

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Beehive Chapter-3 The Little Girl**  
**Test Paper-04**

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**Read the following passages and answer the questions:**

1. By that time he had his spectacles on and looked at her over them in a way that was terrifying to the little girl. "Well, Kezia, hurry up and pull off these boots and take them outside.  
Have you been a good girl today?"  
"I d-d-don't know, Father."
  - a. Why was Kezia terrified?
  - b. What was father's routine?
  - c. Why did Kezia reply that she didn't know?
  - d. Who asked Kezia to take off her father's shoes and put them outside?
2. "What's the matter? What are you looking so wretched about? Mother, I wish you taught this child not to appear on the brink of suicide... Here, Kezia, carry my teacup back to the table carefully." He was so big — his hands and his neck, especially his mouth when he yawned. Thinking about him alone was like thinking about a giant.
  - a. Who said, 'What are you looking so wretched about'?
  - b. Who thought the man to be a giant?
  - c. Why did the man say that the child was on the brink of suicide?
  - d. What did the man tell Kezia to do?

**Answer the following questions in about 30 words:**

3. Why do we stutter when we are afraid?
4. "You d-d-don't know? If you stutter like that Mother will have to take you to the doctor."  
Who said it and for whom?
5. Who put Kezia to bed when her mother fell ill, and she and the grandmother went to the hospital?
6. What nightmare did Kezia see every time?
7. What was Kezia's reaction when she saw MacDonalds enjoy and have fun in the neighborhood?

8. Why did Kezia stir and shiver when she was having her head on her father's chest?

**Answer the following questions in about 100 words:**

9. Why do you think grandmother wanted Kezia to be with her mother and father on every Sunday?

10. How did father react when Kezia had a nightmare and mother and grandmother were not at home?

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**Answer**

1.
  - a. Kezia was terrified at the way her used to look at her over his spectacles.
  - b. Father's routine was to come home and ask for a cup of tea after asking for the paper. He would put on his spectacles and ask Kezia to remove his shoes and put them outside.
  - c. When father asked if she had been a good girl Kezia replied that she didn't know, because she was afraid of her father and didn't know how to react to him.
  - d. Mother asked Kezia to take off her father's shoes and put them outside.
2.
  - a. Father said, 'What are you looking so wretched about'.
  - b. Kezia thought the man to be a giant, because her father was very large with big hands and thick neck and especially his mouth when he yawned.
  - c. The man said that the child was on the brink of suicide, because the child looked miserable in front of him and stared blankly.
  - d. The man told Kezia to take his cup of tea carefully and put it on the table.
3. We stutter when we are afraid because we are at a loss for words and also the fear makes us loose confidence.
4. "You d-d-don't know? If you stutter like that Mother will have to take you to the doctor." The father said it to Kezia.
5. Alice put Kezia to bed when her mother fell ill, and she and the grandmother went to the hospital.
6. The nightmare Kezia saw was that a butcher was coming towards her with a knife in his hand and a wicked smile on his face. He would come near and near with time.
7. When Kezia saw MacDonalds enjoy and have fun in the neighborhood, she was surprised and thought that there are different sorts of father.
8. Kezia stirred and shiver when she was having her head on her father's chest because she was able to hear his heart beat. She felt so comfortable at her father's chest that she thought he had a big heart.
9. Grandmother wanted Kezia to be with her mother and father on every Sunday because

she wanted her to be comfortable in their company. Kezia was always afraid of her father and was never comfortable in his company. Whenever she went to the drawing room to meet her parents, the mother was busy in reading something and the father was sleeping with a handkerchief on his face and snoring on a sofa with his legs on the finest cushion.

10. When Kezia had a nightmare and mother and grandmother were not at home because mother was ill and had to be taken to the hospital, she screamed. The father came to her room with a lighted candle and asked Kezia the reason for her screaming. When told about the nightmare, he picked up the girl and took her into his room, put her in his bed beside him and asked her to warm her feet by rubbing them on his legs. She put her head on his big chest and felt comfortable. Though she stirred and shivered, she felt so cozy that she forgot about her nightmare.