

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Beehive Chapter-3 The Little Girl**  
**Test Paper-03**

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

1. One day, when she was kept indoors with a cold, her grandmother told her that father's birthday was next week and suggested she should make him a pin-cushion for a gift out of a beautiful piece of yellow silk. Laboriously, with a double cotton, the little girl stitched three sides. But what to fill it with? That was the question. The grandmother was out in the garden, and she wandered into Mother's bedroom to look for scraps. On the bed-table she discovered a great many sheets of fine paper, gathered them up, tore them into tiny pieces, and stuffed her case, then sewed up the fourth side.
  - a. Why was Kezia kept indoors?
  - b. What was she making with yellow silk?
  - c. Why did Kezia wander into her mother's bedroom?
  - d. For whom was she making the gift?
2. That night there was a hue & cry in the house. Father's great speech for the Port Authority had been lost. Rooms were searched; servants questioned. Finally, Mother came into Kezia's room. "Kezia, I suppose you didn't see some papers on a table in our room?"
  1. Why was there a hue and cry?
  2. Why did mother come to Kezia's room?
  3. What did Kezia tell her mother about the lost thing?
  4. What was the reaction of father on Kezia's reply?
3. Was Kezia successful in explaining to her father about the reason for tearing his papers?
4. What did grandmother do when Kezia was beaten by her father?
5. Why was mother taken to the hospital?
6. How would you explain the reaction of Kezia whenever she met her father after he beat her up for his papers?
7. What did Kezia's mother do when she came to know that Kezia had taken the papers?
8. What used to be Kezia's reaction to see her father leave for work.
9. Summarize the character of Kezia. (LA)
10. What sort of father would you like become of the two discussed in the chapter? (LA)

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**Answer**

1.
  - a. Kezia was kept indoors because she had cold.
  - b. She was making a pin cushion with yellow silk to be given as a surprise gift to her father on his birthday.
  - c. Kezia was searching for some scrap to fill the pin cushion, so get the scrap she wandered into her mother's bedroom.
  - d. She was making the gift for her father to be given as a surprise on his birthday.
2.
  - a. There was a hue and cry in the house when father lost his papers.
  - b. Mother came to Kezia's room to ask her if she had seen her father's papers.
  - c. Kezia told her mother that she had taken the papers to fill as stuffing for the pin cushion.
  - d. Father was very furious on Kezia's reply as he came to know that his speech was torn by her to make the stuffing for the pin cushion.
3. Kezia was not successful in explaining to her father about the reason for tearing his papers because he wouldn't listen to any explanation.
4. When Kezia was beaten by her father, the grandmother took her to her room, wrapped her in a shawl and rocked her in her rocking chair.
5. Mother taken to the hospital because she fell ill and needed treatment.
6. Kezia, whenever she met her father after he beat her up for his papers, would put her hands on her back and there would be red color on her cheek.
7. When Kezia's mother came to know that Kezia had taken the papers, she screamed with shock and asked Kezia to come down to the dining room.
8. Kezia's used to feel relieved whenever she saw her father leave for work. She would say good bye to him and stand waiting in the room listening to fainting sound of the carriage.
9. Kezia was a very sensitive girl. She was afraid of her father. Since her father was huge and didn't speak much and always having a stern face, made her fear him. When he beat her for tearing his papers, it upset her. She tried to explain even while crying. Later she was so fearful of him that she would stand with her hands tied at her back. She tried to

analyze different kind of fathers when she saw Mr. MacDonald through the gap in the fence. But when she was comforted by her father after she had the nightmare and her grannie was not there, she changed her mind and thought and said that he had a big heart.

10. There are many type of people in this world. Most men become father, but they carry the attitude, they had before becoming father. This doesn't go well with the children as they always love to have happy and loving fathers. Kezia's father was a reticent, i.e. one who speaks less. He wouldn't play with his daughter and scold her for her small mistakes. But he had a big heart too. When Kezia was alone at home and had a nightmare, he took her to his room and comforted her. MacDonald was a very fun-loving father. He would play with the children and laugh at their pranks. So, most of the children would love to have a father like MacDonald and I would like to become one like him.