

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-3 The Little Girl
Test Paper-01

Read the following passages and answer the questions:

1. She never stuttered with other people — had quite given it up — but only with Father, because then she was trying so hard to say the words properly.
 - a. Who was she?
 - b. Why did she stutter and in front of whom?
 - c. Why did she try so hard to say words properly?
 - d. Who was she afraid of?
2. On Sunday afternoons Grandmother sent her down to the drawing-room to have a “nice talk with Father and Mother”. But the little girl always found Mother reading and Father stretched out on the sofa, his handkerchief on his face, his feet on one of the best cushions, sleeping soundly and snoring.
 - a. Where did the grandmother send Kezia on Sunday afternoons?
 - b. What did the girl always do after going to drawing room?
 - c. What was father’s usual habit?
 - d. Why was Kezia sent to her father and mother?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. “What’s the matter? What are you looking so wretched about? Who said these words, to whom and about whom?
4. ‘You look like a brown owl’. Why did father say it to Kezia?
5. Why did the grandmother ask to make a surprise gift?
6. Who was MacDonald?
7. Why was Kezia afraid of sleeping alone at night?
8. Where did mother and grandmother go leaving Kezia alone at home?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. How Mr. MacDonald different from Kezia’s father?
10. How did a change occur in Kezia towards her father?

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Answer

1.
 - a. She was Kezia, the little girl.
 - b. She stuttered in front her father because she was afraid of him.
 - c. She tried hard to say words properly in front of her father but couldn't because she was afraid of him.
 - d. She was afraid of her father because he had a huge body and behaved very strictly in front of her.
2.
 - a. The grandmother sent Kezia to the drawing room on Sunday afternoons to be with her father and mother.
 - b. The girl always stood still, afraid and shaken in front of her father, after going to drawing room.
 - c. Father's usual habit on Sunday afternoons was to sleep on the sofa with handkerchief on his face and his legs on a fine cushion, snoring heavily.
 - d. Kezia sent to her father and mother to be with them and talk to them. She was always fearful of her father and stuttered in front of him.
3. These words were spoken by Kezia's father to her mother about Kezia.
4. 'You look like a brown owl'. The father said it to Kezia because she was afraid of him and stood still in the drawing room, staring at him blankly.
5. The grandmother asked Kezia to make a surprise gift, a pin cushion with yellow silk, for her father on his birthday.
6. MacDonald was the neighbor of Kezia. He had five children and he used to often play with them.
7. Kezia was afraid of sleeping alone at night because she used to have nightmares.
8. Mother and grandmother went to Hospital when mother fell sick, leaving Kezia alone at home.
9. Mr. MacDonald was a friendly person. He used to play with his children in the garden, laugh at their pranks and did not scold them. Whereas Kezia's father was a strict, used to speak little and had a stern face. He never played with Kezia. He used to scold Kezia for

her mistakes, even when she stuttered he never tried to pacify her. He would comment on her behavior and her actions.

10. A change occurred in Kezia towards her father when her mother had to go to hospital for her treatment and she had to sleep alone at home. Kezia was always afraid of sleeping alone as she used to get nightmares. Her mother would take her to her bedroom and made her sleep with her whenever Kezia was afraid. That night when she was alone at home and had the nightmare, her father took her to his room and made her comfortable and took her to his bed to sleep.