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Chapter-6 | Mijbil the Otter Worksheet-2

Multiple Choice Questions

- Why did Mijbil decide to keep an otter?**
 - He wanted to play with an otter
 - He was shifting to London
 - His dog dies
 - He planned earlier to keep an otter
- Where did Maxwell travel in the year 1956?**
 - India
 - Australia
 - Southern Iraq
 - Southern California
- Camusfearna is most likely to be?**
 - An otter owned by the writer's friend.
 - A type of otter people keep as pets.
 - A place where otters are easily found.
 - The place where the writer is staying.
- Based on the story, what word best describes Mijbil's feelings for the writer?**
 - Gratitude
 - Affection
 - Indifference
 - Bewilderment
- Where did Maxwell want to take Mijbil by flight?**
 - London
 - Paris
 - Frankfurt
 - Delhi
- What tone does the writer use to describe Mijbil's first encounter with water in a bathtub?**
 - Indifference
 - Amusement
 - Enthusiasm
 - Amazement
- How did most of the people of London react on spotting Mijbil?**
 - Puzzled
 - Thrilled
 - Enraged
 - Scared
- Who visited Maxwell's room in Basra?**
 - A gentleman
 - His colleague
 - His neighbours
 - Two Arabs
- How was Mijbil supposed to travel in the flight?**
 - In a carry bag
 - Without any restrictions on the passenger seat
 - Being packed in a box
 - Being tied in a sack

10. What other name was given to Mijbil?

- (a) Mojo
- (b) Mandy
- (c) Maxwell's lottery
- (d) Maxwell's otter

Fill in the blanks :

- 11. Mijbil lovingly addressed by Maxwell as _____.
- 12. Maxwell initially found otters to be as common as _____ in the Tigris marshes, according to his friend.

True / False

- 13. The British airline that Maxwell initially tried to use allowed animals to fly.
- 14. Mijbil quickly showed great affection and played actively with Maxwell from the moment they met.

Very Short Type Questions

- 15. What experiment did Maxwell think Comusfearna would be suitable for?
- 16. Give an example to show that Mijbil is an intelligent animal.

Short Type Questions

- 17. What games did Mijbil play?
- 18. What group of animals do otters belong to?

Essay Type Questions

- 19. What things does Mij do which tell you that he is an intelligent, friendly, and fun-loving animal who needs love?
- 20. What queries did the people make about the otter in London? Which was the most surprising query for the author?

HOTS

- 21. **Assertion (A) :** Peculiar behaviour's are a characteristic of Otter's.

Reason (R) : Discuss with respect to Mijbil the Otter.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true, but R is false.
- (d) A is false, but R is true.



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Answer & Solution

1. (c)
The author's pet dog died and so he was not willing to keep another dog as a pet. So he thought of keeping an otter as a pet considering the otter's life span.
2. (c)
Maxwell travelled to Southern Iraq in 1956. During his travel he decided to keep an otter as a pet.
3. (d) The place where the writer is staying
4. (b) Affection
5. (a)
Maxwell wanted to take Mijbil to London and then back to his home at Camusfearna.
6. (b) Amusement
7. (a)
The average Londoner could not identify an otter and they made vague guesses about it. They thought that it was a baby seal, a squirrel, a walrus etc.
8. (d)
The two Arabs visited his room at Basra to give him his parcel.
9. (c)
The airlines insisted that Mijbil was to be packed in a box that was not more than eighteen-inches square. The box had to be kept on the floor at Maxwell's feet.
10. (d)
The otter was not a known breed, so the zoologist kept its name after Maxwell.
11. Mij
12. Mosquitoes
13. False
14. False
15. After the death of his dog, Maxwell was very sad and decided to have another pet. He shared this idea with his friend. He suggested an otter which they could get from Tigris marshes. When the author travelled to Southern Iraq, he saw that people had otters as pets. Comusfearna was ringed by water. So it would be suitable for an otter.
16. Mijbil's intelligence is portrayed in his behaviour in the way that it takes him merely a day to shed his inhibitions and familiarize himself with the surroundings. His intelligence and sense of logic are reflected in his turning on the tap to get a flow of water.
17. Mijbil spent most of his time in play. He spent hours shuffling a rubber ball around the room like a four-footed soccer player using all four feet to dribble the ball. It played with ping-pong balls and marbles etc. Mijbil invented new games to play.

18. Otters are semi-aquatic animals belong to a comparatively small group of animals called Mustelinae and a subfamily of family Lutrinae which forms part of the family Mustelidae, shared by the badger, mongoose, weasel, polecats, wolverine, stoat, mink and others.
19. Mij was an intelligent animal. It invented a game of his own out of the ping-pong balls. It was able to screw the tap till water began to flow and then it would play and splash underwater. Though it was aloof and indifferent in the beginning, it soon became very friendly and developed a special attachment with Maxwell. It gradually began responding to him when he called Mij. It grew extremely desperate when Maxwell left him in a box and clung to his feet as soon as he came out. Mij was also a fun-loving animal who liked to play all kinds of games including toys ping-pong balls, marbles, rubber fruit, and a terrapin shell.
20. For some time, the author stayed in London with the otter. There he took Mij for walks in the streets. Now the otter had developed some compulsive habits. He used to take the author near the wall of a primary school.

Wherever he went with the otter, people started to ask random questions and guess about the otter. They became very surprised to see it and did not recognize it. They thought it was a seagull, a bear cub, etc, although it belonged to the small group of animals called Mustellines. The other animals of this group were- mongoose, badger, weasel, mink stoat, etc. More random guesses hit on 'a baby seal' and 'a squirrel.' 'Is that a walrus, mister?' Outside a dog show, the author heard 'a hippo'. He also heard 'A beaver, a bear cub, a leopard — one, apparently, that had changed its spots — and a 'brontosaur''. But for the author, the most surprising expression and the query was from a labourer digging a hole in the street. On seeing it, he left his digging work and laid down his tools and asked with surprise—"What is that supposed to be?"

21. Mijbil the otter had some 'compulsive habits'. On this way home everyday, Mij used to tug Maxwell to the low wall of a primary school opposite to his flat Mij would jump to it gallop the full length of its thirty yards and cause a hopeless distraction to both pupils and staff within the primary school.