

### Friday - DGR answers

1) Look at the sentence beginning, '*Awaiting this fate...*'. Find and copy one word that suggests Manije was desperate to save Bijan's life. (1 Mark.) **begged**

2) *The Vizier, emboldened by his affection for Manije, dared to question the tyrant's order and persuaded the king to lessen their punishment.*

What impression does this give you about 'The Vizier'? (Up to 2 marks.) **That he is brave. That he cares a lot about Manije as he dared to question what his leader had told him to do.**

3) Look at the sentence beginning, '*Meanwhile Gorgin had been full of remorse ..*'.

What does the word 'remorse' tell us about how Gorgin felt? (1 mark) **That he felt guilty/sorry for what he had done.**

4) *The king and his courtiers were **dismayed**.*

Write a synonym for the word 'dismayed' in this sentence. (1 mark) **shocked/horrified**

5) Find and copy 3 words in the second paragraph that tell us that:

a) Rostam had never lost a fight. **Undefeated**

b) Rostam was strong. **Superhuman (strength)**

c) Rostam was clever. **cunning** (Up to 3 marks)

### **Answers**

6) Look at paragraph 3 - copy one word that tells us the stranger felt sorry for Manije. (1 mark) **remorse**

7) Look at the sentence beginning 'Rostam gathered camels...'. Find and copy a group of words that gives the impression that Rostam is brave. (1 mark) **rode across the dangerous border**

8) 'Hope lit up in Bijan's heart' - What impression does this sentence give us about how Bijan was feeling? (2 marks) **He felt hope ful that he might be saved./ Bijan felt excited and happy as he felt like he would be rescued from the well.**

**Now read the final part of the story (on the next few pages). If you find any tricky words use a dictionary to look them up and write down what they mean in your blue books.**

### **Final part of the story**

As he spoke, hoofbeats were heard, and riding into view came the mighty Rostam, who leapt from his mount, and, with the strength of several men, heaved the rock from the mouth of the well and hauled the youth out, using Manije's cloak twisted into a rope.

The princess and her knight mounted horses Iran's hero had brought with him and, galloping for their lives, along little trodden paths, the three escaped over the border into the territory of the Armenians, back through the forest, and finally into their homeland, where the sun shone as bright as their spirits.

### **Final part of the story**

In Iran they were received with joy. Rostam was the guest of honour at the wedding, but even General Gorgin was invited – after all, it was he who had led Bijan to his bride. And they were so happy to be together, and free, that their hearts were full of forgiveness. Under the shade of a date palm, Bijan and Manije, tested and true, promised each other a happy ever after.