

Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory

Read the given passages carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct alternative:

(1)

Now Bepin Babu realised that it was not he but this man who was making a mistake. Bepin babu had never been to Ranchi. He had been at the point of going several times, but never made it. He smiled and said, "Do you know who I am?" The man raised his eyebrows, bit his tongue and said, "Do I know you? Who doesn't know Bepin Choudhury?" Bepin Babu now turned towards the bookshelves and said, "Still you're making a mistake. One often does. I've never been to Ranchi." The man laughed aloud.

Question 1.

Who was 'this man'?

- (a) Parimal Ghose
- (b) Shopkeeper
- (c) Chetan Babu
- (d) Chunni Lal

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Parimal Ghose

Question 2.

Bepin Babu had never been to

- (a) Kanpur
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Ranchi
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Ranchi

Question 3.

"Do you know who I am?" For whom 'I' is used here?

- (a) Parimal Ghose
- (b) Bepin Choudhury
- (c) Chetan Babu
- (d) ChunniLal

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Bepin Choudhury

Question 4.

Give the meaning of 'several'.

- (a) various
- (b) severe
- (c) limited
- (d) many

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) many

Question 5.

Give the opposite of 'aloud'.

- (a) loudly
- (b) fast
- (c) slow
- (d) sharp

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) slow

(2)

Every Monday, on his way back from work, Bepin Choudhury would drop in at Kalicharan's in New Market to buy books. Crime stories, ghost stories, and thrillers. He had to buy at least five at a time to last him through the week. He lived alone, was not a good mixer, had few friends, and didn't like spending time in idle chat. Today, at Kalicharan's, Bepin Babu had the feeling that someone was observing him from close quarters. He turned around and found himself looking at a round-faced, meek-looking man who now broke into a smile.

Question 1.

Name the lesson.

- (a) The Summit Within
- (b) Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory
- (c) The School Boy
- (d) A Short Mansoon Dairy

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory

Question 2.

What was Bepin Babu's routine?

- (a) To go out for a walk
- (b) To exercise

- (c) To collect novels for a week
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) To collect novels for a week

Question 3.

Who met Bepin Babu at New Market?

- (a) Chunnilal
- (b) Sita Ram
- (c) Parimal Ghose
- (d) Kalicharan

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Parimal Ghose

Question 4.

What was the man doing?

- (a) Staring at Bepin Babu
- (b) Reading books
- (c) Buying books
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Staring at Bepin Babu

Question 5.

What kind of man was Bepin Babu?

- (a) A lonely man
- (b) Had a few friends
- (c) Not a good mixer
- (d) All of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) All of these

(3)

And yet the man knew a great deal about him. How? He even seemed to know some intimate details. The bag of books, wife's death, brother's insanity... The only mistake was about his having gone to Ranchi. Not a mistake; a deliberate lie. In '58, during the Pujas, he was in Kanpur at his friend Haridas Bagchi's place. All Bepin Babu had to do was write to—no, there was no way of writing to Haridas. Bepin Babu suddenly remembered that Haridas had left with his wife for Japan some weeks ago, and he didn't have his address.

Question 1.

For whom 'The man' word is used here?

- (a) Bepin Choudhury
- (b) Parimal Ghose
- (c) Chetan Babu
- (d) Chunni Lai

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Parimal Ghose

Question 2.

What intimate details are talked about in the passage?

- (a) Bag of books
- (b) Wife's death
- (c) Brother's insanity
- (d) All of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) All of these

Question 3.

What was the only mistake?

- (a) About having gone to Lucknow
- (b) About having gone to Ranchi
- (c) About having gone to Kanpur
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) About having gone to Ranchi

Question 4.

Where was Bepin in '58 during Puja holidays?

- (a) Hapur
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Kanpur
- (d) Dimapur

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Kanpur

Question 5.

Who was Haridas Bagchi?

- (a) Bepin's brother
- (b) Bepin's friend

- (c) Bepin's father
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Bepin's friend

(4)

Bepin Babu's car was safely parked in Bertram Street by the Lighthouse Cinema. He told the driver as he got into the car, "Just drive by the Ganga, will you, Sitaram." Driving up the Strand Road, Bepin Babu regretted having paid so much attention to the intruder. He had never been to Ranchi—no question about it. It was inconceivable that he should forget such an incident which took place only six or seven years ago. He had an excellent memory. Unless—Bepin Babu's head reeled.

Question 1.

Name the lesson.

- (a) The Summit Within
- (b) Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory
- (c) The Tsunami
- (d) A Visit to Cambridge

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory

Question 2.

Where was Bepin Babu's car parked?

- (a) In Bertram Street
- (b) In Bertram State
- (c) In Bhartiya Street
- (d) In Bertram City

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) In Bertram Street

Question 3.

What was the name of the driver?

- (a) Ramu
- (b) Ramphal
- (c) Raja
- (d) Sita Rani

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Sita Rani

Question 4.

For 'whom' the word 'intruder' is used?

- (a) Parimal Ghose
- (b) Chunni Lal
- (c) Chetan Babu
- (d) Bepin Babu

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Parimal Ghose

Question 5.

Give the meaning of 'reeled'.

- (a) realised
- (b) revealed
- (c) confused
- (d) railed

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) confused

(5)

"As far as I can make out," said Dr. Chanda, "And I think you're of the same opinion—you must have been to Ranchi, but due to some unknown reason, the entire episode has slipped out of your mind. What I suggest is that you go to Ranchi once again. The sight of the place may remind you of your trip. This is not impossible. More than that I cannot do at the moment. I've prescribed a nerve tonic and a tranquilliser. Sleep is essential, or the symptoms will get more pronounced."

Question 1.

What was Dr. Chanda talking about Bepin Babu?

- (a) Lapse of memory
- (b) Lapse of snorting
- (c) Lapse of writing
- (d) Lapse of sleep

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Lapse of memory

Question 2.

What did he suggest?

- (a) To visit Lucknow
- (b) To visit Ranchi once again
- (c) To visit Kanpur
- (d) None of these

▼ Answer

Answer: (b) To visit Ranchi once again

Question 3.

What treatment did he give to Bepin Babu?

- (a) A tablet
- (b) A tranquilliser
- (c) A nerve tonic
- (d) Both (b) and (c)

▼ Answer

Answer: (d) Both (b) and (c)

Question 4.

Give the meaning of 'essential'.

- (a) not necessary
- (b) common
- (c) necessary
- (d) special

▼ Answer

Answer: (c) necessary

Question 5.

Give the opposite of 'impossible'

- (a) not possible
- (b) possible
- (c) possibility
- (d) happen

▼ Answer

Answer: (b) possible

(6)

"Wait just a minute '58.....just let me check in my dairy." For a minute there was silence. Bepin Babu could feel that his heartbeat had gone up. He was sweating a little.

"Hello."

"Yes."

"I've got it. I'd been out twice."

"Where?"

"Once in February—nearby—to Krishnanagar to a nephew's wedding. And then.....but you'd know about this one. The trip to Ranchi. You were there too. That's all. But what's all this sleuthing about?"

Question 1.

Name the lesson.

- (a) The Summit Within
- (b) Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory
- (c) A Short Monsoon Diary
- (d) This is Jody's Fawn

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory

Question 2.

Who was the speaker of first line?

- (a) Dinesh Mukerjee
- (b) Bepin Choudhury
- (c) Chetan Babu
- (d) ChunniLal

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Dinesh Mukerjee

Question 3.

He was talking to

- (a) Chetan Babu
- (b) The driver
- (c) Bepin Babu
- (d) ChunniLal

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Bepin Babu

Question 4.

Where did the speaker go in '58?

- (a) Krishnanagar
- (b) Ranchi
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) Lucknow

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Both (a) and (b)

Question 5.

Give the meaning of 'sleuthing'.

- (a) to leave
- (b) to help

- (c) to know
- (d) to investigate

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) to investigate

(7)

Next morning, Bepin Babu was back in Calcutta. He realised that there was truly no hope for him. Soon he would lose everything: his will to work, his confidence, his ability, his balance of mind. Was he going to end up in the asylum at....? Bepin Babu couldn't think any more. Back home, he rang up Dr. Chanda and asked him to come over. Then, after a shower, he got into bed with an ice-bag clamped on his head. Just then he servant brought him a letter which someone had left in the letter box. A greenish envelope with his name in red ink on it.

Question 1.

What did Bepin Babu realise?

- (a) That he is forgetting something
- (b) He can't think more
- (c) That he is suffering from 'Lapse of Memory '
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) That he is suffering from 'Lapse of Memory '

Question 2.

Whom did he ring up?

- (a) Dr. Chanda
- (b) Dr. Chadha
- (c) Dr. Mukerjee
- (d) Dr. Chandra

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Dr. Chadha

Question 3.

What did Bepin do then?

- (a) He began to study
- (b) He started writing
- (c) He took a cup of tea
- (d) He got into bed

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) He got into bed

Question 4.

What did the servant bring for him?

- (a) A cup of tea
- (b) A book
- (c) A letter
- (d) A newspaper

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) A letter

Question 5.

'Asylum' is a place :

- (a) to keep sick people
- (b) to keep mad people
- (c) to keep needy people
- (d) none of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) to keep mad people
