

Bholi

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Read and find out

1. Why is bholi's father worried about her?

Ans: Bholi's father is worried about her because she is ugly and she also lacks in intelligence.

2. For what unusual reasons is bholi sent to school?

Ans: Bholi is sent to school not for education but to worry her teachers about her.

3. Why do bholi's parents accept bishamner's marriage proposal?

Ans: Bholi's parents accept bishamner's marriage proposal because bishamner is very rich and he does not ask any dowry.

4. Why does the marriage not take place?

Ans: The marriage does not take place because at the last moment the bride room demands dowry. Bholi rejects him at once.

5. Does bholi enjoy her first day at school?

Ans: At first bholi was afraid of school but when she reached the school she enjoyed it.

6. Does she find her teacher different from the people at home?

Ans: Yes, she finds her teacher different from the people at home. She finds her teacher's voice soft and soothing. She feels love.

Think about it

1. Bholi had many apprehensions about going to school. What made her feel that she was going to a better place than her home?

Ans: Bholi did not know what a school was like. She was afraid of school. She was bathed and oil was rubbed to her matted hair and dressed. This made her feel that she was going to a better place than her home.

2. How did bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?

Ans: Bholi's teacher played the important role in changing the course of her life. The teacher showed her great love and encouraged to learn talking. She would be able to learn and people would respect her. She was inspired and she learnt and it changed her life.

3. Why did bholi at first agree to an unequal match why did she later reject the marriage? What does this tell us about her?

Ans: Bholi at first agreed to an unequal match being a victim of circumstances. To keep her father's face she agreed.

But later she rejected as he demanded dowry of five thousand rupees.

4. Bholi's real name is sulekha. We are told this right at the beginning. But only in the last but one paragraph of the story is bholi called sulekha again. Why do you think she is called sulekha at that point in the story?

Ans: The real name of bholi is sulekha. She lacked in intelligence and so she was called bholi, the simpleton.

But later she remained no more bholi. She acquired intelligence and had confidence. So she was called sulekha.

Talk about it

1. Bholi's teacher helped her overcome social barriers by encouraging and motivating her. How do you think you can contribute to wards changing the social attitudes illustrated in this story?

Ans: We can change social attitudes with the help of spreading education. The light of education drives away the darkness of superstition and many other social injustice. Ignorance is the cause of social barriers and education can remove ignorance.

2. Should girls be aware of their rights, and assert them? Should girls and boys have the same rights, duties and privileges? What are some of the ways in which society treats them differently? When we speak of 'human rights', do we differentiate between girls' rights and boys ' rights?

Ans: In fact, girls should be aware of their rights and assert them. They should also be aware of their duties.

There should be some difference in case of rights, duties and privileges for boys and girls. But discrimination should not be made. But society treats girls inferior to boys.

In case of 'human rights' we can make no difference.

3. Do you think the characters in the story were speaking to each other in English? In fact, in which language were they speaking? (you can get clues from the names of the persons and the non-English words used in the story)

Ans: The characters in the story were speaking to each other in hindi, not in English. Various names are the evidence.