

Std – 4 English Literature Assignment

(Continue after the word meanings)

Reference to context

3. *While the wind turned the windmills, and the rain watered the tulips, the strained and swollen dykes kept filling.*

a. Apart from the dykes, which two other things mentioned in these lines tell us where the story is set?

Ans: The two other things which tell us where the story is set are windmills and tulips.

b. What does the author mean by saying the dykes were ‘swollen’?

Ans: By saying the dykes were ‘swollen’, the author means that the dykes were filled with water.

c. What did Hans wonder when he saw the dykes?

Ans: When Hans saw the dykes, he wondered who would take care of them if something went wrong while his father was away.

4. *‘My lad’, said Mr Jansen, ‘first I’ll take you home and then I’ll tell everyone of the boy who saved the town.’*

a. Where was Mr Jansen when he said these lines?

Ans: Mr Jansen was near the leaking dyke when he said these lines.

b. Who did Mr Jansen call ‘my lad’? Why did he want to get him home?

Ans: Mr Jansen called Hans ‘my lad’. He wanted to get him home because it was late and Hans was cold and wet.

d. What do you think Mr Jansen told the people of Haarlem?

Ans: Mr Jansen must have told the people of Haarlem how the brave little boy Hans, had saved the city from getting washed away.