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How I Taught My Grandmother to Read

I. Extract Based Question

The Novel Kashi Yatre tells the story of an old lady Kashi .

1) What does the phrase "the girl's happiness is more important than her own pilgrimage" convey?

- (i) a sense of selfishness
- (ii) sacrifice and kindness
- (iii) importance of religious duty
- (iv) compassion for others
- (v) regret for giving money away

A) ii and iv B) only iii C) i and v D) ii, iii and iv

Ans (A) ii and iv

2) How does the old lady's decision contribute to the theme of the story?

Ans The old lady's decision highlights the theme of selflessness and compassion. By giving her savings to help the orphan girl instead of fulfilling her own wish to visit Kashi. She shows that helping others and bringing happiness to them is more important than personal desire.

3) Select the option that correctly completes the following:

The old lady gives away her savings because she wants to

- A. Postpone her journey to Kashi for sometime
- B. help the orphan girl and prioritise human happiness over personal desires

Ans (B) help the orphan girl and prioritise human happiness over personal desires.

4) What emotion is the old lady most likely conveying through her decision?

Ans: The old lady conveys compassion and selflessness as she sacrifices her lifelong dream of pilgrimage to help the orphan girl achieve happiness.

II Short Answer

1. The grandmother touched the feet of her granddaughter. How did she justify this gesture of hers?

Ans: The grandmother touched her granddaughter's feet to show respect to her as a teacher. She explained that she was not bowing to her granddaughter, but to the teacher who helped her learn to read and become independent.

According to tradition, teachers deserve respect regardless of age or gender.

III Long Answer

1. What life lessons does the story 'How I Taught My Grandmother to Read' convey to readers?

Ans: The story teaches that learning has no age limit. The grandmother began her education at the age of sixty-two.

Her determination proves that strong will power can help people to achieve their goals :

It also shows that education brings confidence, independence and self respect. Through her efforts, the grandmother overcomes helplessness and becomes self-reliant.

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Bhart Our Land

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I- Extract Based Questions

The sacred Upanishads are ours
What scripture else to name them?

This sunny golden land is ours
She's peerless, let's praise her!

1- What emotions are most appropriately conveyed
by the lines "This sunny golden land is ours"
and "she's peerless, let's praise her!"

(i) pride

(ii) admiration

(iii) jealousy

(iv) patriotism

(v) disappointment

Select the correct option

A. i, ii, iv

B. ii, iii, v

C. i, iii

D. iii, v

E. i, ii, iv

2- What does the phrase 'The sacred Upanishads
are ours' suggest about India's heritage.

The phrase suggests that India possesses rich
spiritual and philosophical traditions and
takes pride in its ancient scripture and
wisdom.

3. Which phrase from the extract conveys the poet's idea that India is unique and unmatched?

Ans: The phrase from the extract conveys the poet's idea that India is unique and unmatched is "she's peerless, let's praise her!"

4. Fill in the blank with a phrase to suitably complete the sentence.

The phrase 'sunny golden land' symbolises

Ans: richness, prosperity and beauty of the country

II Short Answer

1. How does the poet highlight the bravery of the warriors who lived in India?

Ans: The poet highlights the bravery of Indian warriors by describing them as gallant heroes who lived in this land. Their courage and sacrifice protected the country and added to its glorious history. By mentioning them, the poet shows that India's greatness is built on strength, heroism and fearless defence of the nation.

Long Answer

1. Discuss the central message of the poem and explain why it remains relevant for readers today.

The central message of the poem is that India is a unique and glorious land blessed with natural beauty, spiritual wisdom, rich culture and a long history. The poet proudly celebrates the Himalayas, the Ganga, sacred scriptures, brave warriors and wise sages. All the elements show India as a complete and great civilization.

This message remains relevant today because it reminds readers to value their heritage and feel proud of their country. In modern times, when people often forget their roots, the poem encourages love, unity and respect for the nation. It inspires readers to appreciate India's achievements and preserve its cultural and spiritual traditions for the future.