

THE LEARNIFY ACADEMY, MASIMPUR.

CLASS-IX, THE ADVENTURE OF TOTO NOTES

A. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

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 though 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 (Grandfather believed a tail would add to anyone's good looks), also served as a third hand. He could use it to hang from a branch; and it was capable of scooping up any delicacy that might be out of reach of his hands.

Q1. Name the chapter from which this extract has been taken.

Ans- The given extract is taken from "The Adventures of Toto".

Q2. Who is the author of this chapter?

Ans- Ruskin Bond is the author of "The Adventures of Toto".

Q3. Which animal is Toto?

Ans- Toto is a monkey.

Q4. What do you understand by "Anglo-Indian"?

Ans- An Anglo-Indian person is someone whose family is partly British and partly Indian.

B. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Grandmother always fussed when Grandfather brought home some new bird or animal. So it was decided that Toto's presence should be kept a secret from her until she was in a particularly good mood. Grandfather and I put him away in a little closet opening into my bedroom wall, where he was tied securely — or so we thought — to a peg fastened into the wall.

Q1. How did grandmother feel when any animal was brought home?

Ans- Grandmother felt disturbed and annoyed when any animal was brought home.

Q2. Where was Toto kept hidden?

Ans- Toto was put inside the grandfather's closet.

Q3. Why was Toto kept hidden?

Ans- Toto was kept hidden from the grandmother because she was scared of pets.

Q4. Find a word from the given extract which means the same as “a tall cupboard or wardrobe with a door, used for storage.”

Ans- Closet

C. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

His presence in the house still a secret, Toto was now 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, for a while, my pet goat. But the monkey wouldn't allow any of his companions to sleep at night; so Grandfather, who had to leave Dehra Dun next day to collect his pension in Saharanpur, decided to take him along.

Q1. List all the pets that grandfather has?

Ans- The grandfather had a Tortoise, two rabbits, a squirrel, a goat and a monkey.

Q2. Who did not let other animals sleep?

Ans- Toto did not let other animals sleep.

Q3. What made the grandfather take Toto along with him?

Ans- Toto's nuisance, his problematic nature and not letting others sleep made grandfather take Toto along with him.

Q4. Find a word from the given extract that means the same as “domesticated”.

Ans- Tame

D. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

So Grandfather, who had to leave Dehradun next day to collect his pension in Saharanpur, decided to take him along. Unfortunately I could not accompany Grandfather on that trip, but he told me about it afterwards. 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. His efforts to get out only had the effect of making the bag roll about on the floor or occasionally jump into the air — an exhibition that attracted a curious crowd of onlookers on the Dehra Dun railway platform

Q1. Why was Toto unable to escape?

Ans- Toto was unable to escape because the canvas was too strong for Toto to break or bite through it.

Q2. What was Toto's new abode?

Ans- Black Canvas Kit Bag was Toto's new abode.

Q3. Find a word from the given extract which means the same as “a non-participating observer; a spectator.”

Ans- Onlookers

Q4. Why did grandfather leave for Saharanpur?

Ans- Grandfather left for Saharanpur to collect his pension.

E. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

The poor man was taken aback; but, with great presence of mind and much to Grandfather’s annoyance, he said, “Sir, you have a dog with you. You’ll have to pay for it accordingly.” In vain did Grandfather take Toto out of the bag; in vain did he try to prove that a monkey did not qualify as a dog, or even as a quadruped. Toto was classified a dog by the ticket-collector; and three rupees was the sum handed over as his fare. Then Grandfather, just to get his own back, took from his pocket our pet tortoise, and said, “What must I pay for this, since you charge for all animals?”

Q1. Which other animal did the grandfather have in his pocket?

Ans- Grandfather had a tortoise in his pocket.

Q2. How much amount was charged by the Ticket-Collector for Toto?

Ans- Ticket-Collector demanded three rupees for Toto.

Q3. The Ticket-Collector confused Toto with a_____.

Ans- The Ticket-Collector confused Toto with a dog.

Q4. What do you understand by “taken aback”?

Ans- “Taken Aback” refers to a state of surprise or shock so that someone does not know how to behave for a short time.

F. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

On Toto’s first night in the stable, Grandfather paid him a visit to see if he was comfortable. To his surprise he found Nana, without apparent cause, pulling at her halter and trying to keep her head as far as possible from a bundle of hay. Grandfather gave Nana a slap across her haunches, and she jerked back, dragging Toto with her. He had fastened on to her long ears with his sharp little teeth. Toto and Nana never became friends.

A great treat for Toto during cold winter evenings was the large bowl of warm water given him by Grandmother for his bath. He would cunningly test the temperature with his hand, then gradually step into the bath, first one foot, then the other (as he had seen me doing), until he was into the water up to his neck.

Q1. Which animal is Nana?

Ans- Nana is a donkey.

Q2. Why did the grandfather pay a visit to the stable?

Ans- Grandfather visited the stable to see if Toto was comfortable.

Q3. Cite an example from Toto's behaviour that reveals his intelligence.

Ans- Toto would test the temperature of the water before stepping into his bath shows his intelligence.

Q4. Find a word from the given extract which means the same as "clearly visible or understood; obvious."

Ans- Apparent.

Class 9 English Moments The Adventures of Toto Lesson 2 Multiple Choice Questions

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) are a type of objective assessment in

Q1. Who went along with Grandfather?

- A. the author's friend
- B. Toto and the tortoise
- C. the author's Grandmother
- D. Grandfather's friend

Ans. B Toto and the tortoise

Q2. Why did Grandfather keep Toto's presence a secret in the house?

- A. he wanted to surprise everyone
- B. Grandmother would be annoyed to see a monkey
- C. he wanted to sell that monkey in a few days
- D. he was waiting for a perfect moment to introduce the pet to the family

Ans. B Grandmother would be annoyed to see a monkey

Q3. Who is the author of "The Adventures of Toto"?

- A. Rabindranath Tagore
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Nissim Ezekiel
- D. Vikram Seth

Ans. B

Q4. Why did grandfather take Toto along with him to Saharanpur?

- A. because he missed him
- B. because no one at home cared for Toto
- C. to make Toto see different cities
- D. because he was mischievous so to give relief to other animals

Ans. D

Q5. Grandfather believed that a _____ adds good looks to anybody.

- A. sharp nose
- B. tail

- C. long hair
- D. big eyes

Ans. B

Q6. How did the ticket-collector come to know that there was a monkey in Grandfather's kit-bag?

- A. Toto started jumping in the bag
- B. Toto created nuisance during the journey
- C. Toto had suddenly poked his head out of the bag
- D. Toto started screeching loudly

Ans. C

Q7. How did Grandfather react when Toto tore the author's school blazer into shreds?

- A. He was angry
- B. He became violent towards the monkey
- C. He seemed pleased with the monkey's performance
- D. He decided to disown the monkey

Ans. C

Q8. Even at night, the other creatures in grandfather's zoo were at

_____.

- A. grandfather's
- B. author's mercy
- C. grandmother's
- D. Toto's mercy

Ans. D

Q9. How did Toto bathe in winter?

- A. Grandfather took him to a well
- B. Grandmother gave him a large bowl of warm water
- C. The writer gave him a bath in the sunny compound
- D. Toto would go into the bathroom and have a nice bath

Ans. B

Q10. What did Grandfather try to convince the ticket-collector about Toto?

- A. That Toto was not a dog
- B. That Toto was not a quadruped
- C. Both A and B above
- D. None of the above

Ans. C

Q11. Why did the ticket collector call Toto a dog?

- (a) because he couldn't recognise a monkey

(c) because Toto looked like a dog

(c) to fix train fare

(d) because ticket-collector considered all animals the same

Ans. C

Q12. Toto was resold to a _____.

A. Animal shelter

B. Science Lab

C. Tonga driver

D. Circus

Ans. C

Q13. Who was Nana?

A. Grandfather's pet Otter

B. The family donkey in Grandfather's house

C. Grandfather's pet parrot

D. Grandfather's pet lizard

Ans. B

Q14. What is this story about?

A. humour and adventure of a naughty monkey, Toto

B. to love animals

C. love for pets by owners

D. pets as a family member

Ans. A

Q15. Toto's teeth were

A. Pearly white

B. Ruby Red

C. Sunshine Yellow

D. Pitch Black

Ans. A

Q16. Why did grandfather buy the monkey?

A. to have a companion

B. to train for a circus

C. to add to the collection of animals in zoo at his home

D. to conduct a science experiment

Ans. C

Q17. What kind of water did Toto like to bathe in?

A. cold water

B. ice water

C. boiling water

D. warm water

Ans. D

Q18. The writer's grandfather was going to _____ to collect his pension.

- A. Amritsar
- B. Jalandhar
- C. Saharanpur
- D. Chandigarh

Ans. C

Q19. What serves as a third hand to a monkey?

- A. his mouth
- B. his tail
- C. his legs
- D. his teeth

Ans. B

Q20. How did Toto check the warmth of the water?

- A. with author's help
- B. by dipping his leg in it
- C. by putting his hand in it
- D. using a thermometer

Ans. C

Q1. What did Toto do in the author's room?

Ans. Toto was housed in a tiny store. It provided access to the narrator's room. He was fastened to a wall peg. The narrator discovered a change in his bedroom a few hours later. Toto had pulled the peg to let himself free. He had torn the narrator's school jacket apart and taken down the bedroom's wallpaper.

Q2. Where was Toto transferred from the author's bedroom? Did he remain peaceful there?

Ans. Toto was moved into a big cage. It was in the staff quarters. Other creatures from grandfather's personal zoo were also kept there. A tortoise, two rabbits, a pet squirrel, and a pet goat were all kept in the zoo. The monkey wouldn't let the animals rest peacefully at night.

Q3. Describe how grandfather took Toto with him to Saharanpur.

Ans. Grandfather had to travel to Saharanpur the next day to pick up his pension. He made the decision to bring Toto with him. He picked up a sizable black canvas bag and placed Toto inside. Toto couldn't bite or rip the bag

because it was too sturdy. Till they arrived in Saharanpur, Toto remained in the bag. He chuckled at the ticket collector there as he abruptly poked his head out of the bag.

Q4. How many pets did the author's grandfather have? Where were they kept?

Ans. The author's grandfather was fond of keeping pets. He owned a small, personal zoo. It contained a turtle, and his zoo's newest inhabitants were a couple of rabbits. In addition to these animals, the grandfather also had a donkey.

Q5. How did Toto get along with other animals?

Ans. Toto did not get along with other animals. Toto bothered the family donkey, Nana. He would frequently use his teeth to attach himself to her long ears. He didn't let other animals sleep peacefully.

Q6. Why did Toto throw a plate at grandmother?

Ans. Toto once noticed a huge platter of pulao on the dinner table. He started eating it. Grandmother shrieked as she entered the room and spotted Toto eating rice. Toto disliked it. He then threw the plate at the grandmother. The plate broke into pieces.

Q7. Why was Toto sold back to the tonga-driver?

Ans. The grandfather understood that Toto couldn't be kept inside the house for very long. The constant loss of dishes, clothes, curtains, and wallpaper made the family unable to keep up with Toto. The tonga-driver was eventually located by the grandfather. Toto was returned to him for just three rupees.

Q8. What did Toto do with the dish of pulao?

Ans. On one occasion, the dinner table's centre was covered by a sizable serving of pulao. Toto started stuffing rice into his mouth. When Grandfather arrived, he fled with the dish. Grandma shouted at him. The plate was thrown her way. It broke into numerous pieces.

Q9. How did Toto behave when he was put in a closet?

Ans. When he was in the closet, Toto acted very impishly. He tore the wall paper off. The wall peg was removed from its socket by him. There was the writer's school blazer hanging. He tore that into pieces as well. _

LONG Answer Questions

Q1. Give a brief description of Toto, the monkey.

Ans. Toto was a charming monkey. His sparkling eyes were filled with malicious intent. His teeth were white as snow. His hands usually appeared to be dry. His fingers were quick and devious. He utilised his lengthy tail as a third hand. His beauty was enhanced by his lengthy tail. He behaved exactly like an unruly child. He was constantly searching for pranks. He took pleasure in upsetting everyone. Once, water in a sizable kettle was left on the fire to make tea. Toto opened the kettle's lid and entered. Grandmother saw it and saved him half-boiled. He never gave people a moment of quiet. He would often grin and fling items at people, frightening them. Toto was a truly daring monkey.

Q2. Why was Toto's presence kept a secret? Where was he kept during this period? How did he behave? What does it tell about the character of grandfather? Do you think we should keep something secret from the family?

Ans. Every time a new bird or animal was introduced into the house, grandmother always made a fuss. Grandfather made the decision to keep Toto's presence a secret from her until she was feeling optimistic. Toto was kept in the author's bedroom closet. He completely ruined the closet. The author's school jacket was torn to pieces by him. He was moved to the servants' quarters and placed in a cage. No one could sleep at night with Toto's company. Grandfather loved animals. He also took good care of his family. He didn't want to irritate Grandmother. While keeping something from the family is never a good idea, there are times when it is necessary for the other person's benefit.

Q3. In the story 'The Adventures of Toto' we get a very clear idea of the author's grandparents and their habits and natures. While his grandfather was an animal lover, his grandmother had other qualities. Make a character study of Grandmother in the light of the above remark.

Ans. Grandfather kept a variety of animals as pets in the servants' quarters of the spacious home where they resided. Grandmother had permitted animals to be on the property but not inside the main house. She was a proud housewife who had decorated her cabinets with decorative paper. She

accepted grandfather's ways and had finally allowed Toto to be lodged with Nana the family donkey.

Grandmother had an innovative streak and provided the monkey warm water for a bath which had become a great source of fun for the animal. Her sharp presence of mind had rescued the animal from boiling when Toto had plunged into a pot of boiling water. She was a good cook and generous hostess and served biryani on special plates at her dining table. Thus when Toto broke her precious china, grandfather realized that her patience had been severely tested and wisely disposed off Toto.

Q4. Do you think it is advisable to keep a monkey like Toto as part of pets in the house? Why/Why not?

Ans. No, keeping a pet like Toto is not a good idea. Toto was an unruly monkey. Such a creature could endanger the kids at home and cause damage to the surroundings. It can also harm the visitors. Animals also continue to be content in their native habitats. The wild animals are always beautiful in the lap of the wild as they are born free and brought up in that environment. Toto was devoted to mischief because of its inclinations. The family could not afford the constant losses brought on by Toto. Additionally, he kept upsetting the house's other animals. He would be content in the forest if he were released. Thus, holding them captive against their will is cruel. They are content being free. We must not hunt or catch animals for our own gain. Some animals could be dangerous as well.