q. 2. Who was Halku ?

Ans. Halku was a tenant farmer.

Q.3. What was the present problem of Halku ?

Ans. Halku was surrounded in a debt-trap. He had saved some money for him to buy a blanket but the landlord forced his to pay the money for rent.

Q.4. Why did Halku need a blanket?

Ans. Halku was a poor tenant farmer. He had to sleep in the fields at night. He needed a blanket immediately because he had to face intense cold in the fields at night.

Q.5. How were Halku's crops destroyed ?

Ans. Halku went there with his dog Jabra to guard the yield but they proved to be a failure as the wild animals ruined the yield.

Q. 6. What were the main problems before Halku and his wife Munni ?

Ans. The main problems before Halku and Munni were to guard their crops in the severe cold of January without a rug and to pay the dues of the landlord.

Q. 7. How did Halku take his failure ?

Ans. Halku took this very lightly. He said that now, at least, I won't have to go out in the night.

Q.8. What kind of a woman was Munni ?

Ans. Munni was the wife of Halku. As a typical housewife, she was very concerned about her incomes and husband. However, she was in great troubles due to poverty.

Q.9. Who was Munni? Why did Munni suggested Halku to give up tenant farming ? Or, Sketch the character of Munni.

Ans. Munni was the wife of Halku, a poor tenant farmer. Munni advised Halku to give up farming and to work as a hired labour. By doing so he at least got enough

food to eat from it. He should not have to pay land rent. In farming whatever he earned he threw back into it and got insulted in the bargain.

Q.10. What happened to their yield ?

Ans. Halkı went there with his dog Jabra to guard the yield i they proved to be a failure as the wild animals ruined the yield.

Q.11. Why didn't they go to save the yield ?

Ans. They were under the state of extreme cold and even their body didn't support them to work.

Q. 12. Give the main idea of the story ?Or, Give the main idea of the story January Night;

Ans. The story touches different aspects of life. There are a number of things which can be learnt from the story, like the understanding power of animals, the concerns of a housewife. Mostly, it deals with the attitude and approach of life. Halku, the main character, lies in a very poor state and is surrounded with problems all around him always.

Q. 13. Sketch the character of Halku.

Ans. Halku was a poor tenant farmer. He worked hard but he could not get enough food. Whatever he earned was spent in paying up the arrears. So, he was always in debt. He was self-respected person and so he could not buy a blanket and paid the money to the landlord to save his dignity. Halku was very fond of his pet dog, Jabra who was his constant companion.

Q. 14. How many characters are there in the story 'January Night'? Whom do you like most? Give reasons for your choice ?

Ans. There are mainly three characters Halku, his wife Munni and their Dog Jabra. Among them Halku is the most impressive character according to me. He was in great trouble to have money but still he faced it with great courage and bold attitude.

Q. 15. Who was Halku? How were his crops destroyed ?

Ans. Halku was a poor tenant farmer. He had to sleep in his field without a blanket in the cold nights of January. One night he found the cold unbearable. So, he could not drive away the wild animals which destroyed his crops.

Q. 16. Who was Jabra ?Or, Describe Jabra.

Ans. In the story January Night, Jabra is a dog who feels all the problems of Halku. He was with Halku in January Night at Halku's field. He always accompany Halku, and also guarded his field alone in the January night.

Q.17. Suppose you are Munni, the landlord comes to your house, asks you to pay the rent. What will you do then ?

Ans. If I would have been in Munni's place I would have tried to request him to grant us some time to pay off his debt because if I would have paid him now then I would be in great trouble. I know it would have been tough for me like him but I would have done my best for my husband's sake.

Q.18. Animals also possess the ability to understand human feeling. Elaborate this statement keeping in view the role of. Jabra in the story.

Ans. Animals also have a heart and a power to understand. As we have seen in this story, Jabra the dog was very intimate to his master, Halku. He was ready to lose all his comfort for the sake of his master's welfare. Even in the cold night of January he faced the cold and wild animals alone. This shows how deeply he understood his master.

Q.19. Haiku didn't go to the field even when he knew that animals were devouring the crops. Had you been there what would you have done ?

Ans. Halku didn't go to the field even knowing that animals were there. He was in a very helpless condition at that time. If I would have been in his place I would have tried to go to the field. But if the circumstances and my body would have forced me then I may be I also would have turned helpless.

Q.20. Who was Munni and why was she angry with Haiku ?

Ans. Munni was the wife of Halku. Her husband could not save enough money for food and clothes after paying rent to the landlord. Munni was a practical and bold woman. She knew that it was very difficult for her husband to sleep in his field without a blanket in cold winter nights. So, when Halku was determined to give the saved money to the landlord and to live without blanket, he became angry.

Q.21. Focus the role of Jabra in the story January Night. Or, Elaborate the role of Jabra in the story 'January Night'.

Ans. In the story 'January Night', Jabra is a dog who feels all the problems of Halku. He was with Halku in January Night at Halku's field. When Halku could not bear the cold he picked Jabra up and put his hand in his lap. Jabra could not oppose. When Jabra listened the noise of animals he woke up and ran towards the field barking.