

THE LEARNIFY ACADEMY

CLASS-IX, ENGLISH CH-3 'THE LITTLE GIRL'

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (MCQ)

Q1- What is this story about?

- A) Children
- B) fears of children
- C) childhood fears
- D) a little girl and her feelings for her father

Q2- Why was Kezia afraid of her father?

- A) he used to speak rudely to her and always found faults in her
- B) she thought that he was a hard hearted man
- C) once he beat her for tearing his papers
- D) All

Q3- Who is the author of this story?

- A) A.R.Rahman
- B) Katherine Mansfield
- C) Cecile
- D) Thomson

Q4- Why does grandmother ask the little girl to make a present for her father?

- A) his birthday was approaching next week
- B) he was going on a tour
- C) his anniversary was coming
- D) he was going to retire

Q5- Name the people in Kezia's family.

- A) Father
- B) mother
- C) grandmother
- D) All

Q6- What did Kezia's father do before going to his office?

- A) Went to the temple
- B) touched his mother's feet
- C) took a walk
- D) he used to kiss Kezia before going to office.

Q7- What was Kezia's father's routine after coming back from his office?

- A) he would go for bath
- B) he would take his meal
- C) he used to take tea and liked to read newspaper
- D) none

Q8- What did Kezia's father do on Sundays?

- A) he used to have sound sleep to take rest.
- B) he went for movies
- C) he used to visit his friends
- D) gossip

Q9- How did Kezia's grandmother help her to have a better relation with her father?

- A) by asking her to prepare food for him
- B) by sending her to talk to him in his room
- C) by asking her complete her homework
- D) all

Q10- What did Kezia's mother ask her to make?

- A) chapati
- B) snacks
- C) a gift of pin cushion
- D) none

Q11- Why did Kezia's efforts to please his father irritated him?

- A) he was a rude man
- B) he was unhappy
- C) didn't know how to speak to the children
- D) she had torn his important speech papers

Q12- What did Kezia think of her father?

- A) he is a very good father
- B) he loves children
- C) he is very harsh
- D) all

Q13- Why did Kezia avoid her father?

- A) she wanted to surprise him
- B) she wanted to check him
- C) she wanted to play hide and seek
- D) she was afraid of him

Q14- Who was Mcdonald?

- A) Kezia's uncle
- B) Kezia's teacher
- C) Kezia's grandfather
- D) Kezia's neighbor

Q15- What did Kezia wish?

- A) she wished her father to be happy like Mcdonald
- B) to run here and there
- C) to live alone
- D) none

Q16- What was Mcdonald playing with his children?

- A) rugby
- B) chess
- C) cricket
- D) Tag

Q17- What changed Kezia's perception about her father?

- A) his scolding
- B) her grandmother
- C) her mother
- D) the night she got a nightmare he comforted her

Q18- Where were the two girls hanging?

- A) on Macdonald's shoulders
- B) on Macdonald's arms
- C) on Macdonald's coat pockets
- D) None

Q19- What kind of a father was Mr. Macdonald?

- A) Jovial natured
- B) very strict
- C) rude
- D) harsh

Q20- Why did Kezia start feeling lonely?

- A) because of her father
- B) her father scolded her
- C) because her mother fell sick
- D) None

Q21- Why did Kezia go to her father's lap?

- A) Her mother was sick
- B) She wanted to feel safe
- C) to seek solace
- D) All

Q22- How did the little girl feel when her father looked at her from the spectacles?

- A) happy
- B) dancing
- C) joyful
- D) terrified

Q23- How did Kezia feel when she had to speak to her father?

- A) joyful
- B) confident
- C) she would stutter while speaking to him
- D) none

Q24- What did Kezia think of her father when he used to yawn?

- A) she compared him to Mr.Macdonald
- B) she compared him to god
- C) She compared him to a giant
- D) None

Q25- Where did grandmother send Kezia on Sunday afternoons?

- A) to the playground
- B) to the temple
- C) to her friend's house
- D) to her father and mother in the drawing room

Q26- Why did grandmother send Kezia to her father in the drawing room Sunday?

- A) to make her comfortable with her father

- B) to make her understand her father better
- C) to help her have a nice talk with him

D) all

Q27- What did Kezia's father do in the drawing room on Sunday afternoons?

- A) reading newspaper
- B) taking tea
- C) talking to her mother

D) sleep on the sofa

Q28- What would Kezia find her mother doing on Sunday afternoons in the drawing room?

- A) talking to her father
- B) busy in her work

C) reading

D) nothing

Q29- Who suggested Kezia to make a gift for her father?

A) her mother

B) her grandmother

C) Mr. Macdonald

D) None

Q30- Why did Kezia tear the papers?

- A) to play
- B) to clean her room

C) to fill the cushion

D) all

Q31- What gift did Kezia's grandmother give her when she was in tears?

A) A clean hanky

B) A chocolate

C) An ice cream

D) A toy

Q32- In the end, Kezia felt that

A) Her grandmother had a big heart

B) Her father had a big heart

C) Her mother had a beautiful smile

D) Her mother had a big heart

Q33- Kezia's father hit her with a ruler because _____.

A) She failed in her exam

B) She disagreed to sleep alone

C) She went to ice cream parlour

D) The documents from her father's speech were torn up by her

Q34- The butcher in Kezia's nightmare had a _____.

A) Wide smile

B) Dreadful smile

C) Long hands

D) Big toes

Q35- When Kezia's father returned from work, Kezia was always _____.

A) Held up with fear

B) Filled up with happiness

C) Felt excited

D) Felt sleepy

Q36- Kezia snuggled her head under

A) The pillow

B) The blanket

C) Her father's arm

D) Her grandmother's arm

Q37- What nightmare did Kezia have?

A) A giant with a knife

B) A butcher with a knife and rope

C) An accident across the countryside

D) A dreadful smile of the Macdonalds

Q38- Why was Kezia left alone with her cook at home?

A) Her mother and grandmother had gone for fishing

B) Her mother and grandmother had gone to hospital

C) They had gone to the countryside

D) There had gone to a family function

Q39- The father who lived next door of Kezia's would _____.

A) Water his plants

B) Speak angrily

- C) Make barbeque
- D) Play and laugh

Q40- She fled _____ when Kezia's father entered the room brandishing a ruler.

- A) Under the bed
- B) Inside the storeroom
- C) in the garage
- D) Under the bedclothes

B. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Why was Kezia afraid of her father?

Answer: Kezia was afraid of her father because he was very strict. He used to talk to her harshly. He was in a habit of finding out her mistakes.

2. Who were the people in Kezia's family?

Answer: Kezia had her mother, father and grandmother in her family.

3. What was Kezia's father's routine

(i) before going to his office?

(ii) after coming back from his office?

(iii) on Sundays?

Answer: (i) Before going to his office, Kezia's father went into her room to give her a casual kiss.

(ii) After coming back from his office, he would ask for newspaper and tea.

(iii) On Sundays, he would stretch out on the sofa. He would cover his face with his handkerchief, put his feet on one of the cushions, sleep soundly and snoring.

4. In what ways did Kezia's grandmother encourage her to get to know her father better?

Answer: Kezia's grandmother encouraged her to get to know her father better by sending her to the drawing room to talk to her parents on Sundays. She also suggested Kezia to make a gift of a pin-cushion on her father's birthday.

III. Discuss these questions in class with your teacher and then write down your answers in two or three paragraphs each.

1. Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much. How did this happen?

Answer: Kezia efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him. On every Sunday, her grandmother sent her down to the drawing room to have a nice talk with her father and mother. But her father always got irritated with her. He used to call her 'little brown owl'. One day her grandmother suggested her to make a gift of a pin-cushion on her father's birthday. Kezia stuffed her pin-cushion with papers. But the sheets she had torn and filled in the cushion were her father's speech for the Port Authority. He scolded her and punished her by hitting her palm with a ruler.

2. Kezia decides that there are "different kinds of fathers". What kind of father was Mr Macdonald, and how was he different from Kezia's father?

Answer:

Mr. Macdonald was a loving father. He would play 'tag5 with his children. He would put the baby Mao on his shoulders. Two girls would hang on to his pockets. He would run round and round the flower beds laughing. He was very nice and friendly with his children. He was just opposite to the Kezia's father. He never punished his children. He played with them whenever he was free. Kezia's father, on the other hand, never played with her. He always looked angry and harsh.

3. How does Kezia begin to see her father as a human being who needs her sympathy?

Answer:

One day, Kezia's mother became ill, and she and her grandmother went to hospital. Kezia was left at home in the care of Alice, the cook. At night, when Alice put her to the bed she had a nightmare. She saw a butcher with a knife and a rope. He came close to her with a dreadful smile. She could not move but cried out. But, to her surprise, she found her father standing near her bed. He took her in his arms and made her sleep by his side.

After some time, still half asleep, she crept close to him, snuggled her head under his arm and held tightly to his shirt. Now she felt comfortable. Her father told her to rub her feet against his legs and get them warm. This made her realise that he had to work hard every day due to which he got too tired to play with her like Mr Macdonald. She expressed her feelings for her father by telling him that he has a 'big heart'.

Thinking about Language

I. Look at the following sentence.

1. Use an appropriate word from the synonyms given above in the following sentences. Clues are given in brackets.

- (i) She was _____ by the news of her brother's wedding. (very pleased)
- (ii) I was _____ to be invited to the party. (extremely pleased and excited about)
- (iii) She was _____ at the birth of her granddaughter. (extremely happy)
- (iv) The coach was _____ with his performance. (satisfied about)
- (v) She was very _____ with her results. (happy about something that has happened).

Answer:

- (i) She was thrilled by the news of her brother's wedding.
- (ii) I was delighted to be invited to the party.
- (iii) She was overjoyed at the birth of her granddaughter.
- (iv) The coach was pleased with his performance.
- (v) She was very happy with her results.

2. Study the use of the word *big* in the following sentence.

He was so *big* – his hands and his neck, especially his mouth...

Here, *big* means *large in size*.

Now, consult a dictionary and find out the meaning of *big* in the following sentences. The first one has been done for you.

- (i) You are a big girl now. older
- (ii) Today you are going to take the biggest decision of your career. _____
- (iii) Their project is full of big ideas. _____
- (iv) Cricket is a big game in our country. _____
- (v) I am a big fan of Lata Mangeskar. _____
- (vi) You have to cook a bit more as my friend is a big eater. _____
- (vii) What a big heart you've got, Father dear. _____

Answer:

- (ii) most important
- (iii) innovative
- (iv) popular
- (v) great
- (vi) gourmand

(vii) kin

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1. Underline the verbs of reporting in the following sentences.

- (i) He says he will enjoy the ride.
- (ii) Father mentioned that he was going on a holiday.
- (iii) No one told us that the shop was closed.
- (iv) He answered that the price would go up.
- (v) I wondered why he was screaming.
- (vi) Ben told her to wake him up.
- (vii) Ratan apologised for coming late to the party.

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2. Some verbs of reporting are given in the box. Choose the appropriate verbs and fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

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- (ii) "Leave me alone," my mother _____.
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- (iv) "Perhaps he isn't a bad sort of a chap after all," _____ the master.
- (v) "Let's go and look at the school ground," _____ the sports teacher.
- (vi) The traffic police _____ all the passers-by to keep off the road.

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- (iv) "Perhaps he isn't a bad sort of a chap after all," remarked the man.
- (v) "Let's go and look at the school ground," suggested the sports teacher.
- (vi) The traffic police ordered all the passers-by to keep off the road.