

# English

## (An Alien Hand) (Chapter - 6) (The Tiger in the House) (Class - 7)

### Comprehension Check I

#### Question 1:

"He had the distinction of being the only member of the party to have bagged any game..."

The phrase in italics means

- (i) Grandfather was the most distinguished member of the party.
- (ii) Grandfather was the only sports person in the party.
- (iii) Grandfather was the only successful member of the hunting party.

Mark the right answer.

#### Answer 1:

The phrase in italics means (iii) Grandfather was the only successful member of the hunting party.

#### Question 2:

Complete the following sentences.

- (i) Toto climbed up the curtains when \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, I became one of the tiger's favourites.
- (iii) Timothy had clean habits, \_\_\_\_\_

#### Answer 2:

- (i) Toto climbed up the curtains when *Timothy lost his temper*.
- (ii) *One of Timothy's favourite amusements was to stalk anyone who would play with him, and so, when I came to live with Grandfather*, I became one of the tiger's favourites.
- (iii) Timothy had clean habits, *and would scrub his face with his paws exactly like a cat*.

### Comprehension Check II

#### Question 1:

Grandmother's prophecy was that the tiger

- (i) would prefer Mahmoud's bed to sleep in.
- (ii) and the cook would disappear together from the house.
- (iii) would one day make a meal of Mahmoud.

Mark the right answer.

#### Answer 1:

Grandmother's prophecy was that the tiger (iii) would one day make a meal of Mahmoud.

#### Question 2:

When Timothy was about six months old, *a change came over him*.

The phrase in italics means that

- (i) Timothy had grown to his full size.
- (ii) Timothy grew more friendly.
- (iii) Timothy grew less friendly, in fact more dangerous

#### Answer 2:

The phrase in italics means that (iii) Timothy grew less friendly, in fact more dangerous.



### Question 3:

Write 'True' or 'False' against each of the following statements.

- (i) Timothy and Grandfather went to Lucknow in a special compartment. \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) The compartment in which Grandfather and Timothy travelled had no other passenger. \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) Timothy and Grandfather travelled in a first class compartment. \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) All passengers in the compartment thought that Timothy was a well-fed and civilised tiger. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Answer 3:

- (i) Timothy and Grandfather went to Lucknow in a special compartment. **False**
- (ii) The compartment in which Grandfather and Timothy travelled had no other passenger. **True**
- (iii) Timothy and Grandfather travelled in a first class compartment. **True**
- (iv) All passengers in the compartment thought that Timothy was a well-fed and civilised tiger. **False**

### Question 4:

Grandfather suggested that Timothy should be put in another cage. The reason was that

- (i) the tiger had become very bad tempered.
- (ii) a leopard in the next cage would constantly rush at Timothy.
- (iii) the cage was too small for a full grown tiger.

#### Answer 4:

The reason was that (ii) a leopard in the next cage would constantly rush at Timothy.

### Question 5:

The tiger was still licking his arm, with increasing relish. The phrase in italics suggests that Timothy

- (i) was good natured.
- (ii) recognised an old friend.
- (iii) smelt fresh food.

#### Answer 5:

The phrase in italics suggests that Timothy (iii) smelt fresh food.

## Exercises

*Answer the following questions.*

### Question 1:

Where was the tiger cub hiding when Grandfather found him?

#### Answer 1:

Grandfather found the tiger cub hiding among the elaborate roots of a banyan tree.

### Question 2:

- (i) What did Toto do to entertain Timothy?
- (ii) What did he do when Timothy lost his temper?

#### Answer 2:

- (i) Toto started teasing and pulling Timothy by the tail to amuse him.
- (ii) Toto climbed up the curtains when Timothy lost his temper.



**Question 3:**

"I became one of the tiger's favourites". Who is 'I' in the statement? Why did he think so?

**Answer 3:**

'I', in the statement refers to the narrator of the story, Ruskin Bond.

He thought so because the tiger with a cunning look in his sparkling eyes and crouching his body came closer and closer to the author. He made a sudden rush towards his feet, rolled over on his back and kicked with a delight, and pretended to bite his ankles.

**Question 4:**

Where was Timothy most comfortable during the day? Where was he during the night?

**Answer 4:**

Timothy was very comfortable on the long sofa lying in the drawing room during the day. It was his favourite place in the house. He slept in the cook's quarters during the night.

**Question 5:**

What was Grandmother's prophecy about the cook? Did it come true?

**Answer 5:**

Grandmother's prophecy about the cook was that one-day Timothy sitting on cook's bed would make a meal of cook with his clothes and shoes left behind. However, it didn't come true because the tiger had begun to stalk Mahmoud about the house with a villainous intent.

**Question 6:**

What made Grandfather decide to transfer Timothy to the zoo?

**Answer 6:**

When Timothy was about six months old, he became less friendly. Once when he went out for a walk with the author, he tried to creep away to follow a cat or someone's pet dog. Sometimes at night he went to the poultry farm and furious crackling sounds came from there. And in the morning, feathers could be seen lying all over the veranda. And finally, when he began to eye Mahmoud in the house, his wicked intentions could be seen so Grandfather decided to transfer Timothy to the zoo.

**Question 7:**

Why did Grandfather want Timothy to be put in another enclosure?

**Answer 7:**

A leopard in the next cage snarled at Timothy. Whenever the leopard saw him, he would rush to the bars and Timothy had to slope back to his corner. So, Grandfather wanted Timothy to be put in another enclosure.

**Question 8:**

What shocked Grandfather in the end?

**Answer 8:**

When grandfather visited the zoo after six months to see Timothy in his cage, he was shocked. He asked the keeper and was informed by the zoo keeper that his tiger Timothy had died two months ago. He also told him that the tiger in the cage was not Timothy but some other tiger.



*Discuss the following topics in groups.*

**Question 1:**

Shoot animals with a camera, not with a gun.

**Answer 1:**

Animals are beautiful creatures. They are as much part of the nature as human's beings are. We all were created by the God equally. We have no right to kill or harm them. We must shoot animals with a camera, not with a gun. We should take their photograph and preserve them. We must treat them with love and kindness. Without these animals, our nature would become imbalanced. So, we must look after them and protect them.

**Question 2:**

Keeping pets helps us become more loving and tolerant. It also helps us respect life in any form. Do you agree?

**Answer 2:**

Keeping pets at home shows that you have good nature and healthy attitude. All the living beings be it birds, animals or even beast has some quality or the other. Most of the animals are faithful. Even a fearful hound never bites any known person especially his master. There are examples of animals killing humans or other animals but there are reasons for the same for example, the tiger kills human beings only when he hungry. A snake bites only when it is in danger of losing its life. Only a person who has love for animals can have a pet because he has respect for life in any form.

**Question 3:**

Have you heard of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)? What do they do?

**Answer 3:**

Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is a very important society which works for the street dogs and pets. Its main objective is that we cannot bring every pet into our homes but at least we can adopt one dog each. It is a very simple concept in order to take care of them. We can just offer them left over food. Automatically every day at fixed time they will reach your door steps. This society has also opened many bedded hospitals for the care of the dogs. Here they make operations as well as vaccinations.