

The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain

- 1) Prepare summaries on chapters 6- 10.
- 2) Write a short paragraph on Tom Canty as a mock prince and his adaptation to the new situation as mentioned in the above chapters.
- 3) "Tom gazed at the dish a puzzled moment or two, then raised it to his lips, and gravely took a draught. Then he returned it to the waiting lord, and said: 'Nay, it likes me not, my lord: it hath a pretty flavor, but it wanteth strength.'

This new eccentricity of the prince's ruined mind made all the hearts about him ache: but the sad sight moved none to merriment.'

Tom's next unconscious blunder was to get up and leave the table just when chaplain had taken his stand behind his chair and with uplifted hands, and closed, uplifted eyes, was in the act of beginning the blessing. Still nobody needed to perceive that the prince had done a thing unusual."

- (i) What is the situation given in the passage? Where does this take place? (2 marks)
- (ii) What was Tom's unconscious blunder? (2 marks)
- (iii) Write the meanings of the following words. (2 marks)
 - (a) blunder
 - (b) perceive -
- (iv) What are the reactions of Tom's onlookers? Why do they behave like that? Give your views. (4 marks)