



## Unit - 5      The Chair

### Text Book Back Questions and Answers

1. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each based on your understanding of the story: (Text Book Page No. 148)

**Question a.**

What was put on the family agenda?

Answer:

The idea of buying a chair for the house was put on the family agenda.

**Question b.**

Who visited the family?

Answer:

Their family friend who was a sub-judge visited the family.

**Question c.**

Describe the stool that the narrator's family had.

Answer:

The three legged stool measured a mere three – fourth foot. It would topple over if the weight was not placed exactly above the legs.

**Question d.**

What was Pedanna suggested to their father?

Answer:

Pedanna suggested that they could buy a chair from the town.

**Question e.**

What was offered to Maamanaar by their mother?

Answer:

Their mother offered buttermilk seasoned with asafoetida to Maamanaar.

**Question f.**

Why were the two chairs compared to Rama-Lakshmana?

Answer:



Rama and Lakshmana were the brothers who were identical in their character. In the same manner the two chairs were identical.

**Question g.**

When did the children shy away from the chair?

Answer:

The children shied away from the chair as it was used to prop up a deadbody in their village.

**Question h.**

How did Maamanaar handle the chair at home?

Answer:

Maamanaar used to wipe it every morning. While shifting the chair he himself carried it and put it down carefully as if placing down gently a mud pot brimming with water.

2. Answer the following questions in three or four sentences each:

(Text Book Page No. 149)

**Question a.**

What happened to the visitor when he sat on the stool?

Answer:

The stool would topple over if one didn't place one's weight exactly above the legs. Before the family members tried to caution the sub judge, he sat on it fell down with a thud and rolled over.

**Question b.**

Why did the family find it difficult to make a chair?

Answer:

The family found it difficult to make a chair because there was no model of a chair in their village. Moreover there was not a single carpenter who knew how to make one.

**Question c.**

What was grandmother's suggestion of wood ? Why ?

Answer:

Grandmother suggested to make use of teak wood as it would be of light in weight and could be carried around easily. Moreover it would be strong.



**Question d.**

How was the chair made and how did the villagers react to it?

Answer:

The chair was made of black wood with a mirror like gleam. It had perfectly shaped front legs and curved back legs. The villagers arrived in groups to see the chair. A few touched it gently. An old man lifted it and found it to be heavy and strong.

**Question e.**

When did the children get over the fear of sitting on the chair?

Answer:

One of their neighbour Suganthi came to their home with her baby brother. She put her baby brother on the chair. It was only after that incident the children got over the fear of sitting on the chair.

**Question f.**

Why did Maamanaar hand over the chair to the villagers to retain it?

Answer:

Maamanaar handed over the chair to the villagers to retain it as he thought that it could be used to prop up dead bodies in the village whenever needed.

3. Answer the following in a paragraph of 100-150 words each:

(Text Book Page No. 149)

**Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair.**

**Introduction:**

In the story "The Chair" the narrator, Rajanarayanan amusingly narrates the humorous incidents that took place in his home before and after the arrival of the chair.

**Fun with stool:**

There was only a three legged stool in the narrator's home. It would topple over if one did not place his weight exactly above its legs. Their family friend, a sub judge paid a visit to their home one day. He was provided with the stool to sit on. Without knowing the wretched thing about the stool, he sat on it and fell down with a thud and rolled over. The family members could not control their giggles.



### **The arrival of chair:**

The narrator's family decided to make a chair for their home. They had a lengthy discussion about it. Finally they decided to make two chairs. One for them and the other for their maamanaar. The chair arrived. The narrator and his siblings took turns to sit on it and even fought for it often.

### **Ordeal of the chair:**

The village people came in groups to have a look at the chair as it was the first chair in their village. Unfortunately, there was a death of an eminent person in the village and the chair was asked for the propup the corpse of that eminent person. From then the chair was asked for whenever there occurred a death in the village. This act disturbed the sleep of the family members as the chair was asked for mostly during late night hours.

### **Pedanna's trick:**

The narrator and his siblings were afraid to sit on the chair, once after it was got back after the funeral ceremony. They washed it with many buckets of water. They made each and every visitor who came to their home to sit on it. Only after a long time they started to sit on the chair again. By that time the mourners came for the chair again. In order to overcome it Pedanna diverted the mourners to go to his maamanaar's house and get the chair.

### **Maamanaar's generosity:**

Pedanna thought that his Maamanaar would not give the chair to the mourners. Pedanna v and his siblings were of the opinion that their Maamanaar was stingy. But things happened viceversa. Maamanaar was so generous to lend the chair to the villagers and asked them to retain it for funeral purpose.

### **Conclusion:**

Thus the narrator elucidates the incidents that took place because of the chair in a humorous way.