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FLAMINGO (Prose)

Short & Long Answer Type Questions

Based on RCScE Question Bank

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Chapter - 1

The last lesson

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The last lesson

Q1. What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day?

Or

How was the scene in the school in the morning of the last lesson different from that on other days?

Answer : On that day there was silence in the school, like Sunday morning. No noise of the opening and closing of desks and of lessons could be heard. And the villagers were sitting in the class and all learnt very attentively.

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Q2. Why did Franz not want to go to school that day?

Answer : Franz did not want to go to school that day because his teacher had asked to prepare a lesson on participles but he knew nothing about them.

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Q3. Why was there a large crowd in front of the bulletin-board ?

Answer : There was a large crowd in front of the bulletin-board to read the latest news. The news was that they were to study only German in their schools.

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The last lesson

Q4. Why were some villagers sitting on the back benches of the class that day?

Or

Why did the village elders occupy the back benches in the classroom to attain the last lesson delivered by M. Hamel ?

Answer : Some villagers were sitting on the back benches of the class as they were sorry that they had not gone to school. They also wanted to thank M. Hamel for his sincere service.

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Q5. "What a thunderclap these words were to me!" -- Which were the words that shocked and surprised Franz ?

Answer : The words of M. Hamel which shocked and surprised Franz were -- "My children, this is the last lesson I shall give you. The order has come from Berlin to teach only German in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. This is your last French lesson".

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The last lesson

Q6. Give a character sketch of M. Hamel.

Answer : M. Hamel emerges as a very strict teacher who always keeps a ruler in his hand. M. Hamel teaches even his last lesson with great patience. M. Hamel is a perfect teacher, who loved his language and served in the same school, for 40 years. He was very sad while leaving his country.

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Chapter - 2

Lost spring

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Lost spring

Q1. What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps? Where is he and where has he come from?

Answer : Saheb is a young rag picker. He is looking for money in the garbage dumps. Presently he is living at Seemapuri, a place on the border of Delhi. His family came from Bangladesh.

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Lost spring

Q2. Is Saheb happy working at the tea-stall? Explain.

Answer : Saheb gets 800 and all his meals yet he is not happy working at the tea-stall, because he is no more the master of his own; he is a servant, and the tea cattle is heavier than the plastic bag.

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Q3. Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.

Answer :

(1) The workers in the glass bangles industry have to work in high temperature. It affects their health badly.

(2) And they go blind with the dust from polishing the glass of bangles.

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Q4. What makes the city of Firozabad famous?

Answer : Firozabad is famous for its glass-blowing industry. Every other family in Firozabad is engaged in making bangles. Many families have spent generations working around furnaces, welding glass, making bangles.

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Q5. Describe the life of ragpickers in Seemapuri.

Answer : Seemapuri is situated on the periphery of Delhi. Those who live here are squatters who came from Bangladesh back in 1971. About ten thousand ragpickers live here in structures of mud, with roofs of tin and tarpaulin. They do not have sewage, drainage or running water.

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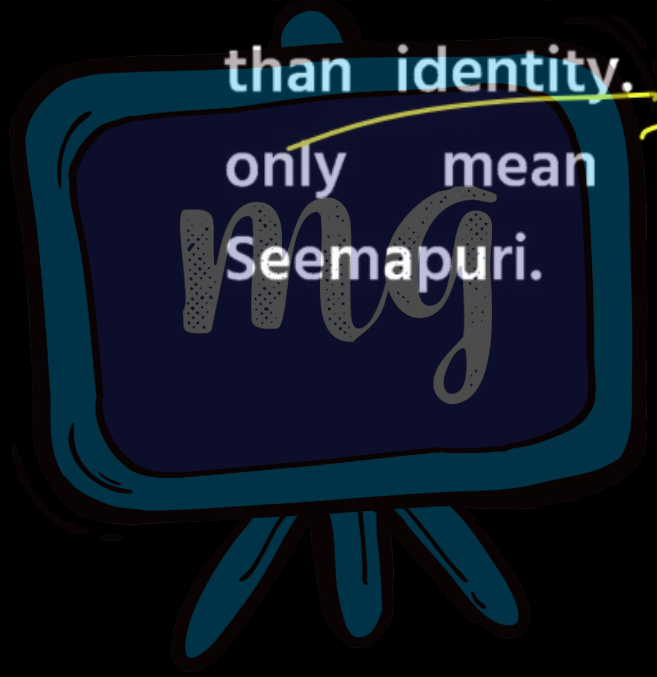
Food is more important for them than identity. Rag-picking is the only mean for survival in Seemapuri.



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Q6. Who was Saheb? What did he do?

Answer : Saheb was a poor ragpicker boy. Every morning, he would scrounge for coins or other valuables in the garbage dumps.

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Q7. Why did Saheb's family migrate to India ?

Answer : Saheb's family lived in Dhaka. There were many storms that swept away their fields and homes. So they left Dhaka for Delhi to earn their livelihood.

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Q8. What does Mukesh want to become in life ?

Answer : Mukesh wants to be his own master, so he wants to become a motor mechanic and wants to drive a car.

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Chapter - 3

Deep water

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Deep water

Q1. How did Douglas overcome his fear of water?

Answer : When Douglas was young, He went to a swimming pool, One day he was thrown into deep water by a strong boy. He narrowly escaped death. After this incident, he got scared of water. He learnt swimming to overcame his fear of water.

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Deep water

Q2. What were the series of emotions and fears that Douglas experienced when he was thrown into the pool ? What plans did he make to come to the surface?

Answer : When Douglas was thrown into the pool, he got frightened. On his way down; he planned that when his feet hit the bottom, he would make a big jump, come to the surface, lie flat on it, and swim to the edge of the pool.

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Deep water

Q3. How did the instructor "build a swimmer" out of Douglas ?

Answer : Douglas was scared of water. He hired an instructor to learn swimming. The instructor used a rope, to save from drowning. he learnt inhale and exhale in water. He became perfect swimmer within three months and overcame his fear of water.

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Deep water

Q4. Why was the Y.M.C.A. pool safe?

Answer : The Y.M.C.A. pool was safe as it was only two or three feet deep at the shallow end and nine feet deep at the other one.

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Chapter - 4

The Rattrap

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The Rattrap

Q1. From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap ?

Answer : The peddler used to sell rattraps. One day while his wandering, he got the idea of the world being a rattrap.

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The Rattrap

Q2. What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into a rattrap ?

Answer : The peddler was wandering in the forest and was unable to find a way out. Now he has understood that he is trapped in greed of thirty kroner.

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The Rattrap

Q3. What made the peddler accept Edla Willmanson's invitation ?

Answer : She assured him that he would be allowed to leave them just as freely as he came. Her friendliness made the peddler accept her invitation.

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Q4. Why was Edla happy to see the gift left by the peddler ?

Or

Why did Miss Edla give a little cry of joy on opening the package left for her by the peddler ?

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Answer : The peddler left for Edla a rattrap and the money he had stolen. He had requested her to return the money to its owner. Edla was happy to see the gift at the thought that the peddler had repented over his mistake.

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The Rattrap

Q5. Why did the peddler sign himself as Captain von Stanle ?

Answer : The peddler was a thief. But Edla and her father warmly received him as Captain von Stahle.

This friendly treatment changed his mind. So he wanted to behave as a captain. That is why he signed himself as Captain von Stanle.

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The Rattrap

Q6. How did the peddler make the rattraps? Was his business profitable?

Answer : The peddler made the small rattraps of wire from the material which he got by begging in the stores or at the big farms. And sometimes he did some petty thieveries for his survival. His business was not much profitable.

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Chapter - 5

Indigo

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Indigo

Q1. Why do you think Gandhi considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life?

Answer : The Champaran episode was a turning point in Gandhi's life because his method of disobedience came out successful. The whole nation came to know that they could oppose the British. The peasants were filled with courage, after Gandhi's movement.

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Indigo

Q2. Why did Gandhi rebuke the lawyers?

Answer : Gandhi rebuked the lawyers for collecting big fee from the poor peasants for their cases.

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Indigo

Q3. Why is Rajkumar Shukla described as being resolute ?

Answer : Rajkumar Shukla wanted Gandhiji to visit Champaran. Gandhiji was not in a position to visit Champaran immediately. Rajkumar accompanied Gandhiji wherever he went. At last Gandhiji went with him. That is why he is described as being resolute.

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Indigo

Q4. Why did Gandhi agree to a settlement of 25 per cent refund to the farmers ?

Answer : Gandhi agreed to the settlement of 25 per cent refund to the farmers because for him the amount of money was not as important as the token victory of the peasants.

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Indigo

Q5. Who was Rajkumar Shukla ? Why did he request Gandhiji to go to Champaran ?

Answer : Rajkumar Shukla was an illiterate poor farmer. He requested Gandhi to help the indigo sharecroppers of his area. He wanted Gandhi to come to Champaran and help the peasants of Champaran.

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Indigo

Q6. What was the ancient arrangement between the peasants and landlords at Champaran ?

Answer : Most of the arable land there was divided into large estates owned by Britishers and worked by Indian tenants. The landlords compelled them to plant indigo on the 15% of their land and surrender the entire harvest.

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Q7. What did Gandhi do about the cultural and social backwardness of the Champaran villages at that time?

Answer : For this, Gandhi appealed to teachers. Mahadev Desai and Narhari Parekh with their wives volunteered for work. His son Devdas and the wife of Gandhiji, Kasturba, also came there.

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Primary schools were opened in six villages. Kasturba taught the rules on personal cleanliness and community sanitation. Gandhiji got a doctor to volunteer his services for six months.

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Chapter - 6

Poets And Pancakes

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Q1. Describe the role of Subbu in Gemini Studios.

Answer : Kothamangalam Subbu was considered No. 2 in Gemini Studios because he was multi talented person. He was next to his boss. Subbu was the most suitable man for making film, he was a successful actor. He never aspired for lead roles. He always performed better than the main players. So he was very popular there.

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Q2. Why was the office boy frustrated ? Who did he show his anger on?

Answer : The office boy was frustrated because he felt Subbu was responsible for his negligence, so he showed his anger on Subbu.

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Q3. Who was Subbu's principal ?

Answer : Mr S. S. Vasan, the boss of Gemini Studios was Subbu's principal.

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Q4. Who was the English visitor to the studio?

Answer : Stephen Spender was the English visitor to the studios. He was a poet and an essayist. He was the editor of a British periodical 'The Encounter'.

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Q5. What was pancake and why did the Gemini Studios buy it in truck loads?

Answer : Pancake was the brand name of the make-up material. As it was used in large quantity. Gemini Studios bought it in truck loads.

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Chapter - 7

The Interview

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The Interview

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Q1. Do you think Umberto Eco likes being interviewed? Give reasons for your opinion.

Answer : Yes, I think Umberto Eco likes being interviewed, reasons are :

1. He answers Mukund's all questions in detail and never seems to be in haste.
2. He answers all the questions patiently.
3. Throughout the interview, he seems to be in a relaxed mood.

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4. During his interview, his sense of humour also reflects that he likes to be interview.

5. During his entire interview, he doesn't speak anything aggressive against an interview or an interviewer.

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The Interview

Q2. Did Umberto Eco consider himself a novelist first or an academic scholar?

Answer : Umberto Eco was a professor at the university of Bologna in Italy.Umberto Eco considers himself an academic scholar first and then a novelist. Because during his interview with Mukund he himself tells him, "I am a professor who writes on Sundays.

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The Interview

Q3. What is the reason for the huge success of the novel, "The Name of the Rose' ?

Answer : "The Name of The Rose' is a serious novel. It subjects to metaphysics, theology, and medieval history. It sold two or three million in the U.S .Eco says "Why it worked at that time is a mystery"

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Q4. What are some of the positive views on interviews ?

Answer : Some of the positive views on interviews are -

(i) In its highest form, an interview is a source of truth, and it is an art.

(ii) It is a supremely serviceable medium of communication.

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The Interview

Q5. Why do most celebrity writers despise being interviewed ?

Answer : Most celebrity writers despise being interviewed because they feel :

(i) Interview disturbs the privacy of their lives.

(ii) It is immoral.

(iii) It is a crime to reveal someone's personal life secrets.

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The Interview

Q6. Who, in today's world, is our chief source of information about personalities?

Answer : In today's world, the chief source of information about personalities is - interview.

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Q7. What was Kipling's stand regarding interview ?

Answer : For Kipling, an interview was immoral and it was a crime, an assault and an offence that deserves punishment.

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Q8. What is Danis Brian's view regarding the position of an interviewer ?

Answer : According to Danis Brian, an interviewer holds a position of unprecedented power and influence.

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Chapter - 8

Going Places

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Going Places

Q1. Did Sophie really meet Danny Casey ?

Answer : No, Sophie never met Danny Casey, a great Irish football player. Her meeting with Danny in an arcade, her proposed meeting for the next week, all this was just her imagination.

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Q2. Which was the only occasion when she got to see Danny Casey in person?

Answer : The only occasion when Sophie got to see Danny Casey in person was when her family went to watch the football match on Saturday. She saw him in person at the football ground.

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Q3. Describe Sophie.

Answer : Sophie is a young school going girl. She belongs to a lower middle class family. She tells her friend Jansie that after completing her school, she wants to have her own boutique or to become a manager. She wants to become an actress because there is money in this field.

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She is a big fan of Danny Casey, an Irish football player. She cooks a story of her meeting with Danny. She waits for him but he dosen't come. It is all her fantasy and nothing else.

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Q4. Who is Geoff ? What does he do?

Answer : Geoff is Sophie's elder brother. He is an apprentice mechanic travelling to his work each day to the far side of the city. Sophie is jealous of Geoff's silence .

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Q5. Does her family believe her story?

Answer : No, Sophie's family doesn't believe her story at all. They all know that she lives in the world of her imagination and that she is in the habit of telling lies.

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Q6. Which country did Danny Casey play for ?

Answer : Danny Casey played for Ireland.

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