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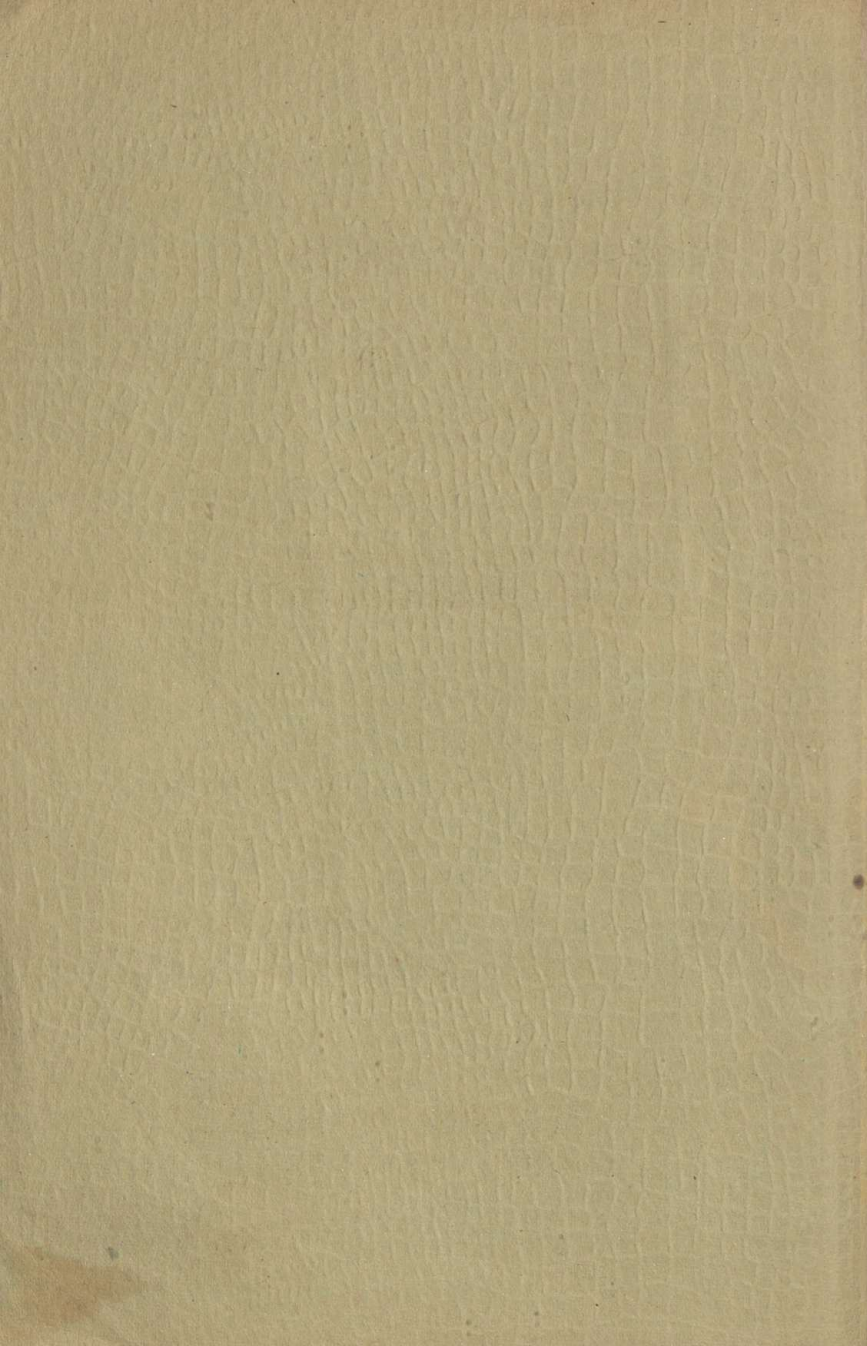
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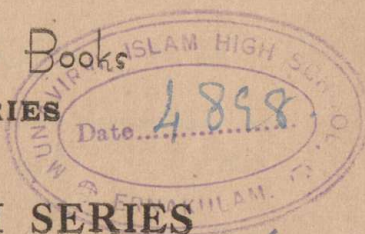
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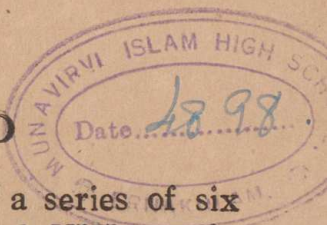
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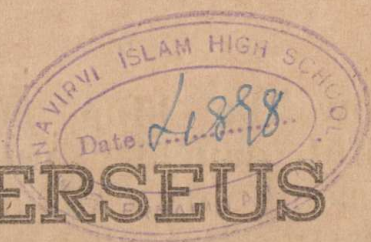
FOREWORD



'Perseus' is the second of a series of six home reading books for standard VIII pupils. Only the words and sentence patterns introduced in the Detailed English Texts for Standards V to VII have been used in these books. Whenever a new word is brought in, its meaning is given at the foot of the page.

Perseus was a great hero of ancient Greece. He was the son of Zeus, king of the gods and after his death, it is said, he became a star that shows sailors the way across the sea. He is one of the most lovable heroes of ancient Greece. The great Heracles was born in the family of Perseus.

Self administering tests are given at the end of every chapter. Readers are requested to test themselves before they proceed to the next section. A final test covering the whole book has been given at the end. Teachers are requested to check up the library work of the pupils by making them write out the answers in their library note books. Only new type tests have been given, most of them being multiple choice tests.



PERSEUS

1. DANAE AND HER SON

The Greeks were the greatest people of ancient times. They had many great men among them. Their brave deeds have made Greece famous all over the world.

Once there lived a king in Greece named Acrisius. He was a very wicked man who quarrelled with his own brother. They always quarrelled and often fought with each other.

One day a prophet came to Acrisius and said, "O king, you have fought against your own brother. So you shall die by the hand of your daughter's son. This is what the gods have decided."

prophet-inspired teacher

Now the king had a very beautiful daughter called Danae. She was his only child and he loved her dearly. But when he heard that her son would kill him he grew angry. "She shall never have a child," said the king. "I'll shut her up in prison where no man shall come near her. Then she won't have a son and I will be safe."

So he built a strong room under the ground, and shut up his daughter in it.

"Now," said he, "let me see what the gods will do." The gods had made up their minds that Danae should have a son. They also decided that her son should be a great hero. So a son was born to Danae in prison. He was so beautiful that all who saw him loved him. "What a sweet child!" they said. "He looks like a god."

1. decide-settle.

2. hero-man admired for his brave deeds.

When Acrisius heard that his daughter had a son, he was angry. "I'll kill them both," said he. Yet he was afraid to kill them. "The people will rise against me," he said, "and drive me away."

So he made a small boat and put the mother and child in it. "Now I'll float them on the sea," he said. He carried them to the sea-shore and pushed the little boat out into the sea. "The boat will sink," said the king, "and Danae and her son will die." But the boat did not sink. It floated on and on, for the gods had made up their minds that Danae's son should become a great hero. On the third day the boat came to the shore of an island.

Danae who had fallen asleep woke up when the boat reached the island. Then she looked round and saw that the shore was covered with rocks. "The boat will strike

against the rocks," she cried, "and break to pieces."

So she cried aloud for help. "Help, help," she cried as loudly as she could. When she cried for help, a man came running to the shore. He was an old man, whose hair was white. Two servants came with him.

When he saw Danae and her son, he jumped into the sea. "Sit still," he said, "till I bring you to land safely." He brought them safely on to the shore. "Step on the land," said he as Danae took the baby in her arms and came out of the boat. He gave her his hand and helped her on to the land. "O beautiful lady," he said, "Who are you? Surely you are a king's daughter and your baby looks like a god."

But Danae did not answer him. She asked, "Tell me where I am and who you are."

"This is the island of Seriphos," said he, "and I am a Greek. My brother is the king of this island. His name is Polydectes."

"And what is your name?" she asked.

"My name is Dictys," he answered. "Men call me Dictys the fisherman, because I catch fish from the sea."

Then Danae fell at his feet and said, "Have pity upon me, a poor woman. I am, indeed, the daughter of a king and this my baby is the son of God. Be kind to us. Let me live in your house as a servant. Only let me live in peace and with honour. That is all I ask for."

Then Dictys bent down and raised her up from the ground.

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1. fisherman-man who catches fish.
 2. pity-kindness.

"My daughter, I am old and my hair is white. I have no children to make me happy. Come home with me and you shall be a daughter to me and my wife."

Danae was happy when she heard this. She went home with the good fisherman.

TEST: Complete the following sentences :—

1. The prophet said
 - i. that Acrisius would die of old age.
 - ii. that Acrisius' brother would kill him.
 - ✓ iii. that Danae's son would kill Acrisius.
 2. Acrisius shut up his daughter in prison....
 - i. so that she might die.
 - ✓ ii. so that she might not have a son.
 - iii. so that she might be safe.
 3. When Perseus was born Acrisius put Danae and the baby in a boat....
 - i. and set fire to it.
 - ii. and gave them to Dictys.
 - ✓ iii. and floated on the sea.
 4. When the boat came to Seriphos....
 - i. Polydectes killed them.
 - ✓ ii. Dictys took them home.
 - iii. Danae died.
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2. POLYDECTES 4898

Danae lived in the house of Dictys the fisherman for fifteen years. The fisherman and his wife were very kind to her. The little boy grew into a fine young man and Danae called him Perseus.

Dictys taught Perseus to fight with sword and spear. He also taught him to read, write and sing. Before he was fifteen years old he was taller than any other man in Seriphos. He could run faster and jump farther than anyone. No one could sing so sweetly as he. Yet he was so gentle and good that everybody loved him. When Perseus was fifteen years old, he became a sailor. He went out to the islands nearby.

One day when Perseus was away, Polydectes happened to see Danae. As she was very beautiful he wished to make her his wife. But Danae did not love him. So she refused to marry him. At this the king grew angry. "If you don't marry me, I'll make you my slave," he said. Then he carried her off to the palace and gave her hard work to do. Poor Dictys could not help her. So she had to remain in the palace as a slave.

Perseus was in the island of Samos when the king carried off Danae. One evening he was sitting alone under a tree, when a tall woman came to him. She was much taller than any man, and was very beautiful. But her eyes were kind and gentle. She had a helmet on her head, a spear in one hand and a shield in the other. She came and stopped in front of Perseus.

helmet—head cover of soldiers.

“Who are you?” he asked. “I am a goddess” said she. “I am Pallas Athene,” daughter of Zeus, king of the gods.” Perseus had heard of the great goddess who always helped brave men. So he fell at her feet and worshipped her.

“Perseus,” said she, “there are two kinds of men. Some eat, drink and sleep and are happy. Others want to do brave deeds and are not afraid of death. They win great fame and are honoured everywhere. Now tell me, which of these two kinds do you want to be—a common man or a hero.”

“A hero,” answered Perseus. “But you may have to face death,” said the goddess. “I wish to become a hero,” answered Perseus, “even though I have to die for it.” The goddess smiled and said, “I knew what you would say.” Then she showed Perseus her shield.

"Look at this," she said, "Can you kill this monster."

Perseus looked at the shield and saw the face of a monster. It filled him with fear, for it was the most fearful monster in the world. It had the face of a woman. But her cheeks were pale as death. Her face was cruel. Her hair was not hair but snakes. They put out their tongues and hissed at him as he looked.

"It is fearful," said he. "Can you kill this monster," she asked, "and bring me its head so that, I may place it on my shield?" "Yes," said Perseus, "I'll try."

The goddess was pleased with his answer. "This is Madusa, the Gorgon," said she. "When you are older I'll send you to kill her. Now you must return home and save your mother."

gorgon—a kind of monster.

Perseus returned to Seriphos and learned that his mother had been taken away by Polydectes as a slave. "I'll kill the king," he cried, "and set her free."

At once he went to the palace and when the king's men saw him they were afraid. So no one stopped him and he went into the palace. Then he saw his mother drawing water from the well. He ran to her and cried. "Come home with me, dear mother."

When he was taking her home, Polydectes came out to stop him. As soon as he saw the wicked king, Perseus grew angry and jumped upon him. "I'll kill you," he cried. So Polydectes turned round and ran away from him.

Perseus would not have left him alive; but his mother said, "Don't kill him, Perseus. We are alone in this country and there is no one to help us."

By this time Dictys also came to the palace. "Don't kill the king," he said, "for he is my brother." So Perseus did not kill the wicked king who had made his mother a slave.

Then he took her to the temple of Pallas Athene. "Live here," said he, "when I am not in Seriphos. Even the king can't take you away from the temple."

From that day Danae lived in the temple of the goddess.

Polydectes was angry with Perseus, but he did not tell anybody about that. "I must kill the boy," said he to himself. "Then only will I get his mother."

So he held a feast and invited everybody to come. Perseus was at home and he too was invited.

"Now, everybody, who came brought a present to the king. But Perseus who was poor had no

present to give. So he went to the palace without a present.

“O Perseus,” said Polydectes, “why have you come without a present?” Perseus was ashamed for he saw every other man had brought a present. Then the king laughed at him. “Am I not your king?” he asked, “and have I not invited you? Where then is your present?”

Then the king's friends began to laugh at him. “How can a beggar give you a present?” they asked. “He has no father. He has no house of his own. How can such a man give you a present?”

When Perseus heard it he became angry. “Presents,” he cried, “I'll bring a present nobler than all yours put together.”

“And what is that?” they asked laughing louder. Then Perseus thought of Pallas Athene and

Medusa. "Medusa's head," he cried angrily, "I'll bring you Medusa's head."

Perseus was afraid when he said this. But Polydectes stood up and said, "You have promised to bring me the head of Medusa, the Gorgon. Go and bring it. Don't come back without the head."

Dictys was sad when he heard it. So was Danae. But Perseus said, "If the goddess Pallas Athene helps me, I'll kill Medusa and bring you her head." Then he went away from the palace.

TEST: Complete the following sentences :—

1. When Perseus came home
 - i. his mother was dead.
 - ii. his mother was happy.
 - ✓ iii. his mother was a slave in the palace.
2. He went to the palace and
 - i. killed the king.
 - ii. set her free.
 - iii. set fire to it.

3. He took his mother to the temple
 - i. so that she might worship the goddess.
 - ii. so that she might live there.
 - iii. so that she might be safe from the king.
 4. Polydectes wished to kill Perseus
 - i. because he wanted to marry Danae.
 - ii. because he knew Perseus would kill him.
 - iii. because he did not like Perseus.
 5. The king and his friends laughed at Perseus
 - i. because he had no one to help him.
 - ii. because he was poor.
 - iii. because he did not give him a present.
 6. Perseus said that
 - i. he would kill the king.
 - ii. he would kill the king's friends.
 - iii. he would bring Medusa's head as a present to the king.
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3. ON THE WAY

I. PALLAS ATHENE AND HERMES

Perseus went out of the palace-gate and walked to the sea-shore. Then he sat down and prayed to Pallas Athene. "O goddess," he cried, "come and help me." He looked up and saw a bright cloud floating towards him. It came and stopped just above his cave and out of it came a god and a goddess. The goddess was Pallas Athene.

When Perseus saw her, he fell at her feet and worshipped her. "Rise up, Perseus," said the goddess. "Are you ready to go and kill Medusa?"

"Yes," said Perseus, "I am ready."

"Think of the trouble," said she. "You have to travel seven years before you come to her. If you turn back or become afraid, you

will die and no one will see you more. Are you ready then?"

"It is better to die," said he, "than be laughed at by Polydectes."

"You have first to go to the Unshapen Land," said the goddess. "and meet the three Grey Sisters. They will tell you the way to the Nymphs who are the daughters of the Evening Star. Then the Nymphs will tell you the way to Medusa's Island. But when you go to her, you must not look upon her face. For he who looks upon her face will be turned into stone."

"But," asked Persus, "how can I kill her if I can't look upon her face?" "Take this shield," said she, "and when you come near her, look at her image in the shield and kill her. When you have killed her, cover up her face in this sheep-skin bag." So saying she gave Perseus her shield and a sheep-skin bag.

"But who will show me the way?" asked Perseus.

Then the god who came with Pallas Athene, stepped forward, "I am Hermes," said he. "I am the messenger of the gods. I have come to help you."

Then Perseus fell at his feet and worshipped him.

"Take these winged sandals," said he, "and they will show you the way. Wear them and you can fly like a bird. Take this sword too and when you come to Medusa kill her with it. For no other sword will cut through Meduas's bones which are harder than brass." So saying he gave Perseus the sword and the sandals. "Now," said Pallas Athene, "jump into air and fly."

Then Perseus jumped into the air and instead of falling he floated. He looked back and saw Seriphos far behind. He was going north to the Unshapen Land where the three Grey Sisters lived.

II. THE GREY SISTERS.

The winged sandals carried Perseus northward. Quickly he passed over the cities of Greece and the mountains of the north. He came to the Unshapen Land which was covered with snow. He walked through it for seven days and when he came to the Land of the Everlasting Night he saw the Grey Sisters.

They sat upon a white log of wood, and the cold winter moon shone upon them. "The old times were better than the new," they were saying.

Then Perseus went up to them and said, "Wise mothers, tell me the way to the island of Medusa the Gorgon." When they heard Perseus speak, one of them said, "Who is this man who has come here?" Then another said, "Give me the eye, so that I may see him." The last one said, "Give me the tooth so

that I may bite him." Now, though the Grey Sisters were three, they had only one eye and one tooth among them. Perseus saw this. When the Grey Sister who had the eye took it in her hand to give it to the other, he put out his hand and took it from her. "Old woman," said he, "I have your eye and I will throw it into the sea, if you don't tell me the way to Medusa's Island."

So they told him the way. "First you must go south to the land of the sun and meet Atlas the giant who holds the sky on his shoulders. Then you must meet his nieces, the Nymphs and they will tell you the way. Now give us back the eye."

So Perseus gave them the eye, but before they could use it, they were turned into ice. Then the sea came up and washed them away. They are the icebergs that are seen floating in the Northern Sea.

III. THE NYMPHS

From the Land of the Everlasting Night Perseus turned south. The winged sandals carried him over sea and land till he came to the Atlas mountains. Then he went up the mountain and came to the garden where the nymphs lived.

The nymphs were the daughters of the Evening Star who was the brother of Atlas, the giant. They played in the garden of the golden fruit and danced round the golden tree.

When the nymphs saw Perseus they stopped singing and said, "Who are you? Have you come here to carry off the golden fruit?"

"No," said Perseus. "I don't want your golden fruit. I have come to ask you the way to Medusa's Island."

"Don't go there fair boy," they said, "for you will be turned into stone."

"I am sent by Pallas Athene to kill Medusa," said Perseus.

"Then said the nymphs, "we will take you to our uncle, Atlas the mountain. He can look across the sea and find where Medusa lives." They led Perseus up the mountain to Atlas and he showed him the island where Medusa lived.

"But," said Atlas, "you can't go near the island without the hat of darkness."

"And what is that?" Perseus asked. "He who puts on the hat of darkness on his head cannot be seen," said Atlas.

"How can I get it?" Perseus asked again.

"Let one of the nymphs go to Hades, the Land of the Dead, for

it is in Hades and no man can go there," answered he.

One of the nymphs promised to go and bring the hat. Then Atlas said, "When you come back with the head of Medusa, you must come here and show it to me, so that I may be turned into stone. For I am weary of carrying the sky on my shoulders."

Perseus promised to do so and one of the nymphs went to Hades and brought the hat of darkness. She then gave it to Perseus and when he put it on his head nobody could see him.

TEST: Complete the following sentences :—

1. Pallas Athene gave Perseus her shield so that he might
 - i. give it to Medusa.
 - ii. show it to the king.
 - iii. see the image of Medusa's face in it and kill her.

2. If anyone looked upon Medusa's face
 - i. the snakes would kill him.
 - ii. he would be burnt.
 - iii. he would be turned into stone.
 3. Hermes gave him his
(magic cap, winged sandals, golden apples)
 4. The Grey Sisters told him
 - i. how to kill Medusa.
 - ii. the way to the Nymphs.
 - iii. to go away.
 5. Atlas showed Perseus the island.
 - i. where Medusa lived.
 - ii. where the hat of darkness was.
 - iii. where the sky touched the sea.
 6. The Nymph gave Perseus
(the golden fruit, the winged sandals, the hat of darkness)
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4. THE DEATH OF MEDUSA

Perseus said good-bye to the nymphs and flew southward. He went across the sea to the Unshapen Land where it was neither day nor night and nothing had a name.

Then he saw the island where Medusa slept. On either side lay her two sisters. They were as big as elephants and their brazen claws shone in the darkness.

When Perseus came near, he took the shield of Pallas Athene in one hand and the sword of Hermes in the other. Then he looked into the mirror and saw the image of Medusa's face. It was pale as death and the snakes put out their tongue and hissed. Perseus flew down and with one blow cut off her head. He then took the sheep-skin bag which Pallas Athene had given him and covered up Medusa's face with it.

As soon as he had done this the other Gorgons woke up. "Our sister is killed," they cried and they jumped up to kill Perseus. But they could not see him for the hat of darkness was on his head. But they could smell blood and so they came flying after him.

When Perseus saw them come, he was afraid and he prayed to Pallas Athene for help.

Then the winged sandals carried him quickly over the sea and even the Gorgons were not so quick as they. Soon they were left far behind and Perseus came away safely with Medusa's head.

ATLAS THE GIANT

When the Gorgons were left behind, Perseus turned his steps to the garden of the nymphs. Atlas was pleased when Perseus came back with Medusa's head.

“Show me the head,” he cried, “for I can’t go on carrying the sky on my shoulders for ever.” Perseus held up the Gorgon’s head to him; and when he looked at it, he was turned into stone. Thus Atlas found rest at last. This was how the Atlas Mountains were formed.

Then the nymphs invited Perseus to go with them and live in the garden. “Go home no more,” they said, “but live with us in this beautiful garden.” But Perseus refused to do so and then they showed him the way to Greece. “Take this magic apple,” they said, “if you eat it once, you will not be hungry for seven days.” Perseus took the fruit and went off eastward. He crossed the deserts of Africa and the rich land of Egypt. Then the sandals carried him south to the land of the Æthiops.

TEST :—Complete the following sentences :—

1. Perseus looked at the image of Medusa in the shield and cut off her head
 - i. because he was afraid of her.
 - ii. because he would be turned into stone if he looked at her head.
 - iii. because the shield was made of glass.
 2. The Gorgons could not see Perseus
 - i. because he had the hat of darkness.
 - ii. because they had no eyes.
 - iii. because it was dark.
 3. The Gorgons could not overtake him
 - i. because they could not fly.
 - ii. because they did not see him.
 - iii. because he had the winged sandals.
 4. Atlas turned himself into stone so that....
 - i. he may have rest.
 - ii. he may grow strong.
 - iii. the sky may not fall down.
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5. ANDROMEDA

In the land of the Æthiops, Perseus came to a place eaten up by floods and fire. The sky was black with smoke and nothing grew there.

“Why does not anything grow here?” asked Perseus. As he was looking round he saw a beautiful girl chained to the rocks on the sea-shore.

He went up to her and saw that she was more beautiful than any other girl he had ever seen, “I have never seen so beautiful a girl,” he said, “she must surely be a king’s daughter. Why have they chained her to the rock? I will speak to her.”

Then he spoke to her, but she said, “Don’t come to me, I am chained here so that the sea monster may eat me up.”

Then she told him her story. “I am Andromeda,” she said, “and my father is the king of this land.

One day mother said that I was more beautiful than the goddess of the sea. The goddess got angry and sent out the floods to punish us. Her brother, the god of fire sent out the fire to burn our island. We lost everything we had and many people were killed. Then they sent out a big sea monster to kill those who were left. At last my father said, 'What shall I do so that there may be peace in the land.' Then the priest said, 'Give your daughter Andromeda to the sea monster. Let him eat her up and the people shall be saved.' And I am here to die so that my people may live."

But Perseus said to himself, "It is not right that so beautiful a girl should be eaten up by a sea monster. I will kill him and save you." So he cut her chain and set her free.

Just then they saw the sea monster coming. He was bigger than a ship and came slowly like a

moving mountain. He saw Andromeda on the shore and jumped up to eat her up. But Perseus took Medusa's head from the sheep-skin bag and held it up to the monster. At once the monster was turned into stone.

Andromeda thanked Perseus and took him to her father. The king was very much pleased with him for saving his daughter and gave Andromeda in marriage to him.

Perseus lived with the king for seven days. On the seventh day Pallas Athene came to him and said, "Perseus! I am pleased with you. You are a hero and you have done your duty well. But it is now time for you to return the sword, the shield, the sandals and the hat of darkness. Give them to me."

So Perseus gave her everything and she said, "Build a ship and go home. Keep Medusa's head with

you for you will need it when you go back to Seriphos."

Then Pallas Athene disappeared. So Perseus made a ship and set out to Seriphos. With him went Andromeda, his wife.

DEATH OF POLYDECTES

The ship sailed to Greece and when it came to Seriphos, Perseus landed. He took Medusa's head in his hand and went to the king's palace.

Polydectes was sitting in the hall with his wicked friends. When Perseus came in, they laughed at him saying, "There comes the boy with the Gorgon's head." They did not know what was in his hand.

But Perseus looked angrily at them and said. "Yes, here comes Perseus with the Gorgon's head." But Polydectes did not believe him and they laughed louder than ever.

“Where is the Gorgon’s head?” they asked him.

“Here,” said Perseus pointing to the sheep-skin which covered up the head.

“If it is really the Gorgon’s head,” they said, “show it to us.”

Then Perseus uncovered the head and held it up to them. When they looked upon it, they were turned into stone. Then Perseus called the people of Seriphos to him and said, “The wicked Polydectes is dead. Choose a new king.”

They chose Dictys as their king and Perseus was very happy that so good a man had become the king of the island.

Perseus lived in Seriphos with the good Dictys for a few days. Then he said to his mother Danae, “Mother, I wish to return home.” Danae agreed and they set sail for Greece.

TEST : Complete the following sentences :—

1. Perseus saw a beautiful girl
 - i. chained to the rocks.
 - ii. sitting on the shore.
 - iii. eating the golden fruit.
2. Perseus killed the sea monster
 - i. by cutting off his head.
 - ii. by throwing the rock at him.
 - iii. by holding up Medusa's head to him.
3. Polydectes was turned into stone
 - i. when he laughed at Perseus.
 - ii. when he looked upon Medusa's head.
 - iii. when he tried to kill Perseus.

6. THE DEATH OF ACRISIUS

After a few days they came to Argos. Danae was filled with joy when she came to the city where she was born. "Let me take you to your grandfather," she said to Perseus. She hoped that Acrisius would be glad to see them.

But when they came to the palace where Acrisius used to live the people said, "Acrisius is not here now. His enemies have driven him out of the kingdom. He is now living in the city of Larissa."

Then Perseus told the people who he was. "If you are Perseus who killed Medusa," said they, "live with us and be our king." So they made him king; and Perseus made war upon the enemies of Acrisius, defeated them and drove them away from the land.

Then he went to Larissa to bring his grandfather home.

When Perseus came to Larissa, all the people were in the palace and there were all kinds of games. Then Perseus said to himself, "I will go and take part in the games. If I win the first prize my grandfather will be pleased with me."

So Perseus went into the palace and stood among the young men who were taking part in the games.

“Who is this young man who has come to take part in the games?” the people asked. When the games began they wondered yet more, for Perseus had won the first prize for running, jumping, and two other events.

“Only one event more,” said the people, “and that is for throwing the discus.”

“I’ll win it too,” said Perseus “and lay all the five prizes at the feet of my grandfather.”

Now Acrisius sat watching the games by the side of the king of Larissa. “Who is this young man who has won all the prizes?” he wondered.

Then Perseus took the discus in his hand and threw it. It fell far beyond all the rest. “Can’t you throw it farther?” the people asked him. So Perseus took it up again in his hand and threw it with all his

strength. Then a strong wind blew from the sea and carried it to the place where Acrisius sat. It fell on his leg and the old man cried out with pain.

Perseus ran up to his grandfather, but before he could tell him who he was, the old man had died. Then Perseus said, "What the gods said has come true. I am the grandson of Acrisius. I am Perseus who killed Medusa the Gorgon."

The people of Larissa were sad when they heard it. They burnt the body of Acrisius with great honour and games were held in his name. After this Perseus returned to Argos and ruled the country wisely and well.

Four sons and three daughters were born to Perseus and Andromeda. When he died, the gods took him up to the sky and made him a star. On a star-lit night you can still

see him in the sky and by his side is the fair Andromeda. All night long they shine so that sailors may find their way across the pathless sea.

TEST : Complete the following sentences :—

1. When Perseus came to Argos....
 - i. the people drove him away.
 - ii. the people made him king.
 - iii. the people sent him to Larissa.
 2. Perseus went to Larissa.
 - i. to kill Acrisius.
 - ii. to take Part in the games.
 - iii. to bring his grandfather home.
 3. When he threw the discus....
 - i. it fell into the sea.
 - ii. it was broken to pieces.
 - iii. it fell upon Acrisius and he died.
 4. When Perseus died....
 - i. he became a god.
 - ii. he became a star.
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FINAL TEST

Complete the following sentences:—

1. Perseus was a Greek (sailor, hero)
2. He was the son of (Andromeda, Danae).
3. He was brought up by (Polydectes, Medusa, Dictys).
4. He was asked to kill Medusa by (Atlas, Polydectes, Pallas Athene).
5. He told (Pallas Athene, Polydectes, Dictys) that he would bring (him, her) the head of Medusa as a present.
6. He went to the (White, Black, Grey Sisters) who told him the way to the (Nymphs, Gorgons, Atlas).
7. The Nymphs gave him the hat of (light, heat, darkness.)
8. (The Nymphs, Atlas, the Evening Star) showed him the way to Medusa's Island.
9. He killed (the giant, the Gorgon, the snake) with the sword.
10. Whosoever (heard, looked at, touched) Medusa's head would be turned into (gold, stone, snow.)

11. Then he saved (the Nymph, the Grey Sisters, Andromeda) from the (Gorgon, sea monster) and (married, killed) her.
 12. Perseus killed (Atlas, Polydectes, the Nymph) and made (Dictys, Atlas, Danae) king of (Greece, Athens, Seriphos)
 13. He went to (Athens, Samos, Larissa) to bring his (mother, father, grand-father) home, but Acrisius was killed when he threw the discus.
 14. When Perseus died he became a (hero, god, star)
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