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Q-1 New Words

1. Haarlem
2. Holland
3. Sluicer
4. Entrance
5. Canals
6. Required
7. Permission
8. Dike
9. Warned
10. Humming
11. Swelled
12. Trickling
13. Dripping
14. Vain
15. Numb
16. Unbearable
17. Drowned
18. Exclaimed

19. Clergyman

20. Preventing

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Q-2 Word Galaxy

1. **canals:** thin long streams of water that are man-made
2. **dike or dyke:** a barrier used to regulate or hold back water from a river, lake, or even the ocean
3. **swelled:** became greater in volume
4. **trickling:** flowing in a small stream
5. **in vain:** without success or result
6. **numb:** without feeling
7. **exclaimed:** cried out suddenly
8. **Sluice:** a sliding gate for controlling the flow of water.

Q-3 Fill in the blanks.

1. The boy took some **cake** to the blind man.
2. The boy strolled along the canals, **humming** a merry song.
3. The boy heard a faint sound, like the trickling of water upon **pebbles**
4. The boy plugged the hole in the **wall** with his finger.
5. The boy was found at day-break by a **clergyman** returning from the church.
6. The boy saw that the **autumn** rain had swelled the waters of the canals.

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Q- 4 Answer the following questions.

1. What was the occupation of the boy's father? What were his duties?

Ans: The boy's father was a Sluicer. The duty of the sluicer was to open and shut the sluices or large oak gates which were placed at regular distances at the entrance of the canals.

2. Why did the boy want to visit the poor blind man? Where did the man live?

Ans: The boy wanted to visit the poor blind man to give him some cakes. The poor blind man lived at the other side of the dyke.

3. What did the boy find when he went near the dike?

Ans: When the boy went near the sluice, he found a hole in the wall, through which the water was dripping.

4. What did the boy realise on seeing the hole? What did he do about it?

Ans: The boy realised at once that the water would soon enlarge the hole. The water that was now only dripping could flood the town. He climbed on stones till he reached the hole, and put his finger into it, plugging the flow of the water.

5. In what condition was the boy found at day-break?

Ans: After a long and terrible night, the boy was discovered at day break by a clergyman, seated on a stone, shivering and crying.

6. Did the boy keep his promise given to his father?

Ans: Yes, the boy kept his promise. He did not stay long and left early to return home.

7. Why did the boy want to visit the poor blind man? Where did the man live?

Ans: The boy wanted to visit the poor blind man some cakes. The poor blind man lived at the other side of the dyke or dike.

8. It was important to close the sluices at night. Give reason:

Ans: It was important to close the sluices carefully at night else the water could flow to canals and flood the whole town.