

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature

Beehive Chapter-9 The Bond of Love

Test Paper-02

1. As for drink: milk, tea, coffee, lime-juice, aerated water, buttermilk, beer, alcoholic liquor and, in fact, anything liquid. It all went down with relish. The bear became very attached to our two Alsatian dogs and to all the children of the tenants living in our bungalow. He was left quite free in his younger days and spent his time in playing, running into the kitchen and going to sleep in our beds.
 - a. What eating habits did the bear have in his new home?
 - b. What did he relish?
 - c. Who did he become attached to?
 - d. How did he spend his time?
2. One day an accident befell him. I put down poison (barium carbonate) to kill the rats and mice that had got into my library. Bruno entered the library as he often did, and he ate some of the poison. Paralysis set in to the extent that he could not stand on his feet. But he dragged himself on his stumps to my wife, who called me. I guessed what had happened. Off I rushed in the car to the vet's residence. A case of poisoning! Tame bear-barium carbonate-what to do?
 - a. How did the bear consume poison?
 - b. What happened to him after that?
 - c. Why was he taken to the vet's residence?
 - d. Why did the author keep poison in the library?
3. What happened when Bruno entered the library?
4. What did the author keep in his library and why?
5. What happened to Bruno after eating the poison?
6. Why did they have to rush to the vet's residence?
7. Why did the vet consult his medical books on seeing Bruno?
8. What was Bruno's condition?
9. What arrangements were made to bring Baba back to the author's house? (100 words)
10. What name the narrator's wife gave to the baby-bear? Why was his name changed then? (100 words)

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Answers

1.
 - a. The bear could eat anything and everything. The author's wife gave him porridge, eggs, bread, chocolates and many other things. He relished having buttermilk, beer, aerated drinks and anything that was liquid.
 - b. He relished having the drinks like beer, aerated drinks, buttermilk, tea, coffee, milk and everything liquid that was given to him.
 - c. Bruno became attached to the two Alsatians in the house.
 - d. He spent his time playing with the children living in the bungalow .He used to roam free in the kitchen and even slept on their beds.
2.
 - a. He accidentally ate the poison that the author had kept in his library to kill the rats and mice.
 - b. After he ate poison, paralysis set in to such an extent that he could not stand straight on his feet. He had to be taken to the vet immediately.
 - c. The author immediately understood when he saw Bruno dragging himself on the floor. Paralysis had set in so Bruno had to be taken to the vet.
 - d. The author used to keep the poison in his library to kill the rats and mice there.
3. When Bruno entered the library, he saw something kept on the floor. He accidently ate it. It was the poison that the author had kept there to kill the rats and the mice.
4. The author kept barium carbonate, a poison used to kill rats and mice, in his library. He did this to kill the rats and mice that got into the library.
5. As soon as Bruno ate the poison, paralysis set in .The effect of it was so much that he could not even stand straight on his feet. He dragged himself towards the kitchen where the author's wife was standing.
6. Bruno felt very weak, had vomiting and heavy breathing. He could hardly breathe with heaving flanks and gaping mouth and was struggling to move. He could be seen weakening rapidly.
7. As the author had already told him what poison Bruno had consumed, the vet wanted to consult his medical books to refer to the exact treatment that could be given immediately

to Bruno to bring him some relief.

8. Bruno felt very weak. He was breathing very heavily with heaving flanks and gaping mouth. He started vomiting. He started weakening rapidly and was unable to move his body or stand straight on his feet.
9. After a lot of persuasion and pleading, the superintendent finally agreed to let Baba live with the family. He wrote a letter to the curator of the zoo to make arrangements to send Baba back to Mysore. He arranged for a small cage in which Baba was shifted and it was then tied safely on top of the authors' car. The journey back home was slow and careful. Some coolies were engaged to make an island for Baba in the compound of their house. It was twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide. It was surrounded by moat, six feet wide and seven feet deep. A wooden box was also provided to Baba in which he could sleep at night. Straw was placed inside to keep him warm.
10. The author's wife was delighted to see the sloth bear. She immediately tied a colored ribbon around his neck. She wanted to give him a name of her choice. After discovering that he was a 'boy', she christened it Bruno. Bruno also loved her very much. In a very short span of time, they both shared a different bond of love for each other. She treated him like her child. She also fed him the way she took care of her own children. Bruno also started to eat and drink like human beings. He liked to eat bread, eggs, chocolates, porridge and drank buttermilk, beer and any liquid that was given to him. Since the author's wife got attached to him and treated him like his son, she changed his name from Bruno to 'Baba', a Hindustani word signifying 'a small boy'.