

THE ENCHANTED SHIRT (Q/A)

- 1. Do you think the King was really sick? Give reasons for your answer.**

No, the king showed no signs of serious illness. He slept soundly and snored, had bright eyes, a clear skin, and a hearty appetite. I feel, he was idle and bored and hence felt a kind of depression.

- 2. What did the King do with the doctors who could not diagnose his illness?**

The king ordered their heads be cut off.

- 3. *But he pensively rubbed his sagacious nose.* Why was the doctor pensive as he gave his diagnosis?**

The doctor was pensive as he gave his diagnosis to bring in some seriousness in his judgement. He wanted to appear thoughtful and understanding while giving his good judgement.

- 4. Why could the King not get the shirt of a happy man?**

The king couldn't get the shirt of a happy man as he was a really poor soul with no shirt on his body.

- 5. How did the King recover from his sickness?**

The king was sick in spirits because he was weary of leading a self-centred life. Many doctors tried to cure him but when one doctor gave him a special prescription, he was finally cured. The king who had shut himself away and isolated himself from the kingdom he ruled, slowly grew to learn about the conditions of his subjects and this brought about a change in his attitude which led to his cure.