

Day for Night in Ultapur

A. Answer the questions.

1. Why did the Badshah Batata of Ultapur want a change?

Ans: He wanted a change because he felt that they were leading the same kind of lives as everyone else, and he wanted to do things differently.

B. Choose the correct answer.

Why was the Badshah Batata secretly pleased to change back to the old routine?

- a. There were too many difficulties to sleep in the day and work at night.
- b. He was unhappy that people called Ultapur a ghost town.
- c. He was unable to sleep during the day and stay awake at night.

Ans: a

C. Read the lines and answer the questions.

“Nature has fooled us today, but we should not give in. Let’s do the opposite...”

- a. Who has Nature fooled?
- b. How has Nature fooled them?
- c. According to the speaker, how will they not be made fools?

Ans: a. Nature has fooled the Badshah of Ultapur, his ministers and his people.

- b. There was a sudden total solar eclipse and the ministers thought that Nature had cheated them by making everything completely dark during the day.
- c. They will not get fooled by Nature and would go back to the old practice of working in the day and sleeping at night.

D. Think and Answer

What were some of the difficulties faced due to the change in Ultapur?

Ans: The birds were surprised and began to chirp and fly around. Horses and goats could not sleep either and were tired every night. Travellers stopped coming to Ultapur. Just when people began to sleep the rooster disturbed them and the donkey of the clothes-washer did not stop braying. No one could sleep in peace. Moreover the oil-seller was concerned that too much of oil was consumed.