

DWARKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
WORKSHEET

English Language and Literature-184

Lesson: The Sermon at Benaras

Q.1. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow:

A. GAUTAMA Buddha (563 B.C.- 483 B.C.) began life as a prince named Siddhartha Gautama, in northern India. At twelve, he was sent away for schooling in the Hindu sacred scriptures and four years later he returned home to marry a princess. They had a son and lived for ten years as befitted royalty.

- (a) Who was Gautama Buddha?
- (b) What did Gautama Buddha study?
- (c) Find the exact word from the extract, which means 'people of royal family'. ' '
- (d) When did Gautama Buddha marry?

B. He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until enlightenment came. Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree the Bodhi Tree and began to teach and to share his new understandings. At that point he became known as the Buddha.

- (a) What was the name of the peepal tree under which Buddha sat?
- (b) What did Buddha do while sitting under the tree?
- (c) Find the exact word from the extract, which means 'solemnly promise to do a specified thing'.
- (d) After how many days Gautama Buddha got enlightenment?

Q.2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

- a. Why did Prince Siddhartha leave the palace and become a beggar?
- b. How did Kisa Gotami realise that life and death is a process?
- c. What was the effect of the sufferings of the world on Buddha?
- d. What did the Buddha do after he had attained enlightenment?
- e. Why was Kisa Gotami sad? What did she do in her hour of grief?