



L 3 THE LITTLE GIRL

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Vocabulary

Dreadful
Gravely
Laboriously
Snoring
Terrifying



Word Meanings

Wandered= Walked
Clung = Held something tightly
Nightmare – Frightening dream
Wretched = Unhappy
Snuggled = Moved into warm and comfortable position

Literature

I Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words:

a) **What orders were passed to Kezia in the evening when father returned home from office ?**

Ans : When Kezia's father returned home from office she was supposed to come down, take off her father's shoes and put them outside. She was also to put her father's tea cup on the tea table.

b) **“ Father's great speech for the Port Authority had been lost ” .What had happened to father's speech?**

Ans : Father's speech had been torn to pieces by Kezia , the little girl. She was making a pin cushion as a gift to her father for his birthday. As she was not able to find anything to stuff it with . She tore the speech and stuffed it in her cushion.

c) **What were the circumstances that forced Kezia to change her opinion about her father ?**

Ans : When her mother was hospitalised, her grandmother went to stay with her. Kezia used to sleep alone at night. She was so scared that she started shouting at night. She had nightmares and trembled a lot with fear. Then her father came to her room and took her into his arms to comfort her. She felt secured with her father near her. Then she realised that her father was busy with work and had no time to play. She even realised that her father loved her but didn't have the art of expressing it. Thus her attitude towards her father changed from negative to positive.

II Answer the following question in 100 – 150 words :

- a) **Kezia in the story “ The Little girl “ was afraid of her father because he never communicated with her. Imagine you are parenting counsellor. Based on your reading of the story, write a paragraph advising the parents to make communication with their children.**

Ans : In the story Kezia is always scared of her father. Her father was a strict disciplinarian

who was always strict towards her . He never spoke to her softly and in a loving manner.

He always scolded her and even beat her up for small mistakes. Parents should not let their stress and workload interfere in their family life. Parents should always spend their time with their children. Bonding and understanding should always be there so that the children can

open up their feeling and problems with their parents.

There should be no communication gap between the parents and their children.

- b) **Should the relation between a parent and child be distance and formal or should it be close and warm.**

Ans: In today’s modern context, parents and children should be more like friends.

The relationship between them should be warm and close. This would be very helpful in developing the overall personality of the child.

It also helps in boosting the confidence of the child and making him more strong in his relation. Therefore it is necessary that children must share a close relation with their parents and there should be no fear but only respect and love.

Poem – 3 “Rain on the Roof” – Coates Kinney

❖ **Word meanings:**

❖ **Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words:**

1) Do you think that the poem, *Rain on the Roof*, is lauding the healing power of nature’s rain?

➤ The poet is appreciating rain, especially when he hears it from a cozy bed in a lovely’s cottage. This rain and its sound have resurrected the fondest memory of the poet’s mother in his mind. As the rain continues, the poet tries to recollect all that caused him pain, yet at the same time his spirits.

2) What does each sound of shingle create?

➤ Every raindrop on the tiles of the roof creates a rhythm with the poet’s heartbeat. This evokes thousands of dreams making his thoughts busy. While he focuses on the listening to the pitter-patter on the roof, his mind starts weaving recollections of fond memories of yester years.

3) Who all does the poet remember while listening to the rain?

➤ The poet remembers his mother who used to put him to bed every night and then used to look at him lovingly while he slept. He also remembers his angelic sister who died early. He also remembers the young girl, whom the poet had admired at some point of time in-his life.

❖ **Answer the following questions in 100 – 120 words:**

1) ‘Dreams hold importance in the poet’s life. Is it true? Explain.

➤ This poem is depicting the overall mood on a rainy night. During night the humid cloud full of water creates dark shadows over the star studded sky. The poet dreams about his mother and the way she used to tuck him in bed. The poet’s dream of his mother, reminds him of his childhood days. His mother used to tell stories to lull him into sleep full of dreams. The music being played on the rooftop is like the affectionate look by which his mother used to see him, while he was a kid. So dreams make him realize the importance of past and the things that he now misses.

Ch – 4 “A Truly Beautiful Mind”

❖ Word meanings:

- 1) Indication – sign
- 2) Ally – supporter
- 3) Regimentation – discipline taken to an extreme
- 4) Unravelling – starting to fail
- 5) Territory – area
- 6) Amateur – non-professional
- 7) Emigrated – left his own country permanently

❖ Answer the following in 30 – 40 words

1) Why did Einstein’s playmates call him ‘Brother Boring’?

- Einstein could not mix up with other children. He did not find their games interesting. He often uttered every word twice. He was often teased for his abnormally huge head. And so his friends nicknamed him “Brother Boring.”

2) Why did Albert Einstein leave his school?

- Albert Einstein left his school because he was not happy with the education system. He was not at ease with the strict regimentation of the school. He felt suffocated because of which he had to leave school.

3) Why did the people call Einstein ‘a world citizen’?

- People called Einstein a world citizen because he campaigned for peace and democracy and was agitated against arms and bombs, especially after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

❖ Answer the following questions in 100 – 120 words:

1) Why do you think Einstein hated the school’s regimentation? Do you think he should have had abided by the rules of the school? Write in about 100-120 words.

- Einstein hated the school’s regimentation because he was not happy with that system. There was no sense of freedom and joy in the school. So he felt suffocated under its strict regimentation, its extreme sense of discipline. The strange and strict rules of the school made him tired. As there was no respect of a child and their rights, he often clashed with his teacher. Rather he loved mechanical toys.
- I think he should not have been forced to abide by the ‘extremist’ or ‘stereotyped’ rules of the school. The school is a place where children get the opportunity to develop their creativity and original thoughts. But his school was the place where the authorities had no indication of his potential greatness. Acceptance and appreciation of students talent not only motivates them but also makes them aware of the global issues and give them a chance to solve such problems done by Einstein.

2) What was the outcome of Einstein's letter which he wrote to the American President Roosevelt? Did his warning have any impact on America?

- On his colleague's insistence, Einstein wrote a letter to the American President, Roosevelt when the Nazis were in Germany and he had to migrate from there. The discovery of Nuclear Fission in Germany made the atomic bomb. His words had a great impact. The Americans developed the atomic bomb secretly. They dropped it to the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. Einstein was greatly moved by the destruction. He wrote a long letter to the United Nations and suggested that there should be a World Government. This definitely helped ending the world war.



Poem – 4 “The Lake Isle of Innisfree” – William Butler Yeats

❖ Word meanings:

- 1) Innisfree – an island in a lake
- 2) Wattles – material consisting of rods interlaced with twigs or branches used for building, walls and fences
- 3) Glade – open space in a forest
- 4) Veils – misty atmosphere in morning
- 5) All a glimmer – shining
- 6) Pavements grey – dull and drab paths

❖ Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words:

1) Why does the poet want to go to Innisfree?

- The poet wants to go to Innisfree in search of peace. He does not like the noisy place as London is. The poet craves for some peace and hence he wants to go to Innisfree. There he wants to make a small cabin and grow beans. He wants to live there alone.

2) How is the city life different from the life at the Lake of Innisfree?

- The poet does not like the city life. The pavements are dull and grey. There is chaos all around. But there is nature’s beauty all around in Innisfree. It is a dream place for the poet which exists in reality. There is a perfect harmony on the island between the plants and the weather.

3) Briefly describe one major theme of the poem *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*?

- A major theme in *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*, is nature versus civilization. What we value in life is often the exact opposite of what civilization brings with it. Nature allows us to explore the various forms of life but, civilization has set certain rules with which we have to abide.

❖ Answer the following questions in 100 – 120 words:

1) In the poem *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*, what does the poet find so attractive about “The Lake Isle of Innisfree”.

- The things that the poet finds so attractive about Lake Isle of Innisfree are its promise of peace.
- The poet, then, longs for this place which affords a sense of contentment and relaxation far from the busy modern life. The poem’s slow and regular meter helps to convey this languid, dreamy effect. There is also the vivid impressionistic description of the colours and beauty of this place, and the soothing stir of nature which is so different from the strident noise of the city where the poet actually is, as the final stanza makes clear.

- The poet, then, is physically trapped in the city, but he can imagine the beauty of Innisfree and this gives him spiritual sustenance. This is one of Yeats's early lyrics, exhibiting a familiar romantic sensibility in its praise of the deep purity and beauty of nature which is contrasted with the drabness, shallowness and sterility of modern urban living.



U 4 The Kingdom Of Fools

– A. K. Ramanujan

New Vocabulary

Distracted
Accusation
Solemn
Compensate
Execution
Mourned
Scoundrel
Impaling
Promptly
Burgled

Word Meanings

Groceries – provisions
Astonishment – surprise
Duddu – unit of money
Collapsed – fell down
Compensate – to make good for the losses
Burgled – robbed
Accused – convict
Execution – punishment by death
Clamour – strongly protest

- ❖ **Word meanings:4**
- ❖ **Extract based questions :**

1) And he ordered a new stake to be made ready for the execution. As the servants sharpened the stake and got it ready for the final execution of the criminal , it occurred to the minister that the rich merchant was somehow too thin to be properly executed on the take. He appealed to the king' common sense. The king too was worried about it.

- a) Why were the king and the ministers worried ?**
- b) The king and the minister lacked common sense. Explain .**
- c) Who were to be executed on the stake ?**
- d) What is meant by the word ' appeal ' ?**

Ans :

- 1) The rich merchant was too thin for the stake being built.**
- 2) The king and the ministers got worried about how to carry out the execution planned just because of the take being built**
- 3) Criminals**

4) Request

❖ **Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words:**

1) What two things were different in the kingdom of fools?

- Two things were different in the kingdom of fools were that the people worked in the night and slept during the day. Everything was sold at the same price. A 'Duddu' could buy a mass of rice as well as a bunch of bananas

2) What advice did the Guru give to the disciple before going out of the city?

- The Guru told his disciple that it was dangerous to stay in the kingdom of fools. He said that there was no justice, only foolish, unpredictable behaviour. According to him the kingdom would not last long.

3) Why were the people of the kingdom confused when they saw the dead bodies of the king and his minister?

- The people of the kingdom were confused as to how their king and the minister were dead instead of the Guru and the disciple. The people were not able to see through the plan which was executed by the Guru against their king and minister.

❖ **Answer the following questions in 100 – 120 words:**

a) Disciple in the story didn't look into the depth of the matter and took a hasty decision of not leaving the kingdom of fools. What light does the story throw on the importance of good decision making in one's life ?

Ans Disciple in the story didn't look into the depth of the matter and took a hasty decision of not leaving the kingdom of fools. Disciple was amazed by the prices of the commodities. Anything could be bought with 'Duddu'. Either it could be a mass of rice or a bunch of Bananas. So the disciple decided to stay back not listening to his Guru's advice that it was dangerous to stay back in the kingdom of fools as there was no justice prevalent in such kingdom. It was when the disciple was chosen as the suitable person for execution that he realized his mistake. He regretted his decision of staying back. Just one small decision cost his life.

b) How did Guru manage to save his disciple ?

Ans : The king ordered to execute the disciple. He prayed to his Guru to save him. The Guru heard his prayer in his vision and appeared to rescue his disciple followed suit, which puzzled the king. Knowing the secret, the king fell into the trap of his temptation and wanted to be the king in his rebirth. He went into the prison at night and set the Guru and the disciple free. In their place he and his minister disguised themselves as the Guru and the disciple got executed. Thus the Guru managed to save the disciple.

Writing skills

- **1. Read the given line and complete the story in 150-200 words. Give a suitable title to your story.**

Last Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside.....

Solution

- **A Spaceship on Earth!**

- Last Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside. It was about 10:30 p.m. As I opened my door, bright lights from outside dazzled my eyes. I went outside towards the place where a large crowd had gathered outside our colony park. There was a huge spaceship that had landed in the park. It had a thousand lights blinking and from the windows, one could see a few strange figures peeping out. I was surprised to see the aliens. Meanwhile, the police had also reached the park. People were shouting and asking the police to take the aliens out of the ship. They were very excited to see them. By this time, few scientists and researchers had also reached the spot. They had brought some instruments along with them. As they started moving towards the spaceship, the sirens that were installed in it started blowing. We could notice the strange figures hurriedly moving inside the spaceship. Then, as if understanding the intentions of the scientists that they probably wanted to capture them, they started blowing green-coloured dust from their spaceship. Its wheels started moving like a blower and the spaceship started moving upwards. The scientists rushed out of the park. People tried to click pictures of the spaceship but their cameras showed only a black screen. The spaceship safely moved out of the hands of the humans who would have otherwise captured the aliens and started a study on them. I thanked God for saving their lives from the clutches of the inhuman humans.

2 Write an article for your school magazine about why the place attracted you. Include the following:

- ❖ **Accessibility**
- ❖ **Reasonable charges**
- ❖ **Hygienic surroundings**
- ❖ **Scenic beauty**
- ❖ **Facilities available**

GREEN GARDEN RESORT –A NATURAL ATTRACTION

'Green Garden Resort' deserves a visit by any lover of nature and its beauty. Its plus points are many. That's why it has become a favourite holiday resort for all alike. I also visited the resort during the holidays and found it incomparable. The most important points that make the resort worth a visit are many. These are its accessibility, reasonable charges, hygienic surroundings, scenic beauty, and facilities available the place can be reached easily by rail, road and air. It is a five hour journey. There are series of three-star, five-star hotels and lodges. They provide good staying arrangements at reasonable charge. The most prominent feature of the place is its hygienic surroundings. Its scenic natural beauty with snowy peak and virgin forests adds glory to to the entire place The temple highlights the indigenous culture. The food is both continental and intercontinental. There is a strange mixture of indigenous and international culture. The prominent tourist spots like the old fort, the botanical park, children's park, water sports complex and the zoo are well connected by bus and taxi services. In all the resort has charm of its own and beauty that makes it a favourite place to visit.

UNSEEN PARAGRAPH

3 Read the following passage carefully

1. To reach Chhota Mollakhali in east Sunderbans you have to sail mile through dense mangroves surrounded by trees.
2. And if haste is the accelerator , multitasking is overdrive. These days it is possible to drive, eat, listen and talk on the phone-all at once, if you dare .An Entire class of technologies is dedicated to the furtherance of multitasking. Car Phones, bookstands on exercise machines. Water proof shower radios . Not long ago, for most people listening to the radio was a single task activity. Now it is rare for a person to listen to the radio and do nothing else. Even television has lost its command of our foreground. In so many households the TV just stays on, like a noisy light bulb, while the life of the family passes back and forth in its shimmering glow.
3. A sense of well being comes with this saturation of parallel pathways in the brain . We chose mania over boredom every time. Humans have never, ever opted for slower points out historian Stephen Kern. We catch the fever – and fever feels good . All humanity has not succumbed equally, of course . if you make haste you probably make it in the technology driven western world. Sociologist have also found that increasing wealth and increasing education bring a sense of tension about time. We believe that we possess too little of it .Western culture views time as a thing to hoard and protect . Time saving is the subject of score of books with titles like streamlining your life. Take your time. More hours in my day. Marketers anticipate our desire to save time and respond with fast ovens , quick play backs ,quick freezing and fast credit.

On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following short answer questions carefully:

- A] (a) Why have humans being chosen speed ?
It has no electricity, no transport, no basic medical facility
- (b) What is the result of man's love for speed? Is it good or bad?
For saving the environment and the tiger
- (c) Define multi tasking .
Doing more than one type of work at a time
- (d) When we say we want to save time what does it mean?
We want to complete the work before time
- B] Choose the most appropriate option given against each blank....
- (a) "Placebo" here means_____.
- (i) Sweets (ii) **Things done willingly**
- (iii) doing or saying things to please (iv) medicinal matter

answer sheet during tests to cut (c) _____ on expenses.

- (a) (i) upon (ii) to (iii) for (iv) on
(b) (i) give (ii) gives (iii) gave (iv) giving
(c) (i) on (ii) upon (iii) down (iv) up

C] Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of given options :

Education is defined as (a) _____ ability of a person to read (b) _____

Write. But sadly, millions of children (c) _____ uneducated in India.

- (a) (i) an (ii) the (iii) some (iv) any
(b) (i) and (ii) but (iii) as (iv) while
(c) (i) are't (ii) are (iii) our (iv) were





Ch – 5 “The Snake and the Mirror”

❖ **Word meanings:**

- 1) Meagre – very small
- 2) Solitary – only
- 3) Gable – the part of a wall below a sloping roof
- 4) Wriggled – twisted and turned with quick writhing movement
- 5) Willed otherwise – wanted something different
- 6) Smear – spread

❖ **Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words:**

- 1) **What were the important decisions taken by the doctor while looking into the mirror?**
 - The important decision made by the doctor was that he would shave daily and grow a thin moustache, to look more handsome. The earth-shaking decision made by the doctor was that he would always keep the attractive smile on his face.
- 2) **Why did the author of *The Snake and the Mirror* fantasize a fat woman as his wife?**
 - The author of *The Snake and the Mirror* fantasizes a fat woman as his wife since she would never be able to catch the doctor on his mistakes. She would not be able to run after him and he would be saved of all kinds of punishments. Thus, the author fantasizes a fat woman as his wife.
- 3) **How did the doctor show the presence of mind when he encountered the snake?**
 - The doctor showed great presence of mind on seeing the snake. He neither jumped nor cried out. He sat on the chair holding his breath. His body was still but his mind remained very active.

❖ **Answer the following questions in 100 – 120 words:**

- 1) **Describe in detail the doctor’s feelings when he saw the snake coiled around his arm?**
 - The doctor was so engrossed in his day dreaming that he did not realize that a snake had wriggled over the back of the chair and landed on his shoulders and coiled round his left arm with its hood spread out. The doctor sat there without moving an inch. He was afraid lest the snake might strike. He thought of various medicines he had and if any one of them was good enough to save him if the snake struck him. He realized the presence of God and felt that it was a punishment for being proud and arrogant.
- 2) **Justify the title of the story *The Snake and the Mirror*.**

- The story revolves round the narrator, the snake and the mirror. The narrator hears some familiar sounds – a dull thud and a snake lands on his shoulder. The doctor is terrified and sits there like a stone. He suddenly feels the presence of the creator of the world and death four inches away. He forgets danger and smiles feebly. The snake looks into the mirror, moves towards the mirror and wants to enjoy a close reflection in the mirror. Thus, the title is justified as the story revolves around the snake and the mirror.



Poem – 5 “A Legend of the Northland” – Phoebe Cary

❖ Word meanings:

- 1) Harness – tie
- 2) Saint Peter – an apostle of Christ
- 3) Kneaded – moulded the dough of
- 4) Turned it over – reversed while backing
- 5) Being faint – feeling like fainting
- 6) Dough – cake mixture
- 7) Provoke – irritate or anger
- 8) Scarlet – bright red
- 9) Flame – fire in the hearth

❖ Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words:

1) Who came knocking at the door of the old woman? Why was he there?

- In the Northland, an old lady lived in a cottage. She was baking cakes when St. Peter came knocking at her door. He had become weak with fasting and travelling. He was looking for food and hence came knocking at the old lady's door.

2) Is this poem correct in being known as a legend? Explain.

- A legend is a semi true story which has been passed on from person-to-person through ages. This legend has an important meaning or symbolism for the culture in which it originates. A legend includes an element of truth or is based on historic facts, but with mythical qualities. The saint in turn curses the old woman. This poem can also be regarded as a folktale which again is a story told by one generation to another.

3) Is this a true story? Which part of the poem do you think is really important?

- This is a legend. It is not a true story. Even the poet feels that it is not true. The most important part of the poem is the point when we realize that the old woman is very greedy. She could not part with her cakes for a hungry man.

❖ Answer the following questions in 100 – 120 words:

1) Why did the woman bake a little cake?

- The woman in the poem has been shown as a highly stingy, miserly, greedy and mean by nature. Whenever, she took out cake from the hearth, they appeared to be larger than the original size. Hence, she baked a very small cake for Saint Peter. Her greed was so high that she again and again made small cake and at last the cake was too small that it could not be consumed.

CHAPTER 5 THE HAPPY PRINCE

By Oscar Wilde

New Vocabulary

Drenched	=	Made completely wet
Worn	=	Old and wrinkled
Coarse	=	Rough
Seamstress	=	Female tailor
Steeple	=	Top of church
Commission	=	Work
Garret	=	Small room of the roof
Swooped	=	Flied down fast
Scarlet	=	Bright red
Proclamation	=	Government order

1) EXTRACT BASED QUESTIONS

a) What is the use of statue if it cannot keep the rain off ? “ He said “ I must look for a good chimney pot “, and determined to fly away . But before he had opened his wings , a third drop fell he looked up , and saw- Ah! What did he see ?

- (i) What statue was this of ?
- (ii) What were the drops of rain in real ?
- (iii) Name the writer .
- (iv) Find the word in the passage that is opposite to ‘ weak in decision’.

Ans : (i) This statue was of the happy prince.
(ii) The drops of the rain were the tears of the happy prince.
(iii) Oscar Wilde
(iv) Determined

b) Then they melted the statue in a furnace. “ What a strange thing!” said the overseers of the workmen at the foundry “. This broken lead will not melt in the furnace . We must throw it away”. O they threw it on adult heap where the dead swallow was also lying.

- (i) Identify “they”.
- (ii) Why do they throw away the heart of the Happy Prince ?
- (iii) Where was the dead swallow lying ?
- (iv) Find a word in the page which means pile .

Ans:

- (i) The Mayor and his men .
- (ii) They threw away the heart of the Happy Prince because it could not melt in the furnace.
- (iii) The dead wallow was lying on a dust heap.
- (iv) Heap .

Q 2 ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN 30 TO 40 WORDS:

(a) What happened when the little swallow was getting ready to sleep ?

Ans : When the swallow was getting ready to sleep , a large drop of water fell on him. It was Prince crying on seeing the misery and sufferings of the people.

(b) In the story The happy prince what are the two most precious things ? What makes them so precious ?

The two most precious things were the leaden heart of the Happy Prince and the dead swallow . The former wept for the poor and helped them by giving sapphires , gold leaf and ruby. While the latter helped the prince in the noble cause and sacrificed her life while staying with him.

(c) Why did the swallow cry when the Happy Prince asked him to pluck out one of the sapphires ?

Ans: The swallow cried when the prince asked him to pluck out one of the sapphires because the Prince would go blind .The prince himself suffered too much so as to help the poor and needy people.

Q 3 ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN 100-150 WORDS

a) Write the character sketch of Happy Prince .

Ans : When the Happy Prince was alive , he had no knowledge of sorrow and tears . He was kept away from all the sufferings and sorrows. He always saw people who were happy all around him in his kingdom. He never knew people could be poor and have problems. After his death, he was placed on a tall column. He was covered with golden leaves and had rubies and sapphires studded on him. Standing on the tall column, the Prince could see the miserable condition of the poor people. He helped all the people around him with the help of the swallow. He was generous and soft hearted as he felt the pain of other people.

b) How did the little swallow carry out the wishes of the Happy Prince ?

Ans The swallow wanted to go to Egypt just like his friends who had already gone there. He had rested at the base of the statue of the Happy Prince for just a night. He postponed his trip as he had to carry a ruby to the needy playwright and another to seamstress. When the Happy Prince gave the sapphire from his eye to the match girl, he became blind. So the swallow decided to stay there and help the needy just like the prince. The swallow died carrying the wishes of the Happy Prince in the service of needy.