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WORKSHEET -3

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SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE

CLASS: 7(A B C D E F)

CHAPTER: The Shepherd's Daughter

Let's Read

One day, said my grandmother, the king's son was walking through the streets of Baghdad, and he came upon an eating place which was so clean and cool that he entered it and sat at the table.

This place was a place of thieves and murderers and they took the king's son and placed him in a large dungeon where many great men of the city were being held, and the thieves and murderers were killing the fattest of the men and feeding them to the leanest of them, and making a sport of it.

The king's son was the leanest of the men, and it was not known that he was the son of the king of the Persians, so his life was spared, and he said to the thieves and murderers, I am a weaver of straw rugs and these rugs have great value. And they brought him straw and asked him to weave and in three days he weaved three rugs and he said. Carry these rugs to the palace of the king of the Persians, and for each rug he will give you a hundred gold pieces of money. And the rugs were carried to the palace of the king, and when the king saw the rugs, he understood that they were the work of his son and he took the rugs to the shepherd's daughter and he said, These rugs were brought to the palace and they are the work of my son who is lost. And the shepherd's daughter took each rug and looked at it closely and in the design of each rug he saw in the written language of the Persians a message from her husband, and she related this message to the king.

And the king, said my grandmother, sent many soldiers to the place of the thieves and murderers, and the soldiers rescued all the captives and killed all the thieves and murderers, and the king's son was returned safely to the palace of his father, and the company of his wife, the little shepherd's daughter. And when the boy went into the palace and saw again his wife, he humbled himself before her and he embraced her feet, and he said. My love, it is because of you that I am alive, and the king was greatly pleased with the shepherd's daughter.

Now, said my grandmother, do you see why every man should learn an honourable craft?

I see very clearly, I said, and as soon as I earn enough money to buy a saw and a hammer and a piece of lumber I shall do my best to make a simple chair or a shelf for books.

-WILLIAM SAROYAN

Q.1. Write the meaning of the underlined words (use dictionary) and learn the spellings.

Q.2. Fill in the blanks:-

- The king's son was walking through the streets of _____.
- The thieves and murderers placed the king's son in a large _____.
- The king's son _____ himself before the shepherd's daughter and _____ her feet.

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Q.3. Answer the following questions in short:

- a) How did the rugs save the prince's life?
- b) What did the writer decide to do after listening to the story?

THE END

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