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Worksheet No. 4	Topic: The Wit That Won Hearts QUESTION BANK	Note: To be done in the notebook

Word Bank

Word	Meaning
renowned	well known
illustrious	respected and famous
patron	supporter
eminent	famous
insurmountable	undefeatable
trivial	unimportant
forlorn	lonely
distraught	extremely sad
vague	unclear
strategy	plan
profusely	in large amounts
bustling	busy
intricately	in a detailed manner
exquisite	fine and attractive
ornate	decorative
gnawed	(here) bothered
yield	harvest
sarcasm	mockery
snickers	suppressed laughter
absurd	illogical
unfazed	not worried
furrowed	wrinkled
sceptical	doubtful
keenly	intensely
gesture	a movement of a hand or the head, to express an idea or a meaning
orchestrated	arranged
brimmed	overflowed

I. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

A. Rama glanced around the court, his sharp gaze meeting the sceptical eyes of the courtiers. If one were to sow seeds without proper care, no one would reap a good harvest," he said, pausing for effect. "And what if the person had a habit of yawning while sowing? Wouldn't the seed scatter unevenly?"

The court erupted with laughter, the earlier sarcasm replaced by genuine amusement. Even the king, caught off guard, sighed and instinctively yawned. Rama watched him keenly, then continued, "Your Majesty, is there anyone in this world who does not yawn? It is as natural as breathing."



(1) Choose a word given in brackets to replace the underlined word.

Rama glanced around the court, his sharp gaze meeting the sceptical eyes of the courtiers. (certain/suspicious)

(2) Complete the sentence with an appropriate reason.

The court bustled into laughter because _____.

(3) Select the option that applies to both the assertion and the reason.

Assertion (A): Rama caught the king yawning.

Reason (R): Yawning is as natural as breathing. There is nothing sarcastic behind yawning.

A. Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

B. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

C. (A) is true, but (R) is false.

D. (A) is false, but (R) is true.

(4) How did Rama turn the mockery of the courtiers into amusement?



II. Answer the following questions:

(1) Why was the Vijayanagara Empire considered to be in its 'Golden Era' during Krishnadeva Raya's reign?

(2) How did Tenali Ramakrishna gain a special place in the king's court?

(3) How did the quarrel between the king and the queen affect the palace?

(4) What strategy did Tenali Rama use to make the king realise his mistake?

(5) What was the reaction of the courtiers when Tenali Rama introduced 'special' paddy seeds?

(6) How does the story conclude, and what lesson can be learnt from it?



III. Answer the following questions based on your understanding of the chapter.

(1) The story portrays Krishnadeva Raya's love for art and literature. Support your answer with references from the text.

(2) Describe four good qualities of the King Krishnadeva Raya. What was his realization at the end of the story?