

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Moments Chapter-2 The Adventures of Toto
Test Paper-01

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. “He continued hopping up and down for some time, until Grandmother arrived and hauled him, half-boiled, out of the kettle.”
 - a. Who is ‘he’ in this line?
 - b. Who helped him?
 - c. Find out a word from the line that means the same as ‘pull with effort’?
 - d. What ‘he’ wanted to do exactly?
2. “To his surprise he found Nana, without apparent cause, pulling at her halter and trying to keep her head as far as possible from a bundle of hay”
 - a. Who is ‘Nana’?
 - b. Who is ‘he’ in the given lines and why ‘he’ made a visit to stable?
 - c. Why was Nana pulling her head far from the bundle of hay?
 - d. What is the meaning of “halter”?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. How does Toto’s tail serve as his third hand?
4. Who is Nana? Why Toto and Nana never become friends?
5. How does Toto nearly succeed in boiling himself alive?
6. Why does author say- “Obviously Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long”?
7. How did the ticket-collector come to know about Toto’s presence?
8. What did Toto do in the writer’s room?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. Describe, in brief, Toto’s mischief at lunchtime. How did that situation turn out to sell Toto back to Tonga-driver?
10. Explain the situations Grandfather faced after buying Toto?

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Answers

1.
 - a. 'He' refers to Toto.
 - b. Grandmother helped him.
 - c. Hauled means to pull with effort.
 - d. Toto wanted to take warm bath.
2.
 - a. Nana is grandfather's family donkey.
 - b. 'He' is the grandfather, he came to check whether Toto is comfortable in the stable or not.
 - c. Toto was fastened on her long ears with his sharp little teeth, so Nana was pulling her head far from the bundle of hay.
 - d. 'Halter' means 'a rope placed around the head of a horse or other animal'.
3. Toto could use his tail to hang from a branch and it was capable of scooping up any delicacy that might be out of reach of his hand. His tail was an addition to his good looks, hence it served as his third hand.
4. Nana is Grandfather's family donkey. When Grandmother accepted Toto, he was given a comfortable stay in the stable along with Nana. But Toto was a trouble to Nana. He had fastened on her long ears with his sharp little teeth, So, they never became friends.
5. A large kettle was kept on fire to boil for tea. Toto found the water just warm enough for his bath, he got in with his head out from the open kettle. Since it was cool outside he continued hopping up and down. This way he nearly succeeded in boiling himself alive.
6. Toto's mind was really mischievous. He couldn't put up with other animals in Grandfather's house. One day he picked up the dish of pullao and even threw a plate on Grandmother. He was so unkind that he threw a glass of water on one of the author's aunts. It is really difficult for anyone to afford the frequent loss of dishes, clothes, curtains, etc. Therefore, the author said Toto was not the sort of pet that they could keep for long.
7. A big black canvas kit-bag became Toto's new adobe. He remained in bag as far as Saharanpur, but while Grandfather was producing his ticket, Toto suddenly poked his

head out and gave a wide grin to the ticket collector.

8. Toto was tied to a peg on the wall of the author bedroom. A few hours later when author and Grandfather came back to release Toto they found the wall which had been covered with ornamental paper then stood as naked brick and plasters. The peg had been wrenched from its socket. He even tore author's school blazer.
9. As author said that Toto's mind was especially devoted to mischief, one day something happened due to which Toto was sold back to the Tonga-driver. That day, at lunch-time a large dish of pullao was kept in the center of the dinning-table. When the author and his Grandmother, along with aunts, entered the room, they found Toto stuffing himself with rice. Toto threw a plate at Grandmother when she screamed. He also threw a glass of water on one of the aunt's face. Then he grabbed the dish of pullao and ran out through a window. He sat on the branches of a jackfruit tree. He remained there till afternoon and after finishing every grain he threw the dish down from tree. He chattered with delight when it broke into hundred pieces.

This incident made Grandfather understand that Toto was not a sort of pet they could keep for long. Obviously, no one could afford the repeated loss of dishes, clothes, curtains and wallpapers. So, at the end Grandfather sold Toto back to the Tonga-driver at the cost of three rupees.

10. Grandfather bought Toto, a baby monkey, from a Tonga-driver. Grandmother always fussed whenever Grandfather brought some new bird or animal as pet. So, Toto's presence was being kept as a secret. The author and his Grandfather left Toto in writer's room for only few hours, but the destruction he did was large. Toto turned the walls, which were covered with ornamental paper to naked brick and plaster. But this incident did not make the Grandfather worry about his presence, instead he was pleased with Toto's performance.

Later on, Toto was shifted to servant's quarters. But there, too, he was a mischief. He wouldn't allow any of his companions to sleep. So, the Grandfather decided to carry Toto along with him to Saharanpur. While travelling, Toto remained in bag as far as Saharanpur but while Grandfather was producing his ticket, Toto suddenly poked his head out of the bag and gave ticket-collector a wide grin. Due to which, the Grandfather had to pay extra three rupees. One day Toto nearly boiled himself alive. And the other day he picked up the dish of 'pullao' & threw a plate at Grandmother. All these incidents made Grandfather realise that Toto was not a sort of pet they could keep for a long time.