**ATOMIC ENERGY EDUCATION SOCIETY, MUMBAI**

**HANDOUT- 3**                                                         **MODULE-3/3**

SUB: ENGLISH                                                                                                      CLASS: IX

LESSON: 5                          **THE HAPPY PRINCE** (MOMENTS)

**The swallow as a viewer on behalf of the Prince:**

The swallow flew over the city and told the Prince that there were hungry children. He saw many poor people. The Prince requested the swallow to take gold, leaf by leaf from his body and give it to the poor and needy people. With the help by the prince the poor people started laughing and the children enjoyed playing.

**The swallow dies:**

The winter season set in. Then frosting started. The poor swallow could not tolerate such a freezing cold. But as a true friend, it did not leave the Prince. The swallow realised that it was not easy for it to survive. It requested the Prince to let it kiss his hand. The Prince said that he was happy that the swallow was going to Egypt to meet friends there. He allowed the swallow to kiss his hands. But the Swallow told him that it was not going to Egypt, but to the house of death. After saying these words, it fell down and died.

**The statue breaks and melts:**

When the swallow died, the statue cracked from inside. It was the heart of the Happy Prince. The next morning the Mayor of the city and the Town Councillors visited that place. They declared that the Happy Prince's statue no longer looked beautiful and hence should be removed and melted. The heart of the statue did not melt in the furnace and therefore, it was thrown out on the dust heap where the dead Swallow was already lying.

**Reward to the Prince and the Swallow:**

God sent one of his Angels to find two most precious things in the city. The Angel brought to God, the leaden heart of the Happy Prince and the dead swallow. The God appreciated the act of the angel.

God was happy. He said, "*You have rightly chosen, for in my Garden of Paradise this little bird shall sing forever and in my city of gold the Happy Prince shall praise me"*

The heart of the Happy Prince and the dead swallow were most precious because they understood the misery of the people. They also helped them. They sacrificed themselves for the sake of others. To help others is the most precious thing in the world.

**(Note: All the students are expected to note down the difficult/new words in the story with their meanings from the dictionary in order to enrich vocabulary.)**

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