

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-3 The Little Girl
Test Paper-02

Read the following passages and answer the questions:

1. But the same old nightmare came — the butcher with a knife and a rope, who came nearer and nearer, smiling that dreadful smile, while she could not move, could only stand still, crying out, “Grandma! Grandma!” She woke shivering to see Father beside her bed, a candle in his hand
 - a. To whom did the nightmare come?
 - b. Why did wake up shivering?
 - c. What was the routine whenever she used to have a nightmare?
 - d. Where was the grandmother that night?
2. “What’ll I do if I have a nightmare?” she asked. “I often have nightmares and then Grannie takes me into her bed—I can’t stay in the dark—it all gets ‘whispery’...”
 - a. Who said, “What’ll I do if I have a nightmare?”
 - b. To whom did she say these words?
 - c. What was the routine of the Grannie in such situations?
 - d. What would happen if she had a nightmare?

Answer the following questions in about 30-50 words

3. Who all were there in Kezia’s family?
4. Why did Kezia say ‘what did God make fathers for’?
5. What did Grandmother ask Kezia to do on her father’s birthday?
6. What did Kezia decide on seeing MacDonald play with his children?
7. When Grannie said, ‘you will forget in the morning’, did Kezia forget it? What was the occasion?
8. Why was there a lot of hue and cry and about what?

Answer the following questions in about 100-150 words

9. What did Kezia see about MacDonalds through the gap in the fence?
10. What was the reaction of father when he came to know that Kezia had torn his speech?

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Answer

1.
 - a. The nightmares used to come to Kezia.
 - b. She woke up shivering on seeing a nightmare in which a butcher was trying to kill her with a knife.
 - c. Whenever she used to have a nightmare, she would scream. Her grannie would come and pick her up and make her comfortable in her own bed.
 - d. The grandmother was at the hospital that night nursing Kezia's mother.
2.
 - a. Kezia said, "What'll I do if I have a nightmare?"
 - b. She says these words to Alice, the cook.
 - c. Grannie used to take Kezia to her bed when she had nightmare.
 - d. If Kezia would have a nightmare she would be alone and will have no one to console her in the dark as she was afraid of darkness.
3. In Kezia's family, she had her mother father and her grannie. She also had Alice in the family.
4. Kezia said 'what did God make fathers for' when her father thrashed her for tearing his speech to be given at the port authority.
5. Grandmother asked Kezia to make a surprise gift for her father on his birthday.
6. Kezia decided, on seeing MacDonald play with his children, that there are different sorts of father.
7. When Grannie said, 'you will forget in the morning', Kezia did not forget it. It was on her father's birthday eve when he beat her for tearing his speech.
8. There was a lot of hue and cry in the house when Kezia's father lost his speech to be delivered at port authority.
9. Through the gap in the fence, Kezia saw that MacDonalds were playing. Father had the little boy Mao on his shoulders and the two girls were hanging on his arms. They all were playing and laughing. When the boys splashed water on their father with hose, he laughed and chased them. She felt how different was father MacDonald from her father.
10. When father came to know that Kezia had torn his speech and hid in her room. He went

upstairs and asked Kezia to be prepared for punishment. Kezia tried to explain to him, why she did that, but he wouldn't listen. He asked her to open her hand and spanked her with a ruler on her little pink hands. She cried and couldn't be consoled even when her grandmother wrapped her in a shawl and rocked her in a rocking chair.