

## Class-VII

Poem-The pied piper of hamelin

ComprehensionQ/A-

1. Hamelin town is in Brunswick territor in the Hanover city. The southern side of the city is surrounded by the Weser River.

2.The residents of Hamelin town were worried because of the rats which created a nuisance all over the city. The rats fought with the dogs, Lilled the cats, bit babies, ate cheese and soup and small fish from the containers, opened the beer containers, made nests inside men's hats and disturbed the conversation of women with their shrill sound.

3. The townsfolk approached the mayor so that he could take some steps to rid the people of the menacing rats.

4. The mayor agreed to pay one thousand Euros to the Pied Piper, a man with a golden fute who promised to rid the city from the rats.

5. The Pied Piper went out on the street and played his flute. He played shrill notes such that it attracted all the rats. All the different kinds of rats who were hiding at various corners in the city came out in the streets and started following the Piper who slowly walked towards the Wiser River. The rats went into a kind of trance following the tune and then plunged into the river and got drowned.

6. Tennyson uses uneven meter and mixed rhyme scheme in the poem instead of a uniform scheme. At

mixed rhyme scheme in the poem instead of a uniform scheme. At certain places ab-ba is used and at other times aa-bb is also noticed in the rhyme scheme.

B. 1. a) The incident took place nearly five hundred years ago

b. The incident took place at the town of Hamelin in Brunswick. It was a pity to see the townsfolk since many rats were creating all sorts of menace in their daily life activities.

c. The farmers faced a huge loss as their crops were damaged by the infesting vermin

2 a) As the Piper played his flute he uttered three shrill notes.

b) Muttering means softly spoken words, grumble means to protest, and rumbling signifies a series

of long deep sounds. In this context, muttering refers to the sound of the flute which was first heard as the muttering of an army. Gradually this sound got amplified as the rats came out in the streets in large numbers and to signify this amplification, words like grumbling and rumbling have been used.

c) After the rumbling, all the rats who were hiding in the city of Hamelin came out in the streets and followed the piper dancing to the tune of his flute. As the Piper approached the Wiser River, they all followed him step by step, plunged into the river and got drowned.

3.(a) All the rats followed the Piper.

(b) The Piper cast a magical spell on the rats through the notes of his flute.

Therefore, as he played the flute, the rats could not resist themselves and came out in the streets and started following him.

They danced to the tune of his flute and followed him step by step.

(c) At the river Wiser, all the rats jumped into the river and drowned themselves.