

MIJIBIL THE OTTER

Q1 Extract Based Questions

For the first 24 hrs, Mijbil was neither - -
- - where for half an hour he went wild with joy in the water.

i Which of the following is not a reason why Mijbil came on to Maxwell's bed in the small hours?

- a) He had started taking interest in his surroundings
- b) He was becoming friendly with Maxwell.
- c) He wanted to play with Maxwell on his bed.
- d) He wanted to feel safe and not remain indifferent-

Ans.

C.

ii Maxwell says that Mijbil was neither hostile nor friendly, he was simply ~~afra~~ aloof and indifferent for the 1st 24 hrs. Give reasons.

Ans

Mijbil was a wild otter that needed time to adjust to a home setup and with a human being. It was a new lifestyle for him and he needed time to adjust to a human.

iii Read the following description (a)(d) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract

- a) Owning a pet is tedious and needs commitment.
- b) a pet needs his own space and time to get adjusted to his owner's environment.
- c) Maxwell decided to bring Mijbil because he was very sad to lose his dog.
- d) Maxwell and Mijbil loved travelling.

Ans.

C.

iv Which character characteristic trait of Mijbil is revealed when Mijbil is taken to the bathroom?

Ans His playful nature and his intense love for water.

v Select the option that correctly puts the following events in correct order.

- Maxwell planned to take Mijbil to the bathroom.
- Mijbil slept at a significant distance from Maxwell's bed.
- Mijbil immensely enjoyed playing in water.
- Mijbil slept in much closer vicinity of the author as opposed to the previous night.

a) 1, 3, 4, 2 (b) 3, 1, 2, 4 (c) 2, 4, 1, 3 (d) 4, 3, 1, 2.

Ans c.

QII Short Answer:

How did Maxwell learn of Mijbil's love for water?

Ans Mij loved to play in the water. Only once did the author lead him to the bathroom; Mij went wild with joy in the water for half an hour. He continued plunging and rolling in it. He splashed up and down the length of the bathtub underwater. He made enough slosh and splash in the water.

QIII Long Answer

What did Maxwell do to transport Mijbil to England?

Ans After the British Airways refused to take a pet on its flight, the narrator booked a flight to Paris and then on to London. The Paris airline insisted that the pet should be packed into a box not more than 18 inches square to be carried on the floor near his feet. Maxwell had a box made and an hour before they started, put Mij into the box so that he would become accustomed to it and then left for a hurried meal.

But when he returned he was terrified. There was an appalling silence. Maxwell found blood had trickled and dried around the air holes of the box. He tore open the box to find Mij exhausted and blood splattered and whimpering and he caught hold of Maxwell's leg. However, since he had very little time left to board the flight, Maxwell just put Mij back into the box, holding down the lid with his hand. On the flight the stewardess on hearing the author's tale, permitted him to travel with Mij on his knee. After the initial chaos, Mijbil travelled to London on the author's knee.