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NOTES

Class - VIII

Subject - English

Topic - THE BALLAD OF RUM (POEM)

Q1.RTS-

1 He is the burglar in these lines.

2. The burglar departed the yard because Rum, the dog, had first knocked him over with his weight and when he got up and ran off, the dog ran behind him, wagging his tail

3. The burglar was right to be afraid of the big dog that had knocked him over and kept chasing him in the yard. He had no idea that Rum was a friendly dog and was just excited to find someone to play with at that time of night.

Q2. Answer the following questions briefly-

1. The dog just wandered into the family's garden one day, and they decided to keep him.

2. Rum appeared to be a friendly old mutt and did not look like a stray dog.

3. Rum guarded the yard all day and liked to bark at the cats, toads, horses, and even the cattle outside. on the road.

4 Rum was very friendly towards people and wagged his tail whenever he was around them. The yard labour fed him titbits and scraps from their lunch.

5. Rum was not a guard dog, and this was proven when he, instead of scaring off the burglar, ran towards him to play. He did not bark or growl at him like any other guard dog would have done However Rum being a huge dog knocked down the burglar in his attempt to play with the man, which scared him of

6. The wallet, even though a little chewed by Rum, was useful to the police in identifying and capturing the burglar, who was put in jail thereafter.