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NOTES

Class: VI

Subject - English

Topic: Jakes and the Lady

Q1. RTC-

1. a) The lady said this to Jakes.
b) The lady felt that a 'fair chance' was not given to Black Beauty because the check rein was holding back the horse's head, which prevented him from using all his power to carry the load.
c) Once the check rein was removed, the horse pulled with all his strength and the load began to move.
2. a) 'He' refers to Jakes here.
b) Jakes was going to hitch up the check-rein again because he was afraid that if his horse went without a check rein, he would be the laughing-stock of all the carters.
3. a) 'Bad fashion' refers to the practice of putting check-reins on horses, which makes it difficult for them to move.
b) The 'good fashion' recommended here is removing the check-reins from horses.

Q2. Answer the following questions briefly –

1. The steep uphill road and the check-rein made it difficult for Black Beauty to pull the load.
2. A friendly-looking lady came to Black Beauty's rescue when he was being flogged. She advised Jakes to remove the check-rein as it prevented Black Beauty from using all his force to carry the load.
3. The foreman had doubled the weight to make work faster and save himself the trouble. It was ironical because Black Beauty was unable to pull such a heavy load and instead of the work getting completed faster, the heavy load slowed down the horse's progress and delayed the work.