

Question bank

Chapter-1 The Gift Of The Magi

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

1. Why was Della saving the money?
2. "...No mortal finger could coax a ring" Why were Dillingham Youngs not expecting anyone to visit them?
3. Name the precious possessions of Jim and Della .
4. How did Della arrange Christmas gift for Jim?
5. "...If Jim doesn't kill me..."she said to herself. What was Della worried about and why?
6. Describe Jim's reaction when he learnt about Della's hair-cut.
7. What was Jim's gift for Della? Why did he choose that?
8. Bring out the ironical element in the given story.

Q-2 Some adverbs used in the course of the text are listed below. Use them in the following sentences appropriately to make them complete. You may not need all of them

1. It was a clear sky and the stars were shining _____.
2. The girl _____ walked towards the cottage hoping to get a shelter in the _____ night.
3. A little boy looked at the sniffing dog _____ and laughed loudly.
4. I looked at the monument _____ and wondered about the artists who had shaped it so _____.
5. _____ she stopped and turned around.
6. The labourers worked _____, so that the construction might be finished in time.

Q-3 Read the following sentences and state whether they are Compound or Complex sentences.

Man proposes, but God disposes.

I returned early as I was not feeling well.

There was a sage who lived in complete isolation.

You should do it now, or never attempt it again.

As soon as I entered the hall, I heard someone's footsteps.

It is not an easy task to make my daughter understand the responsibilities of a policeman

Multiple Choice Questions

(a) Della argued with the grocer and the vegetable man because—

- (i) She was a bully.
- (ii) She wanted to save money.
- (iii) She did not like them.

(b) "...when Della reached home her intoxication gave way a little to prudence and reason." It happened because—

- (i) She felt that she had committed a mistake.
- (ii) She felt that Jim would not like her decision
- (iii) She felt she looked ugly in the new hairstyle.

(c) Jim could not believe that Della had cut her hair short because —

- (i) He felt that Della could not have taken such a bold step
- (ii) He felt that his gift would be a waste.
- (iii) He found Della absurd in short hair.

(d) Jim asked Della to keep their gifts away for some time, because—

Chapter-2 The Diary Of A Young Girl

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

1. What happened in Holland during the Second World War? How did it affect the lives of the Jews there?
2. What did the Frank family decide and why?

3. Name the 'nicest gift' that Anne got on her birthday. Why was it so special for her?

4. "Mr. Frank was a good father and a cautious man." Do you agree? Give the answer with a reference provided to you in the text.

5. Who was Mr. Keesing ? Why was he annoyed with Anne?

6. What made Mr. Frank to stay more at home?

7. What sort of a boy was Silberberg?

8. What made Mr. Frank feel worried? How was he preparing himself, in case of misfortune?

Q-2 Given below are certain sentences. From your understanding of the text, write True/False against each of them

1. The Germans had invaded Holland during the Second World War.

2. The Jews welcomed the Germans as they treated them well.

3. Anne Frank did not like the gift given by her parents.

4. Frank family moved to Holland in 1930

5. The Germans were partial against the Jews.

6. Silberberg was a sincere boy

7. People were kind to Anne at the dentist's place.

8. Anne was quite devastated when she had to live in hiding.

Q-3 Match the sentences in Column A with the appropriate ones in Column B so as to make them complete.

Column A	Column B
1. At the time of war	a. because it was a means to express herself.
2. Anne loved her diary	b. the basic rights.
3. Anne's father was angry	c. as he was worried about Anne's safety
4. Mr. Frank apprehended they had	d. to go into hiding soon.
5. The Jews were denied	e. things were becoming worse.

Q-4 Given below are some reported statements. Change them into the subsequent questions:

1. Romie asked if I was going to the market.

2. My sister enquired whether I liked my new school.

3. My mother asked if I was going out with my friends.

4. Mr. Bratley enquired whether there were many visitors at the zoo.

5. Mrs. Eliot asked if I liked her song.
6. Diana asked if I would like to accompany her

Chapter-3 Three Men In A Boat

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

1. What will the three men, namely George, Harris and Jerome discussing about in the beginning of the story?
2. How could Jerome make out that he was suffering from some liver ailment?
3. What 'Extraordinary thing' does the author seem to have talked about himself?
4. Why did the author visit the British Museum?
5. "I had walked into that reading room a happy, healthy man. I crawled out a decrepit wreck." Why did the author say so?
6. Describe the prescription given to Jerome by the doctor for his fancied ailment
7. "And they didn't give me pills; they gave me clumps on the side of the head." Who are they referred to in the given statement? Why did they give clumps on Jerome's head? Do you feel those clumps really helped him to get well?

Q-2 Match them with what make them funny:

1. Jerome concluded that he was suffering from liver ailment.	a. He knew that the actual problem was Jerome's fancy that he was ill.
2. The author walked into the reading room	b. He was not ill at all as a happy man but came out as a decrepit wreck.
3. The physician prescribed Jerome suitable diet and advised that he should not stuff his mind with unnecessary things.	c. As soon as he read or listened about some malady, he felt that he suffered from the same malady.
4. Jerome could be cured by the old fashioned Remedies	d. He read about different diseases and felt that he suffered from almost all of them.

Q-3 Change the following sentences into the sentences comprising defining clauses:

1. The song was sweet.
2. The bed was soft
3. The soldier was brave.
4. The student is my roommate.
5. The girl was really beautiful.
6. The mattress is very rough.

Chapter-4 The Kitemaker

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

1. What was Mehmood famous for? Why did he live an abandoned life later on?
2. Why did the young boy run to Mehmood ?
3. Why, according to you, do people no more enjoy flying kites as their favourite pastime?
4. Describe the retrospection of the old man of his 'good old days.'
5. Give a brief description of the kite 'Dragon Fly' made by Mehmood. How did he lose it?
6. Explain 'Sweating mass of humanity' in your own words.
7. What similarity do you find between Mehmood and the Banyan tree?

Q-2 Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate answers:

1. I _____ missed the flight as I got up late in the morning. (hardly, narrowly, easily, scarcely)
2. A relief team was sent to _____ medicines and food among the flood victims. (contribute, distribute, sanction, provide)
3. I think they have given too much _____ to their children. (liberty, positivity, activity, levity)
4. Find the _____ that accompanies this news. (caption, title, headline, option)
5. The police were instructed to _____ restraint and handle the situation tactfully. (exercise, prevent, enforce, use)

Multiple Choice Questions

(a) Mehmood used to make kites even at an old age, because —

- (i) He wanted to earn money.
- (ii) He wanted to pass his time.
- (iii) He loved to see his grandson flying the kites made by him.

(b) The old man used to retrospect his past —

- (i) Lamenting that people no more enjoyed kite flying kites.
- (ii) Praising the sporty spirit of the kings.
- (iii) Appreciating the betting practices people used to be involved in those days.

(c) People abstained from activities like kite flying because —

- (i) They didn't have money to buy kites.
- (ii) They did not like flying kites.
- (iii) They did not have time for fun activities

(d) No one visited Mehmood in his later life, because —

- (i) People did not like him.
- (ii) All of his friends were already dead.
- (iii) Neither they had time nor they cared for old friends

Chapter-5 Champion Forever

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

1. In which school did Karan study earlier? Why had he to change it?
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3. What promise did Karan make to his father?
4. Why was Karan afraid of choosing a new sport?
5. Which sport did he choose and who helped him with it?
6. What was Karan's reaction after knowing about the opposite team? What was the matter that he feared about?
7. Who encouraged Karan to go ahead and face his opponents from Franklin? Who won the game in the end?

Q-2 Find the instances from the story to prove the given statements.

1. Karan's father was a caring and considerate man.

2. Karan loved his father though he was angry with him for changing his school.
3. Karan got the confidence to play due to the support from his friends and teachers.

Q-3 Fill in the blanks with past perfect forms of the verbs in the brackets

1. We _____ (reach) home by the time rain started.
2. I suddenly remembered that I _____ (leave) my keys at home.
3. Mother was happy because I _____ (come) first in the class.
4. Had you _____ (study) for exams before you went out to play?
5. They were hungry because they _____ (not eat) anything since morning

Multiple Choice Questions

(a) She used to be very _____, but now she behaves very responsibly.

- (i) careless
- (ii) sleepy
- (iii) shy

(b) I am so _____ about learning French. I have already started making notes.

- (i) smart
- (ii) sad
- (iii) enthusiastic

(c) She is very _____ with her result. She pledges to study harder in future

- (i) happy
- (ii) unhappy
- (iii) careless

(d) Everybody was _____ to see the architecture of the Taj mahal. It was amazing.

- (i) impressed
- (ii) shocked

(iii) careful

(e) I am very _____ to my friend for helping me in studies.

(i) angry

(ii) grateful

(iii) surprised

Chapter-6 Gulliver's Travels

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

1. What name was given to Gulliver by his new master?
2. Why did the old farmer visit his friend's place? How did Gulliver try to appease him?
3. What advice was given to the farmer by the old man?
4. What sort of a girl was Glumdalclitch?
5. How did the young boy create a mess during Gulliver's performance?

Q-2 Give reasons for the following statements:

1. Gulliver gained immediate popularity in the land of the giants because _____
2. The farmer worked on the advice given by the old man because _____
3. Gulliver followed the instructions of his little angel, Glumdalclitch because _____

Q-3 Change the following sentences into passive voice.

1. The doctor saw the reports thoroughly.
2. Monica is stitching the shirt.
3. Everyone accompanied him.
4. Gulliver paid reverence to his master.
5. Everyone appreciates an honest man.
6. I will pay a visit to my grandmother next week.

Multiple Choice Questions

(a) Gulliver was compared with a —

- (i) A goose
- (ii) A reptile
- (iii) A splacknuck

(b) He obeyed the giants as —

- (i) He was very obedient
- (ii) He was weak
- (iii) He had no other option

(c) The farmer arranged for Gulliver's show as —

- (i) He wanted to amuse people
- (ii) He wanted money
- (iii) He wanted to obey his old friend

Chapter-7 The Medicine Man Comes

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

1. Who was the medicine man? Describe him.
2. What did Lila tell the medicine man and how did he react?
3. Did the medicine man at once see Lila's mother after his arrival?
4. What were the medicines given by the medicine man? How did he make them?
5. "Do you think, I can fill my stomach with that? Do you think I do it all free?" Who said these words and why? Explain.
6. What fee did he take to treat Lila's mother? Was it fair to give him the fee? Why or why not?

Q-2 Explain with reference to the context.

1. All this gave him the air of a magician, of witchcraft, which made the girls shiver slightly when they heard him approach.

2. Lila explained trying to keep Pinto away while she spoke to the man.
3. Lila wailed suddenly, no longer able to speak calmly.
4. Lowering the trumpet he stared down into their faces and looked very fierce.
5. "We have no one but the magic man to help us, Magic!" she said fiercely.

Q-3 Quote the lines from the text, which tell you the following facts.

1. The people of the village were simple and god-fearing.
2. The girls didn't have full faith in the medicine man.
3. Lila was too disturbed at the condition of her mother.
4. The medicine man was greedy.
5. The girls were helpless and unwillingly obeyed the medicine man.

Q-4 Fill in the blanks with the suitable correlative conjunctions.

1. _____ John or Tom had broken the glass of the window.
2. To pass this exam you should be _____ hard-working and intelligent.
3. She doesn't know whether she would learn dancing _____ drawing in vacation.
4. You can have _____ orange or mango squash. Both are delicious.
5. I had hardly slept _____ the doorbell rang loudly.
6. No sooner had we reached the station _____ the train left.
7. He is _____ a good leader but also a good human being.
8. The party was both grand _____ interesting.

Chapter-8 A Winter's Night

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

1. What was the reason behind the argument between Halku and his wife?
2. What preparations did Halku make to spend night in the field? Who was his companion to spend the night with him and take care of field?
3. Jabra suddenly got alert. Why? What did he start doing around?

4. Describe what Halku did when he couldn't withstand cold any longer. Did it work?
5. What kind of noises Halku heard while he was resting? Was he able to go back to his farm to see what was happening?
6. Halku went on sitting peacefully near the warm ashes while his field was entirely uprooted, eaten and trampled by Nilgais. Why, according to you, had he not made any effort to save his field?
7. How did Munni react when she realized that Nilgais had destroyed the field? What was she worrying about?
8. Why was Halku 'content' even after his field was completely ruined?
9. Who woke Halku up in the morning? Was his field saved or totally destroyed?
10. "But I won't have to sleep nights out here in the cold." Who said these words and why? What were his feelings while saying this?

Q-2 Explain with reference to context.

1. Why should he abuse you; is this his kingdom?
2. You thought I was coming out here to eat puris and sweet sand; you came running on ahead of me.
3. If anybody sees me gathering the leaves in the dead of night, he'll think it's a ghost.
4. With Jabra around, no animal can get into the field; he'd rip it to shreds.
- ' 5. Now you'll have to hire yourself out to earn some money to pay off the rent and taxes.'

Q-3 Complete the sentences suitably

1. If it (rain)_____ we (not go)_____ outside the home.
2. If you (know/not)_____ the answer, I (help)_____ you.
3. We will (go)_____ to watch a movie if you (come)_____ to my house.
4. If she (study)_____ harder, she (get)_____ first position in the class.
5. If I (get)_____ lots of money, I (help)_____ poor children with their studies.
6. If you (help)_____, I(finish)_____ the work soon.

Multiple Choice Questions

(a) Halku's wife did not want to give the money to the landlord as

- (i) She wanted to spend the money
- (ii) She wanted Halku to buy a blanket with that money
- (iii) She wanted to save the money for the future use.

(b) Munni wanted Halku to give up tenant farming because

- (i) They could earn a meagre sum only.
- (ii) She did not like farming as a profession
- (iii) She didn't want Halku to work so hard.

(c) Jabra, Halku's dog, barked uncontrollably because

- (i) He had apprehended that some animals have broken into the fields
- (ii) He wanted to alert Halku.
- (iii) He was in the habit of barking

(d) Halku didn't try to save his field, because.

- (i) He felt too cold to get up.
- (ii) He felt that saving the field won't do any good to him.
- (iii) He did not like to go into the field.

(e) If I had had enough money, I _____ a new bicycle

- (i) will buy
- (ii) would buy
- (iii) would have bought

(f) If it rains, it _____ very cold.

- (i) will get
- (ii) would get

(iii) . got

(g) She would practise hard if she _____ to come first in the competition

(i) had wanted

(ii) wants

(iii) wanted

(h) The dog _____ you if you hadn't been careful.

(i) would bite

(ii) will bite

(iii) would have bitten

(i) 5. It _____ easy to row a boat if you knew how to.

(i) would be

(ii) had been

(iii) would have been

(j) If she comes, she _____ you.

(i) met

(ii) would meet

(iii) will meet

(k) You will catch the train if you _____ on time.

(i) had left

(ii) leave

(iii) will leave

(l) If he _____ richer, he would have opened a school.

(i) was

(ii) had been

(iii) is

Chapter-9 The Last Lesson

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

6. Why did M. Hamel not scold Franz that day?
1. Why was Franz not willing to go to school that day? What was he supposed to be prepared with?
2. What was more tempting than the rule of participles?
3. What unusual thing about school did Franz notice as soon as he reached the school?
4. What notice was put up on the bulletin-board?
5. What was the order of Berlin? How did it affect the school?
7. What change came in Franz's feelings for school and M. Hamel?
8. Who did M. Hamel blame for Franz being not able to concentrate over his studies?
9. Why did villagers come to school that day?
10. What did Franz realize though very late?

Q-2 Explain with reference to context.

5. I won't scold you, little Franz; you must feel bad enough.
4. My children, this is the last lesson I shall give you.
6. Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?
1. Don't go so fast, bub; you'll get to your school in plenty of time!
2. Go to your place quickly, little Franz. We were beginning without you.
3. What a thunderclap these words were to me!

Q-3 Fill in each the blank using some/any/much/many

1. Do you have any extra loaf of bread? Yes. But not _____.
2. You never do _____ homework. You are getting careless.

3. Could you give me some blank papers? No, I haven't got _____.
4. He is very popular in his class. He has _____ friends.
5. I am very _____ afraid of lizards.
6. Can we meet in the evening? I have _____ interesting things to tell you.
7. She doesn't have _____ pink dress. She wants to have one.
8. _____ flowers can be poisonous. Be careful.

Chapter-10 Aunt Cyrilla's Christmas Basket

Q-1 Answer these questions.

1. Why did Lucy Rose ask her aunt not to take that basket along with them?
2. What all was there in the basket?
3. Why could Lucy Rose not sleep the whole night?
4. How was the weather when they reached the station?
5. Who were the fellow passengers of the two ladies?
6. What news did the conductor bring?
7. How did Aunt Cyrilla help everybody feel at home?
8. What presents were given to the children by the passengers?
9. How was the little mother helped?
10. In what unusual way was Christmas celebrated by all? Do you like it?

Q-2 State whether the given statements are true or false.

1. Aunt Cyrilla was a finicky old lady.
2. Lucy Rose loved that big basket of her aunt.
3. Aunt Cyrilla had full faith in God.
4. People on the train were cold and indifferent to one another.
5. Nobody could ever forget that Christmas especially Aunt Cyrilla.
6. The story is a perfect example of brotherhood and harmony.

Q-3 Complete the sentences with the appropriate idioms.

1. For the last few days he has been _____. He must see a doctor.
2. My brother is on _____. He is waiting for his PMT result.
3. Reshma is a very sincere and talented student. Don't go by her simple clothes. You can't _____.
4. The dish will take some time to cook perfectly. Please _____.
5. Father was really upset at your result. Take his advice _____.
6. All this spring cleaning of the house has left me completely _____.
7. She may be speaking the truth as she was not there when all that happened. We can certainly give her _____.
8. My exams are round the corner. I have to _____ to be able to perform really well.

Chapter-11 Mrs. Packeltide's Tiger

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

1. Who was Mrs. Packeltide? Did she really want to kill a tiger and be in the news?
2. Who was Loona Bimberton? What were her achievements?
3. What kind of a tiger was selected to hunt? Why was it so?
4. Describe the whole scenario about the hunting of the tiger. What were preparations done?
5. Did Mrs. Packeltide's plan turn out to be successful? Was the tiger shot dead? What caused the tiger's death?
6. Why did the villagers agree to keep the secret about the tiger's death?
7. How did Ms. Mebbin manage to buy a weekend cottage?

Q-2 Explain with reference to the context.

1. She had also already designed in her mind the tiger-claw brooch that she was going to give Loona Bimberton on her next birthday.
2. I suppose we are in some danger.
3. How amused everyone would be if they knew what really happened.

4. I've seen a week-end cottage near Darking that I should rather like to buy. Six hundred and eighty, freehold. Quite a bargain, only I don't happen to have the money

Q-3 Quote the lines from the story which tell you the following facts

1. Ms Mebbin blackmailed Mrs. Packeltide.
2. Mrs. Packeltide was jealous of Loona Bimberton.
3. Mrs. Mebbin was a miserly and shrewd lady.
4. Loona Bimberton was not at all happy at the fame Mrs. Packeltide got.

Q-4 Complete the sentences using the appropriate phrases/idioms.

1. He is a famous Hollywood star. The organizers are _____ to welcome him.
2. Some people don't have to do much effort to be successful. They are _____.
3. You are looking _____. It seems the weather of the hills suits you.
4. This arrangement of stars can be seen _____.
5. It's a very expensive car. Maintaining it would be like keeping a _____.
6. If you can't trust my words, I can give it to you in _____.
7. I still remember my happy childhood. Those were the _____!
8. It's her 18 birthday. She is going to _____ with friends and family!

Chapter-12 The Magic Bon-Bons

Q-1 Answer the following questions:

1. What was ironical about Claribel Sudds' wishes?
2. How many kinds of bon-bons were there and what was special about each of them?
3. What happened to the box of bon-bons?

4. What effect did the chocolate bon-bon have on Bessie?
5. What change came upon these people after they had eaten the magic bon-bons?
a) Mr. Bostwik b) Mrs. Bostvic c) The professor
6. Was the senator able to give an effective speech? Why/Why not?

Q-2 Explain these lines with reference to the context.

1. "Ahem!" said the wise one, "A check, please."
2. "Why, she's an infant prodigy!" gasped the astounded father.
3. Mrs. Bostwick managed to get them all seated and then the maid brought in the soup.
4. The senator shuddered. Such disgraceful rioting he had never seen nor heard before in a decent private family.
5. There was a hum of amazement and horror from the spectators, but the senator appeared not to notice it
6. But the ushers rushed her out of the hall, thinking she had gone suddenly insane.

Q-3 Who are these persons?

1. Sorcerer:

2. Professor:

3. Senator:

4. Mayor:

5. Usher:

6. Chemist:

7. Acrobat:

8. Elocutionist:

Q-4 Fill in the blanks with the correct participle forms of the verbs in bracket.

1. She was sitting in the lawn _____ (listen)to songs.
2. _____ (live) in the society for many years, he is familiar with each and every family in the neighbourhood.
3. The glass _____ (fill) with juice is kept in the fridge.
4. _____ (meet)each other for years, they had a lot to talk about.
5. _____ (bear) into a rich family, Mayank has all the comforts of life.
6. _____ (be)the only child of his parents, he is very pampered.
7. _____ (realise)his mistake, he apologized to the teacher.
8. Well _____ (do)! You have done a great job.
9. _____ (park)the car, he went inside the house.
10. _____ (watch)the film twice, I knew the dialogues by heart.