

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Moments Chapter-8 A House is Not a Home
Test Paper-02

Read The Passage and Answer the following Questions:

Passage - 01

1. Five hours later, the fire was finally out. Our house was almost completely burned down. But then it struck me ... I hadn't seen my cat. Where was my cat? Much to my horror, I realized that she was nowhere to be found. Then all at once it hit me - the new school, the fire, my cat — I broke down in tears and cried and cried. I was suffering loss, big time.
 - a. Why did the fireman stop the author?
 - b. What was the author feeling when he hugged her mother?
 - c. Where did the cat go?
 - d. Why did he break down in tears?

Passage - 02

2. The next day, Monday, I went to school. When the fire broke out, I was still wearing the dress I had worn to church that morning but I had no shoes! I had kicked them off when I was doing my homework. They became yet another casualty of the fire. So I had to borrow some tennis shoes from my aunt. Why couldn't I just stay home from school? My mother wouldn't hear of it, but I was totally embarrassed by everything. The clothes I was wearing looked weird, I had no books or homework, and my backpack was gone.
 - a. Where did the author and his mother go that night?
 - b. Why was he not ready to leave that place?
 - c. Why was he still in the church clothes?
 - d. Why did the author feel embarrassed?

Short Answer type Question (30 – 40 words)

3. How did the narrator react when he discovered that his cat was missing?
4. Why did the author keep visiting the remains of his house?
5. What did the author get from his new schoolmates?
6. Why did the narrator feel awkward during the first year of his new high school?

7. What was 'yet another causality of the fire'?
8. Why did the narrator walk around the school like a 'zombie'?

Long Answer type Questions (100 -150 words)

9. How did a 'wonderful' woman bring happiness back in the life of the author?
10. How apt is the title 'A House is not a Home'? Explain.

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Answers

1.
 - a. The fireman stopped the author as he was trying to run after his mother towards the house which was engulfed in fire.
 - b. When he hugged his mother, all his hatred vanished at the thought of losing her.
 - c. The fire created a chaos. Everybody was running here and there to save whatever they could. The cat got frightened and ran away to some safe place.
 - d. The author broke down on seeing the condition of his house. He had lost almost everything in that fire.
2.
 - a. They both went to the author's grandparent's house that night.
 - b. The author was not ready to leave that place because he had lost everything in that fire. Even his cat was missing.
 - c. He was wearing the clothes that he had worn to the church that day when the fire broke out. It all happened suddenly and he lost everything in the fire.
 - d. The author felt embarrassed because his clothes looked shabby and he was wearing the shoes that he had borrowed from his aunt.
3. The fire was finally controlled after five hours. The house was completely destroyed. In this chaos, the narrator didn't realize that his loving cat was missing from there. He broke down in tears and did not want to leave without knowing whether his cat was alive or dead.
4. He kept visiting the house when it was being cleared of the debris. He was still hopeful to find his missing cat there. He thought she might return there someday. He could not accept the fact that he had lost his loving cat.
5. The new schoolmates gave many things to the author. They had a lot of sympathy for him when they came to know that he had lost his house in fire. They all contributed and collected school supplies, clothes and other necessary items for him.
6. The narrator felt awkward during the first year of high school. He was the head of his class at the junior school. The new school was twice the bigger than his old school. His closest friends had moved to another school. He missed them and his teachers there.

7. The next day after the fire, the narrator was to go to the school. He realized that he had no shoes as they also got burnt with the house. It looked that the shoes were 'yet another causality of the fire'. So he had to borrow shoes from his aunt.
8. The author walked around the new school like a zombie. Everything seemed surreal. He was not sure of what would happen there. He felt very insecure. He was disturbed because he had lost his home, he had lost his cat also and he was missing his old friends and teachers.
9. The author loved his cat very much. He lost it when his house caught fire. He tried to find his cat everywhere but failed. After a month had passed, one day, a woman came to him with his cat. He could not believe his eyes. He grabbed his cat and started jumping. This wonderful woman somehow found the author and handed over the cat to him. On seeing the collar and the phone number written on it, she realized that the cat was loved and missed. She was a good lady and could feel the pain of the owner of the cat. The author called her wonderful as getting the cat back was no less than a wonder for him.
10. Human relationships are based on love. The title itself indicates it clearly that a house is not a home without love. The author had to face difficult situations in his life. His father died when he was very young. His mother took care of him alone. He led a very simple life with his friends and teachers. But when he changes from junior to high school, all his friends move to other schools. He could not adjust in the new environment. He felt isolated. Later his house caught fire and he lost almost everything including his cat. He was no more interested in spending a happy life. He was not happy in his new home but when he was reunited with his cat, made new friends in high school and things started to fall in place, he was a happy boy once again and this made his house a home again.