

**Lesson 8****The Gulistan of Sa'di (Shaikh Sa'di)****Q.1: What was the advice given by Nushirvan to his people?**

**Ans:** Nushirvan advised his people to be just. He also said that the foundation of oppression was small in the world. Whoever enlarged it, so that it reached its present magnitude, is at fault. A tyrant does not remain in the world, but the curse on him abides forever.

**Q.2: What was the remedy suggested by the physicians for the disease of the king? Ans:**

**Ans.** The physicians agreed the disease could not be cured except by means of bile of a person endowed with certain qualities.

**Q.3: Why did the boy look to the sky and smile?**

**Ans:** The boy looked towards the sky and smiled to seek Allah Almighty's help, because the Qazi and his parents were ready to shed his blood for the king's health.

**Q.4: What should be the role of a Qazi?**

**Ans:** The role of a Qazi should be to provide justice to all without any discrimination.

**Q.5: Why did the king weep?**

**Ans:** The king wept on hearing the boy's words. The king had realized that he was being unjust to the boy.

**Q.6: How did the king recover?**

**Ans:** The king recovered because of the mercy of Allah Almighty. The king showed mercy to the boy by not shedding his blood for his own health, so Allah Almighty had mercy on him.

**Q.7: How did Edwin Arnold describe Gulistan?**

**Ans.** Edwin Arnold described Gulistan in culinary terms as an intellectual pilaf, a literary curry, and a kebab of versatile genius.

**Q. 8: What were the feelings of the slave during his journey in the boat?**

**Ans:** The slave began to cry and tremble in fear of being drowned when the boat was hit by a storm, and it started tossing. He created inconvenience for the others.