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A. Read the passage carefully & answer the questions that follow:

“Day after day, she watched the bus, and gradually a tiny wish crept into her head and grew there: she wanted to ride on that bus, even if it was just once. This wish became stronger until it was an overwhelming desire. Valli would stare wistfully at the people who got on and off the bus when it stood at the street corner. Their faces would kindle in her longings, dreams, and hopes. If one of her friends happened to ride the bus and tried to describe the sights of the town to her. Valli would be jealous to listen and would shout, in English: “Proud! Proud!”

1) Valli would stare wistfully at the people as she

- a) had been watching the bus for a long time.
- b) was inspired by the people travelling on the bus.
- c) had a strong desire to take a ride on the bus.
- d) envied the people who could travel on the bus.

Answer: Option (c)

Reason: Valli was looking at the people getting on the bus with a wish to ride on it someday.

2) What does the line ‘gradually a tiny wish crept into her head and grew there’, mean?

- a) The wish developed in her head over a period of time.
- b) The wish was a feeling of wanting to prove her strength.
- c) The wish was planted in her head by someone’s suggestion.
- d) The wish was small and was overpowered by a sense of doubt.

Answer: Option (a)

Reason: it was Valli’s pastime to stand at the doorway & keep watching the passengers boarding on the bus. She wanted to ride on that bus, even if just once. This wish became stronger and stronger, until it was an overwhelming desire.

B. Why did Ramlal call Bholi a fool? (Bholi)

This was because.....

- a) Bholi had become hysterical and was screaming.
- b) Bholi shouted in fear and pulled her hand away.
- c) Bholi was behaving foolishly and was running away.
- d) Bholi had been behaving very strangely with her father.

Answer: b) Bholi shouted in fear and pulled her hand away.

Reason: because when he took her hand to take her to school, she screamed and pulled her hand away.

C. Pick the sentence that brings out the meaning of ‘decent’ as used in the chapter Bholi.

- a) He gets a decent amount of salary.
- b) One must be decent when having a conversation with strangers.
- c) She was dressed in a decent manner for the interview.
- d) It was very decent of him to lend me some money.

Answer: c) She was dressed in a decent manner for the interview.

Reason: Bholi was given such washed & decent (nice & appropriate) very first time when she was getting ready for the school's first visit.

D. Which of the following options represents the correct understanding of the word "poor" in the phrase "Poor Kisa Gotami"? (Sermon at Benaras)

- a) in need of money
- b) weak
- c) unfortunate
- d) inferior

Answer: (c)

Reason: The word "poor" used here for Kisa Gotami conveys a sense of pity and sympathy towards her unfortunate situation.

E. Pick the option that explains — '...the living few, but the dead many.' (Sermon at Benaras)

- a) It shows the high death rate and low birth rate in the city of Benares.
- b) It highlights the holy status of Benares, where many Hindus go to die.
- c) It throws light on the numerous loved ones the villagers had lost over time.
- d) It reflects that many children had died in the village for various reasons.

Answer: (c)

Reason: The phrase "the living are few" suggests a high mortality rate in the village, meaning that many people had died. On the other hand, "the dead are many" indicates that a significant number of people in the village had lost their loved ones due to death.

F. The playwright's intention in the chapter "The Proposal" is to.....

- a) throw light upon the weaknesses of the rich in any society.
- b) emphasise that family history is important in a marriage proposal.
- c) satirise the superficiality of the upper class in Russian society.
- d) send a message that ego is not healthy in any relationship.

Answer: (c)

Reason: The playwright's intention in the given extract is to throw light upon the weaknesses of the rich in any society as it can be seen in the chapter that both the families start quarrelling like cats & dogs even on petty & illogical issues.

G. If, according to Chubukov and Natalya, Lomovs are not "honourable people", why do they still consider Lomov's proposal? (The Proposal)

- a) Natalya can take care of her father if she marries close by.
- b) They were exaggerating in the argument and didn't mean it.
- c) They understand that honour is superficial and overrated.
- d) Lomov's status in society supersedes everything.

Answer: (d)

Reason: Natalya can take care of her father if she gets married close by. Besides its Lomov family has great status in the society. They exaggerate in the argument and didn't mean it. They understand that honour is superficial and overrated.

H. What happened to the pirate? (The Tale of Custard Dragon)

- (a) He got hurt by dragon
- (b) He got a new ship
- (c) He got hurt by a lion
- (d) He was killed by the dragon.

Answer: (d) He was killed by the dragon.

Reason: Only Custard fought with the pirate and ate him up in his single bite.

I. The dragon was named as custard as he was– (The Tale of Custard Dragon)

- (a) Sad
- (b) Brave
- (c) Fat
- (d) Coward.

Ans. (d) Coward

Reason: Belinda called dragon by the name of Custard because the dragon was a cowardly creature. He always tried to hide in a corner.
