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1)

- The lesson is "The Mountain Trail" and the author is Anil Chandra.
- The speaker is Sukram Lodhi.
- 'there' refers to Sukram's grandfather's field.
- The meaning of darkness here is that Sukram's feet doesn't know the feeling of the rocks there.

2)

- 'We' refer to Tantia Tope's men and, 'they' refer to the British.
- The crossing spoken of here the goat crossing.
- Tantia Tope says that "they command us" because in war the side with a high ground has the advantage.

II

1) People felt sorry for Sukram because he was a fourteen year old boy and was blind, so he couldn't do all the things that other boys, like playing and reading, but to Sukram he felt that everyone else would envy him if they knew how his world was, where he could feel all the minute details of the world.

2) The Indian soldiers ride their horse very tiredly and they smelled sweaty while the British soldiers ride their horses firmly and there was the sound of metal on metal.

3) The first time Sukram knew what it felt like to be blind was when he had gone to his Grandfather's house and didn't know the rocks and grass over there.

III

1) Instances when Sukram was brave even though he was blind are

- He calmly lied to the British when they came.
- He didn't stand in protest when his brother came to pick up to go lead Tantia Tope's men.
- He didn't cry when the bomb went off.

2) Sukram helped Tantia Tope's men by leading them through the goat crossing during the night to ambush the British when they were sleeping. As Sukram was blind he didn't feel scared of the dark and led the men to the British camp easily. If it was anyone who could see then they would get very scared and won't be able to lead the men. The soldiers said that it was the God's will that Sukram should lead them up the mountain trail.

I. ERC:-

1. But it will be dark there. I do not know the fields And how shall I graze my father's goats in a strange place where there is darkness.

- Name the lesson and the author.
- Identify the speaker.
- What does 'there' refer to?
- How would you interpret the meaning of 'darkness'?

2. We command the crossing but they command us.

- Whom does 'we' and 'they' refer to?
- What 'crossing' is the speaker referring to here?
- Why does the speaker say – 'they command us'?

II. Answer the following:- (30-40 words)

1. Why according to Sukram did people feel sorry for him? Why did he think they in fact should envy him?

2. How did Sukram identify the Indian and the English soldiers?

3. For the first time Sukram knew what it was to be blind. When was this and why did he feel so?

III. Answer the following:- (40-50 words)

1. Give instances to show that Sukram was confident, though he was blind.

2. How did Sukram help Tantia Tope's men?