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## Question Bank for the Month: September 2024

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**A. Read the passage carefully & answer the following questions:**

Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the Bol, just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and bolinhas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. Thus, the presence of the baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential.

**(i) In Goan village, what are meaningless without the sweet bread 'Bol'?**

- (i) Birthday parties
- (ii) Holi celebration
- (iii) Wedding gifts
- (iv) All the occasions

**Answer: (iii) Wedding gifts**

**Reason:** The villagers were very fond of the sweet bread known as "Bol". The marriage gifts were meaningless without it. Cakes and bolinhas formed an important part of each celebration. At various occasions like Christmas and other festivals the bakers would collect the bill at the end of month.

**(ii) Find the word in the extract which means 'celebration meal'.**

- (i) Charm
- (ii) Occasion
- (iii) Engagement
- (iv) Feast

**Answer: (iv) Feast**

**Reason:** Feast is an elaborate and usually abundant meal often accompanied by a ceremony or entertainment which was incomplete in Goa in absence of Bread.

**B. Read the extract carefully & answer the following questions:**

"If strolling forth, a beast you view,  
Whose hide with spots is peppered,  
As soon as he has lept on you,  
You'll know it is the Leopard  
Twill do no good to roar with pain,  
He'll only lep and lep again."

**(i) What kind of hide does a leopard have?**

- (i) It has a striped hide.
- (ii) It has a spotted hide.
- (iii) It has a golden brown coat.
- (iv) It has a grey colour coat.

**Answer: (ii) It has a spotted hide**

**Reason:** Leopards have a body structure similar to jaguars and are covered with flower-shaped spots on their backs called rosettes, with no dot in the center; the jaguar has a dot inside each of its rosettes. This profusion of spots helps leopards hide from their prey, breaking up their body outline in forests or grasslands.

(ii) Give a synonym of 'strolling'-

- (i) Laughing
- (ii) Roaring
- (iii) Roaming
- (iv) Snoring

**Answer: (iii) Roaming**

**Reason:** as the leopard walks in a slow relaxed way, especially for pleasure in the poem.

**C. What according to the poet is the world made up of?**

- a) Possessions
- b) happiness
- c) Joys
- d) Troubles

**Answer: a) Possessions**

**Reason:** "Possessions" means materialistic things. People are driven by the urge to own or possess things and in such a world, losing something of value is inevitable. Losing the ball makes the boy realize the meaning of loss in this materialistic world.

**D. The boy is very young in this poem. As a mature, balanced grown-up, he might look back and think that his reaction of 'ultimate shaking grief' was..... (Poem- The Ball)**


- 1) disproportionate to the loss.
- 2) pretension to procure a new toy.
- 3) according to his exposure and experience then.
- 4) a reaction to the failure of retrieving the toy.
- 5) Justified and similar to what it would be currently.

- a) 5 & 2
- b) 1 & 3
- c) 2 & 4
- d) 3 & 5

**Answer: b) 1 & 3**

**Reason:** The poet highlights the emotions of the boy after dropping his ball. Ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy as he holds firm watching down. He is annoyed at this loss. The Poet informs us that how the boy is learning the kind of loss and the boy must feel his duty.

E. Pick the option that lists the boy's thoughts, matching with the line-As he stands rigid, trembling, and staring down. **(Poem- The Ball)**



1) I wonder how I can retrieve the ball. I guess I'll need help.

2) Good riddance! Now I can get a new one. I've been waiting for a while .

3) I think I can catch it if I run through this alley. I must cut it off before it falls into the harbour.

4) Oh!!'ve lost it. It's gone. It's gone forever. That was all the time I had with it. That time is over...

- a) Option 1
- b) Option 2
- c) Option 3
- d) Option 4

**Answer: d) Option 4**

**Reason:** because he had lost his ball which cannot be taken back. He is understanding the epistemology of loss as well as the value of things & time.

F. What does the phrase, 'the silence is golden' signify? **(Poem- Amanda)**  
**Select the correct answer**

- A. Amanda wishes to find gold on silent streets.
- B. Amanda believes silence is golden in colour.
- C. Amanda cherishes silence as much as gold.
- D. Amanda wants to gift gold to silent street-dwellers.

**Answer: C) Amanda cherishes silence as much as gold.**

**Reason:** As an orphan, Amanda's life would have 'silence', that is, freedom from adult control and supervision. She considers this 'silence' to be as precious as gold.

G. Which of these words is a synonym for 'roaming'? **(Poem- Amanda)**

- A. Spreading
- B. Wandering
- C. Dreaming
- D. Making

**Answer: B) Wandering**

**Reason:** 'Wandering' means to move about aimlessly. Here, Amanda dreams of being an 'orphan', wandering or 'roaming' about the street freely.

H. In this extract, Amanda wishes to be an orphan. Which two other figures does she wish to be in the poem?

- A. A siren and Snow White
- B. A mermaid and Rapunzel
- C. A dragon and Cinderella
- D. A phoenix and Beauty

**Answer: B) A mermaid and Rapunzel**

**Reason:** When the poem begins, Amanda dreams of being 'mermaid' sailing 'blissfully' in the sea. Later, she dreams of living peacefully in a tower as 'Rapunzel'.

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