

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature

Beehive Chapter-9 The Bond of Love

Test Paper-04

1. There followed the return journey to Bangalore and a visit to the superintendent's bungalow. A tearful pleading: "Baba and I both are for each other .Will you please give him back to me?" He was kind-hearted man and consented. Not only that, but he wrote to the curator telling him to lend us a cage for transporting the bear to Bangalore. Back we went to Mysore again, armed with the superintendent's letter. Baba was driven into a small cage and hoisted on top of my car , the cage was tied securely , and a slow and careful return journey to Bangalore was accomplished.
 - a. Why did the family go to the superintendent's office?
 - b. How was Baba brought back home?
 - c. How did the superintendent help them get back Bruno?
 - d. Why did the author's wife plead?
2. Once home, a squad of coolies were engaged for special work in our compound. An island was made for Baba. It was twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide, and was surrounded by a dry pit, or moat, six feet wide and seven feet deep. A wooden box that once housed fowls was brought and put on the island for Baba to sleep at night.
 - a. Why did the author engage a squad of coolies?
 - b. What size of the island was created for Baba?
 - c. Why was this arrangement made for Baba to live?
 - d. What was the wooden box for?
3. Why was Bruno packed off to the zoo?
4. What arrangements were made to bring back Bruno to the author's house?
5. Why were their friends begged to visit the zoo?
6. What did all the keepers at the zoo say about Bruno?
7. Why did the author's wife threaten him to take him to Mysore?
8. How did Baba react on seeing the author's wife after so long?
9. Why do you think the author's wife was inconsolable after sending Baba to the zoo? (100 words)
10. How did the family arrange for Baba to live in their house? (100 words)

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Answers

1.
 - a. They visited the superintendent's office to seek his permission to take Bruno back in their custody.
 - b. Baba was brought back home in a cage hoisted on top of the author's car.
 - c. He was kind-hearted, so he wrote a letter to the zoo curator to allow them to take Bruno back to their home.
 - d. The author's wife pleaded because she could not live without Bruno and wanted him back with her.
2.
 - a. The author engaged a special squad of coolies to build an island for Bruno in his compound.
 - b. The island was the size of twenty feet in length and fifteen feet wide.
 - c. This arrangement was made for Baba because he had outgrown and could not stay inside the house. Also the author did not want to take away his independence.
 - d. The wooden box was made for him to sleep at night.
3. Bruno was packed off to the zoo because he was now huge enough to stay inside a house and moreover the author wanted him to be a free animal.
4. Bruno was shifted to a small cage and tied securely to the top of the author's car. They drove him slowly and carefully back home.
5. When Bruno was packed off to the zoo, whoever visited Mysore was begged to go and see Bruno in the zoo so that the author's wife could know his well being.
6. The keepers at the zoo told them that Bruno is given a good care at the zoo by the authorities. But at the same time he looked very sad and had become thin and was also fretting.
7. The author's wife threatened him to take her to Mysore to meet Bruno .She did this because she was unable to bear the separation?
8. On seeing her, Baba howled with happiness and stood on his head in delight. Both of them cried bitterly on seeing each other. She fed him with his favorite food and spent almost three hours in front of the cage without moving once.

9. Baba and the author's wife shared a very emotional bond. They both loved each other and liked to spend time with each other. Bruno would play tricks when she instructed him. The author's wife would make different things for him to eat. Bruno also loved the way he was pampered. He also started eating everything like humans do. He loved to eat bread, eggs, ice-cream etc. and relished drinks like beer, buttermilk and milk etc. But in a few months time he grew very large and had to be shifted to a zoo. She was inconsolable when he left. She did not eat anything for days and kept on crying all the time. She also wrote a number of letters to the curator asking Bruno's well being.
10. Bruno was finally brought back home in a cage. A squad of coolies were then arranged to make an island for him in the compound of their house. It was twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide. It was then surrounded by a dry pit, or moat, six feet wide and seven feet deep. A wooden box was also given to Bruno so that he could sleep in it at night. Some straws of wood were placed in it to keep him warm. His favorite toy, the stick, was also given to him to play with. In few days the cage was placed on the island where Bruno sat delightfully. His wife spent hours there sitting with him. Finally they both got to live together.