

Chapter 9 : Changing Families

A new arrival!

Question 1:

Who were the members of Nimmi's family before the arrival of her baby sister?

Answer 1:

The members of Nimmi's family before the arrival of her baby sister were her father, mother, grandmother and uncle.

Question 2:

How many members are there in Nimmi's family now?

Answer 2:

There are six members in Nimmi's family now.

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Question 3:

How do you think the lives of Nimmi's family members have changed after the arrival of the new baby? For example –

- (a) How will Nimmi spend her day now?
- (b) What new work will her mother do now?
- (c) There will be a change in the daily work of Nimmi's father, grandmother and uncle with the arrival of the new baby. Can you tell how?

Answer 3:

- (a) Nimmi will now spend her day playing with the new born baby.
- (b) Her mother now has to look after the new born baby also along with all the other work she was doing for her family.
- (c) Nimmi's father, grandmother and uncle would now spend extra time to help her mother and play as well as take care of the newly born baby to support her mother.

Question 4:

- (a) Has a small brother or sister been born in your home or in any house in your neighbourhood?
- (b) How does it feel to have a new baby at home?
- (c) How have things changed at home with the new baby?

Answer 4:

- (a) Yes, a small sister has been born in my house.
- (b) Everyone at home are very happy and they spend a lot of time with the baby.
- (c) Now everyone is planning what all to do for the little baby like buying the essential requirements and other arrangements. Everyone at home is also helping my mother in taking care of the new baby besides the mother.

Question 5:

Find out all about the youngest child in your home or in the home of a relative. Then write –

- (a) When was the baby born?
- (b) Is the baby a boy or a girl?
- (c) How are you related to him or her?
- (d) Where was the baby born?
- (e) Who does the baby look like?
- (f) What is the colour of his or her hair?
- (g) What is the colour of his or her eyes?
- (h) Does the baby have any teeth?
- (i) What do we feed the baby with?
- (j) What is the baby's length?
- (k) How many hours a day does the baby sleep?
- (l) What different sounds does the baby make?
- (m) Who does the baby stay with most of the time?
- (n) Stick a photograph of the baby or draw a picture in your notebook.

Answer 5:

- (a) The baby was born a few days back.
- (b) It is a baby girl.
- (c) I am her elder brother/sister.
- (d) The baby was born in the same hospital where my mother says I was born
- (e) The baby looks more like my dad.

- (f) The colour of her hair is black.
- (g) The colour of her eyes are brown.
- (h) No, she doesn't have any tooth.
- (i) The baby is fed with milk, banana, pulse juices and meshed food items.
- (j) The baby's height is about two feet.
- (k) She sleeps for more than fourteen hours in a day.
- (l) The baby cries a lot and also produces various other types of sounds. At times she smiles or groans all by herself.
- (m) The baby stays with the mother most of the time.
- (n)



New Place

Question 6:

When Tsering's father showed the letter to his family, how do you think the different members would have felt?

Answer 6:

There could be mixed reactions in the family as some members would have been very happy to know about the promotion of Tsering's father while others would have felt bad that they would have to leave a place where they have been living from so many years.

However, moving to a new town was exciting for Tsering also. But Tsering's mother and grandparents were slightly worried too about making arrangements for shifting to the new town.

Question 7:

What will change in Tsering's family after his father's transfer? For example–

- (a) Who from Tsering's family will live with his father at the new place?
Which school will Tsering go to now? Will he have new friends?
- (b) Has anybody in your family moved to a new place because of work?
- (C) What do you feel about this change?

Answer 7:

- (a) Tsering, his sister and his mother would live with his father at the new place. Tsering would now go to a new school. Yes, in the new school Tsering would have to make new friends.
- (b) Yes, my uncle had to move to Bangalore because of his job.
- (c) One should with the needs and requirements . A change is very important in one's life. It is natural. Also, it's a regular thing to change place because of work. In fact, we should feel happy as we get a chance to visit a new place.

Question 8:

Is there anyone in your class or school who has come to your school from another place? If so, talk to him or her.

- (a) Where has she or he come from?
- (b) What was his or her old school like?
- (c) What does he or she find different here?
- (d) Does he or she like the change?

Answer 8:

Yes, there are two boys in my class IV who have shifted from some other city 3 months ago.

- (a) One of them has come from Bengaluru and the other one from Mexico.
- (b) His old school was very big and full of greenery . He also had lot of friends there.
- (c) Everything was new there for him. Not only were the people new but the language, food, friends etc everything was new which made him feel so excited.
- (d) Yes, he liked the change.

Let us talk

Question 9:

Do you think that there will be any change in Nazli's family after this wedding? What will change?

- (a) Do you think there will be changes in the home from where the new bride has come? What kind of changes?
- (b) Talk to your mother and aunts in the family. Ask them about where they lived before they got married.
- (c) Who were the members in their families then?
- (d) Has anybody in your family been married recently? Who?

Answer 9:

Yes, things will definitely change in Nazli's family after this wedding as a new member will be added to the family and Nazli would now have a new sister-in-law.

- (a) Yes, there will be lot of changes in the home from where the new bride will come. She will have a new family and the family members will also have a new member to adjust with.. The family would have to give more time to the new member, make her feel comfortable and help her to adjust in the new family.
- (b) They lived with their parents and siblings before marriage.
- (c) In my mother's family, she, her mother, her father and her sister and brother lived together before her marriage.
- (d) Yes, my cousin sister got married recently in my family.

Question 10:

Talk to your classmates and write all about what happens during weddings in their families.

- (a) What kind of special food is cooked?
- (b) What special clothes do the bride and bridegroom wear?
- (c) What kinds of songs and dances are performed at weddings?

Answer 10:

- (a) A variety of traditional foods was cooked along with sweets during the wedding.
- (b) The bride wore a beautiful lehnga and choli with a beautiful dupatta. The bridegroom wore a nice ethnic Shervani with a pagri.
- (c) At weddings traditional, folk, melody and Bollywood songs and dances are performed.

Question 11:

Write down the reasons for these changes-

- (a) In Nimmi's family
- (b) In Tsering's family
- (c) In Nazli's family
- (d) There can be many reasons for changes in families. Can you think of some more reasons?

Answer 11:

- (a) The reason for the change that happened in her family was the birth of a new baby. They got a new family member.
- (b) As Tsering's father got a promotion at his workplace, he had to shift to a new city. Tsering's family was getting prepared for this change with excitement but were ready to cope up with the new challenges also.
- (c) As her elder cousin brother got married a new bride came to Nazli's family. She was Nazli's sister-in-law.
- (d) The reasons for changes in a family can be :
 - (i) someone leaving the family for higher education.
 - (ii) transfer of a relative who might come to live with the family.
 - (iii) death of a family member.
 - (iv) marriage in a family
 - (v) dispute in a family
 - (vi) addition of a new member in the family

Question 12:

Talk to three old people – one from your family, one from your friend's family and one from a family in your neighbourhood. Ask them these questions and fill in the table.

Question	Your family	Friend's family	Neighbour's family
Since how many years has your family been staying here?			
Where did your family live before coming here?			
How many members are there in your family today?			
How many members were there in your family 10 years ago?			
What were the reasons for the changes in your family in the last 10 years?			
How do you feel about all these changes?			
What problems do you face with changes in technology.			

Answer 12:

Question	Your family	Friend's family	Neighbour's family
Since how many years has your family been staying here?	20 years	15 years	7 years
Where did your family live before coming here?	Living in Delhi since beginning	Bangalore, Karnataka	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
How many members are there in your family today?	6 members	5 members	4 members
How many members were there in your family 10 years ago?	3 members	6 members	8 members
What were the reasons for the changes in your family in the last 10 years?	birth of my little brother and marriage of my chachu	Death of grandmother and birth of twin babies.	It was a joint family but then they shifted to the new city. So, they had to leave their grandparent's back.
How do you feel about all these changes?	I feel happy for the new member of the family and excited to live in a new city.	Sad due to the death of my grandmother but happy for the twins in the family.	Miss the joint family and the love and care of grandparents.
What problems do you face with changes in technology.	It is difficult to adopt by grandparents.	It is difficult to adopt by grandfather.	It is difficult to adopt by grandmother.

My Family – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

Question 13:

All families change in some way or the other because of different reasons. Has your family changed too?

Answer 13:

Yes, my family had many changes too. My cousin brother got married and now his wife is staying with them.

Question 14:

When your grandmother and grandfather were children like you, was your family just like it is today?

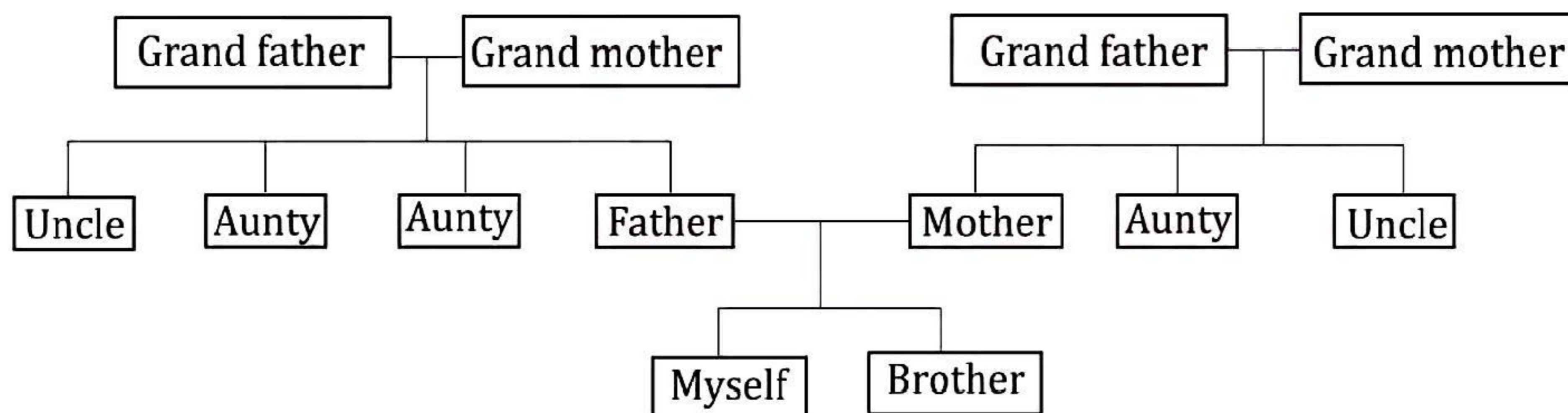
Answer 14:

No, it was not the same. They were living together as big joint families with many family members in a village.

Question 15:

You had also drawn a family tree of your own family. Let us again draw the family tree of last year in your notebook.

Answer 15:

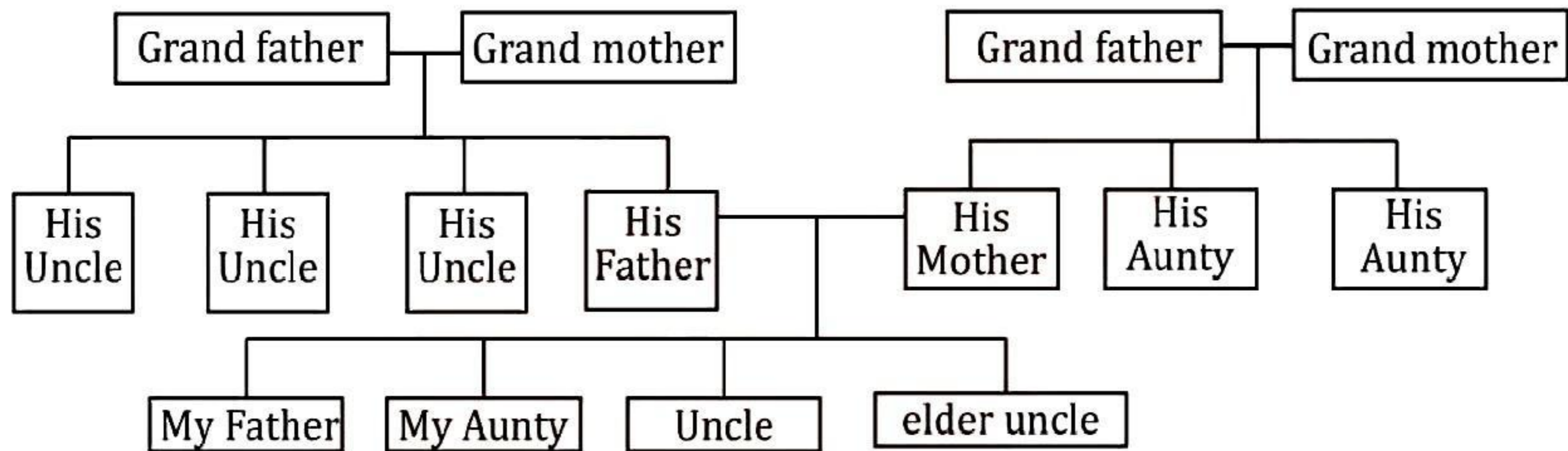


Question 16:

Ask your grandmother or grandfather how many members were there in their family when they were your age? Then draw a family tree in your notebook of their family when they were young.

Answer 16:

Given below is the family tree of my grandfather.



Question 17:

Can you see yourself, your brother or your sister, your mother or your father, anywhere in this family tree?

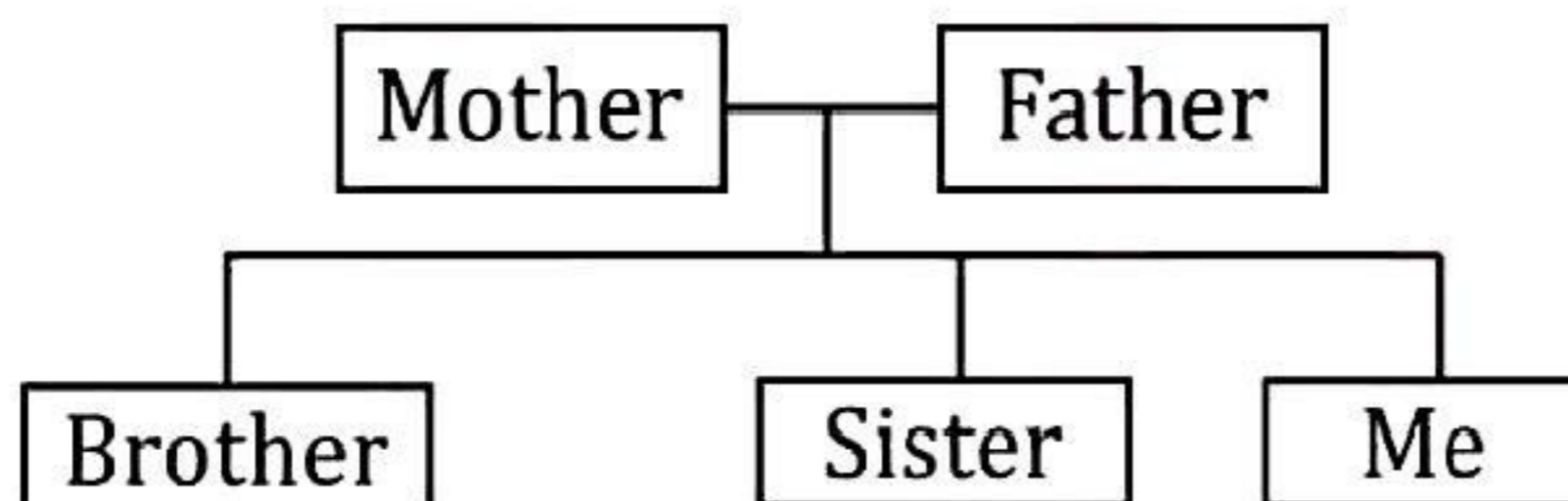
Answer 17:

No, I can only see my father in the above family tree because by that time my father was unmarried and I was not born

Question 18:

Now draw a family tree of your present family in your notebook.

Answer 18:



Question 19:

Can you see yourself anywhere in this family tree? Who are the members of your family today? Where are your grandparents?

Answer 19:

Yes, I can see myself in the family tree. The members of my family in the present family tree are my brother, my mother and my father. My grandparents are living in our native village.

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Question 20:

Can you tell in what ways the family tree of your grandmother or grandfather in their childhood is different from your family tree today?

Answer 20:

The family tree of my grandfather is bigger in size as compared to my family tree because that was the time when there were more children in one family and joint families were also there.

Going Back to School

Question 21:

Upto which class do you want to study?

Answer 21:

I want to study up to the level of some professional degree or course like C. A., Engineering etc.

Question 22:

Upto which class have your parents studied?

Answer 22:

My father has a B. A. degree and my mother has a M. A. degree.

Question 23:

Till which class did your grandmother get a chance to study?

Answer 23:

My grandmother got a chance to study only till class 10.

Question 24:

At what age did your grandmother get married?

Answer 24:

My grandmother got married at the age of 19 years.

Question 25:

Have you heard of a Law that talks about the ages before which girls and boys must not get married?

Answer 25:

Yes, I have heard about Law and by that law boys before the age of 21 and also girls before the age of 21 must not get married.

Find out and write

Question 26:

Are there any such children in your neighbourhood who had to drop out of school? Do they want to go back to school?

Answer 26:

Yes, there is boy working in tea stall with his father. His financial condition is not so good to join the school. He is eager to study in school but the situations are not supporting him.

Question 27:

What are they doing these days?

Answer 27:

She is working in a factory to earn money for her family as she is the eldest child of her family.

Question 28:

Has anybody in your family got married recently? Who?

Answer 28:

Yes, my elder cousin brother got married recently.

Question 29:

What was the age of the bride and the groom?

Answer 29:

The age of the bride was 24 and the age of the bridegroom was 28.