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WORKSHEET NO.4.

Name of the Chapter: How I Taught My Grandma to Read

Q I. Choose appropriate answers from the following. (1x10=10)

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:-

“It is the story of an old lady and her ardent desire to go to Kashi or Varanasi.”

1. Whom does ‘it’ refer to?
a. grandmother b. the author c. novel d. none of these
2. What do you mean by the word ‘ardent’?
a. passionate b. proportionate c. disappointed d. delicious
3. Who wrote the novel ‘Kashi Yatre’?
a. Sudha Murthy b. Triveni c. John Keats Robert Frost
4. Which weekly magazine published ‘Kashi Yatre’?
a. The Week b. Samaveera c. Karmaveera d. Janani
5. Why did the old lady want to go to Kashi?
a. holy place of Hindus b. holy place of Muslims
c. holy place of Sikhs d. holy place of Jains

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:-

‘When I was a young girl I lost my mother. There was nobody to look after and guide me. My father was a busy man and got married again. In those days people never considered education essential for girls, so I never went to school.

6. Who is the speaker of these lines?

- a. Avva b. the author c. author's mother d. Villager

7. What was not considered essential in those days?

- a. Make up b. Marriage c. Education d. job

8. What's she worried about?

- a. money b. need of education c. household job d. None of these

9. What happened to Avva's mother?

- a. expired b. went away from her
c. didn't take care of her d. ignored her

10. What happened when she was not guided?

- a. She didn't get food b. She became a bad girl
c. She became uncivilized d. She didn't get education.

Q II. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences. (1x10=10)

1. What do you mean by the word 'Avva'?
2. Why did the old lady in Kashi Yatre want to go to Kashi?
3. What was the name of Sudha Murthy's grandmother?
4. Why the grandmother did identified herself with the novel's protagonist?
5. How could Avva repeat the whole episode of the story to her friends?
6. What did the children do at the temple courtyard?
7. When did Avaa lose her mother?
8. Why didn't Avaa go to school?
9. Why couldn't Avaa read the episode of the novel when her granddaughter was away?
10. What was the deadline kept for reading the novel by her own by Avaa?

Q III. Answer the following questions in about 40 words. (2x10=20)

1. Why did the grandmother depend on her granddaughter to know the story of 'Kashi Yatre'?
2. What message did you get from the story 'How I Taught My Grandmother to Read'?
3. Why did Krishtakka find 'Kashi Yatre' very interesting?

4. Which aspect of the serial 'Kashi Yatre' appealed to the grandmother?
5. Name the magazine in which 'Kashi Yatre' appeared. How often did the villagers receive it?
6. "Childishly I made fun of the old lady. But she just smiled." Why did the speaker make fun of the old lady?
7. "I felt so very dependent and helpless". Why did she feel dependent?
8. How did the granddaughter react to her grandmother's request to teach her to read at first?
9. Why was the grandmother so keen on doing the homework?
10. "Krishtakka was illiterate but a very intelligent learner". Justify.

Q IV. Answer the following questions in about 80 words. (3x5=15)

1. What made Triveni a popular writer?
2. The narrator had planned something to surprise her grandmother. But she herself was surprised. Explain.
3. Why did Krishtakka want her children to study well?
4. Why was the grandmother so much interested in knowing about the latest episode of 'Kashi Yatre'?
5. Explain how Sudha Murthy became a teacher at the young age of twelve?

Q V. Answer the following questions in about 120 words. (5x5=25)

1. What incident made the grandmother realize the importance of education?
 2. The grandmother in the story was a very determined woman, yet at the same time very emotional. Justify.
 3. How did the grandmother justify the gesture of touching the feet of her granddaughter?
 4. Could the grandmother succeed in accomplishing her desire to read? How?
 5. "With reference to Krishtakka's saying, do you agree that one understands the importance of something that one does not have in one's life?"
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