

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-9 The Bond of Love
Test Paper-03

Read the following extract answer the questions that follow:-

1. The months rolled on and Bruno had grown many times the size he was when he came. He had equaled the Alsatians in height and had even outgrown them. But was just as sweet, just as mischievous, and just as playful. And he was very fond of us all. Above all, he loved my wife, and she loved him too! She had changed his name from Bruno, to Baba, a Hindustani word signifying 'small boy'. And he could do a few tricks, too. At the command, 'Baba, wrestle', or 'Baba, box,' he vigorously tackled anyone who came forward for a rough and tumble.
 - a. What tricks could Bruno do?
 - b. How did he look after a few months?
 - c. Why did the author's wife change his name?
 - d. Why is Bruno compared to the Alsatians?
2. Then my son and I advised my wife, and, friends advised her too, to give Baba to the zoo at Mysore. He was getting too big to keep at home. After some weeks of such advice she at last consented. Hastily, and before she could change her mind, a letter was written to the curator of the zoo. Did he want a tame bear for his collection? He replied, "Yes". The zoo sent a cage from Mysore in a lorry, a distance of eighty-seven miles, and Baba was packed off.
 - a. Why did the author decide to send Bruno to a zoo?
 - b. How did the zoo take away Bruno?
 - c. Why did they write a letter to the curator of the zoo?
 - d. Why was the author's wife not ready to part with the bear?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. What happened to Bruno when he was sent to the zoo?
4. How did the author's wife react when Bruno was taken away to the zoo?
5. What happened when the author's wife went to the zoo to meet Bruno?
6. How was the mother of the sloth bear killed?

7. Why was Baba packed off to a zoo?
8. Why was Bruno chained most of the time when he grew up?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. Why was Bruno sent to the zoo and why was he then brought back to the family? What sort of character is reflected by this act of her?
10. 'The Bond of Love' is an emotional story .Give your opinion about the bonding between the woman and the bear.

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Answers

1.
 - a. Baba, on getting instructions, would wrestle or box and vigorously tackled anyone who came forward for a rough and tumble.
 - b. Ten months had already passed and Bruno had almost outgrown the Alsatians at their house. But he was still very sweet but mischievous and very playful.
 - c. The author's wife changed his name because she got attached to him and treated him like her son rather than a pet.
 - d. Bruno is compared to the Alsatians in terms of growth because he had outgrown them in a few months time.
2.
 - a. The author decided to send him to the zoo because he was getting too big to be kept at home.
 - b. The zoo authorities were informed and they took him packed in a cage.
 - c. They wrote a letter to the curator of the zoo to ask if he needed a tame bear for his zoo.
 - d. She was not ready to part from Bruno because she loved him very much and treated him like her own child. She had motherly affection for him.
3. When Bruno was sent to the zoo, he became very thin and remained sad all the time. He fretted and refused to eat the food also. He seemed very emotional and sentimental.
4. The narrator's wife was inconsolable after the bear was sent to the zoo. She wept all the time and fretted. For the first few days, she did not eat anything. She could not bear the separation from the bear.
5. On seeing the author's wife, Baba howled with happiness. She ran up to him and patted him through the bars .Baba stood on his head in delight. She spent three hours pampering him and feeding him his favorite food items.
6. People were driving away the wild pigs from the sugarcane fields by shooting at them. Suddenly a black sloth bear appeared from the fields. The author did not want to shoot it but one of his companions did. The animal fell on the ground dead.
7. Baba was getting too big to keep at home. Because of the tenant's children's safety, Bruno

had to be chained most of the time. So they thought of giving him off to the zoo authorities. But his wife did not want to part ways with him. After a lot of persuasion, she gave her consent and Bruno was packed off to the zoo.

8. Bruno had grown many times the size he was when he came to their house. Though he was very friendly with everybody around but due to the children's safety, they had to keep him chained most of the time in the house.
9. The bear, Bruno, was very dear to the author's wife. They spent many hours together and loved each other's company. He was very playful and mischievous and outgrown many times his size. He had to be kept in chains most of the time for the sake of everybody's safety. The author felt that he was depriving Bruno of his natural freedom. So he decided to send him to a zoo. But his wife did not want to part ways with him as she had motherly affection for him. He suggested her same but she did not agree to that. But finally when everybody started telling them the same they spoke to the zoo curator and finally packed him off to the zoo. But his wife and Bruno both could not bear the separation and so he had to be brought back to their home. This shows that the author's wife had real love for Bruno.
10. 'The Bond of Love' is a story of emotional bonding between a woman and a bear. The author's wife tamed Bruno as her pet but soon developed motherly affection for him. She put a colored ribbon around his neck as soon as her husband gifted it to her. She used to feed him like children. Bruno had also started eating like human beings. She would instruct Bruno and he played according to that. This gave both of them happiness and they started enjoying each others company. But when he grew up, the author decided to send him to a zoo. But his wife did not agree to that. She was inconsolable when Bruno left for the zoo. She did not eat anything for days. Bruno was also sad. Finally they had to bring him back as it was difficult for both of them to bear the separation.