

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature Moments**

**Chapter-2 The Adventures of Toto**

**Test Paper-04**

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

1. “He’s clever,” said Grandfather. “Given time, I’m sure he could have tied the torn pieces of your blazer into a rope and made his escape from the window!”
  - a. Who said this to whom?
  - b. Who is ‘He’ in the given extract?
  - c. Why does the speaker say this?
  - d. Was the speaker pleased?
2. “Sir, you have a dog with you. You’ll have to pay for it accordingly.”
  - a. Who said this to whom?
  - b. He had to pay for what and why?
  - c. Name the story and the author.
  - d. How much he had to pay?

**Answer the following questions in about 30 words:**

3. How and who rescued Toto from boiling himself alive?
4. How did Grandfather carry Toto along with him to Saharanpur?
5. Was Grandfather pleased with Toto at last?
6. Describe the features of Toto.
7. Do you think Toto would be a good pet? Give reasons to support your answer.
8. Where was Toto transferred from author’s room? Was he peaceful there?

**Answer the following questions in about 100 words:**

9. “Grandfather has a great love for animals”. Explain.
10. Describe the incident of lunch-time.

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#### **Answers**

1.
  - a. Grandfather said this to the author.
  - b. 'He' refers to Toto.
  - c. Grandfather said this because he is a very kind towards animals.
  - d. Yes, the speaker was pleased.
2.
  - a. The ticket-collector said this to Grandfather.
  - b. Grandfather was carrying his pet monkey, so he had to pay for its fare.
  - c. The extract is taken from "The Adventures of Toto", its author is Ruskin Bond.
  - d. Grandfather had to pay three rupees as Toto's fare.
3. Toto sat in the boiling kettle with his head out, which was kept on fire for tea. Since, it was cold outside he stayed in. He continued hopping up and down for some time until, Grandmother arrived and hauled him, half-boiled, out of the kettle.
4. A big black canvas kit-bag was provided for Toto. This, with some straw at the bottom, became his new abode. When the bag was closed, there was no escape. Toto could not get his hands through the opening, and the canvas was too strong for him to bite his way through.
5. No, the grandfather was not pleased with Toto because Toto was not the sort of pet they could keep for long. Toto naughtiness went on height on the day when he picked up the dish of pullao and threw a plate on Grandmother. He finished every grain and broke the dish into a hundred pieces. Grandfather was so not well-to-do and could not afford the frequent loss of dishes, clothes, curtains and wallpapers.
6. Toto was a pretty monkey. His bright eyes sparkled with mischief beneath deep-set eyebrows, and his teeth, which were a pearly white, were very often displayed in a smile that frightened the life out of elderly Anglo-Indian ladies. But his hands looked dried-up as if they had been pickled in the sun for many years. Yet his fingers were quick and wicked; and his tail, while adding to his good looks, also served as a third hand.
7. No, Toto would not be a good pet because he caused great damage, which made everything and everyone disturb in the home. The baby monkey was really mischievous

and was too difficult to be kept under control as a pet.

8. Toto was transferred to a big cage in the servants' quarters where a number of Grandfather's pets lived very sociably together— a tortoise, a pair of rabbits, a tame squirrel and author's pet goat. But the monkey did not allow any of his companions to sleep at night.
9. Grandfather is a great lover of animals. He had a private zoo, where he decided to add Toto, a baby monkey. Initially, Grandfather ignored Toto's naughtiness few times. In the servants' quarters, a number of Grandfather's pets lived very sociably together—a tortoise, a pair of rabbits, a tame squirrel and author's pet goat. This show Grandfather intense love for his pets.

Toto was pretty but mischievous monkey. He damaged almost everything like - dishes, clothes, curtains, wallpapers. Once he succeeded in boiling himself alive. He didn't allow any of his companions to sleep at night in the servant's quarters. Whenever one of the aunts came near him, he made every effort to get hold of her dress and tear a hole in it. Several naughty things done by Toto were ignored by Grandfather upto an extent. This proves Grandfather's love for his pets.
10. One day, at lunch-time, a large dish of pullao was kept at the centre of the dining-table. When the author and his grandmother, along with aunts, entered the room they found Toto stuffing himself with rice. The grandmother screamed, and Toto threw a plate at her. One of the author's aunts rushed forward and received a glass of water on her face by Toto. When Grandfather arrived, Toto picked up the dish of pullao and made his exit through a window. He sat on the branches of a jackfruit tree with the dish in his arms. He remained there all afternoon, determined on finishing every grain. Later, he threw the dish down from the tree, and chattered with delight when it broke into a hundred pieces. Then Grandfather realized that Toto was not the sort of pet that they could keep for long. As they were not well-to-do and could not afford the frequent loss.