



JINENDER SONI  
Founder, MISSION GYAN

## Chapter-7 | Madam Rides the Bus

### Worksheet-1

#### Multiple Choice Questions

- What is the main idea expressed in the first two paragraphs?**
  - Valli found ways to entertain herself.
  - Valli did not like to play with other children
  - Valli was lonely.
  - Valli did not have much to do during the day.
- How old Valli was?**
  - 8 years
  - 12 years
  - 18 years
  - 10 years
- Which of the following can better describe the character of a bus conductor?**
  - Rude
  - Strict
  - Arrogant
  - Jolly
- Valli's mother's reaction to seeing her suggests that she**
  - Was more interested in her conversation
  - Liked Valli's spirit of adventure.
  - Knew Valli had done something naughty
  - Had been looking for Valli
- How did Valli collect money for bus tickets?**
  - By sacrificing her other desires.
  - Stole from her home.
  - Demanded with her parents.
  - Collected from her friends.
- Who has translated Madam rides the bus from the Tamil?**
  - K. S. Sundaram
  - R. K. Laxman
  - Jive patel.
  - Vallikkannan
- Why did Valli burst into joy when the bus was going towards the town?**
  - To see a young cow
  - To see the vehicles
  - To see the sights
  - To see the town fair
- Who told Valli to sit down on the seat when she was standing on her seat to look clearly outside?**
  - An elderly man
  - An old lady
  - Bus driver
  - Bus conductor

9. What does Valli see when she came back to her home?

- (a) Her mother was talking with aunt (b) Everybody was panic  
(c) Her mother was looking for her (d) Her mother was sleeping

10. What did Valli do when bus Conductor offered her a cold drink?

- (a) Accepted his offer (b) Denied  
(c) Became happy (d) Got angry

### Fill in the blanks :

11. Bus conductor used to call Valli \_\_\_\_\_ .  
12. Valli and her friends oftenly used **proud** as\_\_\_\_\_.

### True / False

13. Valli's smile at the end can be best described as Smug and secretive.  
14. Valli had to collect 60 paise to complete a bus ride from her village.

### Very Short Type Questions

15. Why were all the passengers laughing? Answer in the context of the lesson Madam Rides the Bus.  
16. What happened as a result of Valli's observation of the things outside on the street?

### Short Type Questions

17. How did Valli save up money for her first journey? Was it easy for her?  
18. Why does the conductor call Valli 'madam'?

### Essay Type Questions

19. How did Valli plan her visit to the town?  
20. What was Valli's deepest desire? How did she fulfill that?

### HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : Valli was an extra-ordinary girl who had self-confidence and courage to realise her ambition by planning and drawing on her spirit of adventure..  
**Reason (R)** : Discuss in reference to the chapter Madam Rides the Bus.  
(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.



JINENDER SONI  
Founder, MISSION GYAN

## Chapter-7 | Madam Rides the Bus

### Worksheet-1

#### Answer & Solution

1. (a) Valli found ways to entertain herself.
2. (a)  
Para 1 line 2 of the chapter Madam Rides the Bus clearly mentioned that Valliammai (valli) was eight years old.
3. (d)  
Jolly can better describe the character of a bus conductor.
4. (a)  
Was more interested in her conversation
5. (a)  
According to the author, "she had thriftily saved whatever stray coins came her way, resisting every temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons etc....."
6. (a)  
K. S. Sundaram has translated Madam Rides the Bus from Tamil.
7. (a)  
A young cow, tail high in the air was running very fast, right in the middle of the road right in front of the bus. Somehow this was very funny to Valli and she laughed and laughed until there were tears in her eyes.
8. (a)  
An elderly man who had honestly been concerned for her, forbade her to stand on the seat.
9. (a)  
When she came back to her home she saw that her mother was talking with her aunt.
10. (b)  
She didn't have enough money to purchase anything and she was a very self-respecting girl. That's why she refused to take a cold drink as a treat.
11. Madam
12. Slang expression of disapproval
13. True
14. True
15. All the passengers were laughing as they were amused at her remark of being grown up, though she was only eight years old.
16. As a result of Valli's observation of the things outside on the street, a desire to ride on the bus developed deeply in her heart. Day by day, this desire became stronger. Finally she was determined to have a ride on the bus and started to save money for her journey. She found out more about the distance, the fare and the duration of the journey to town.

17. To save up money for her first journey, Valli resisted her temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons etc. She even didn't ride the merry-go-round at the village fair. No, it was not easy for her but she made planned efforts to save money for her first ride in a bus.
18. The conductor calls Valli 'madam' because of her manner and confidence. She behaves like a mature lady by saying that she does not want to sit down. She answers very quickly. It seems as if she can take care of herself. That's why the conductor calls her so.
19. Valli had made careful, painstaking and elaborate plans for her visit to the town. She had saved every coin she could. She overcame the temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons etc. She suppressed her strong desire to ride on a merry-go-round at the village fair. Finally, she had saved a total of sixty paise. Her next problem was how to slip out of the house without her mother's knowledge. Every day, her mother would nap after lunch from about one to four or so. She planned to visit the town during this period. And she managed to escape from the house without much difficulty. She had already collected all the information about the timings, fare and route of the bus by carefully listening to other people's conversations and by asking discreet questions. So she had made a good plan to fulfill her dream of riding the bus.
20. Valli was an eight-year old Tamil girl. She was very wise. She didn't have any playmates. So her favourite pastime was standing in the front doorway of her house and looking at the street outside. She watched every activity very carefully. She watched a bus that ran between her village and the nearest town. Soon a deep desire to ride on that bus rose in her heart. She collected every needed information about the journey like how many miles away the town was, how much time it took to complete this journey, the fare and the bus routes by carefully listening to other people's conversations and by asking discreet questions. She also started saving money to fulfil her deepest desire. She didn't buy toys, balloons etc. She even didn't ride on the merry-go-round in the village fair. Finally, she saved sixty-paise and fulfilled her deepest desire.
21. In the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus,' Valli's character shines as an extraordinary girl filled with self-confidence and courage. She possesses a strong determination to realize her ambition of riding the bus, despite societal norms and the discouragement of adults. Her spirit of adventure and resilience are evident as she plans and executes her journey, showing remarkable self-reliance for a young girl. Valli's story emphasises the value of having confidence in oneself and being willing to take chances in order to achieve one's goals or dreams. Her character serves as an inspiring example of how determination and courage can lead to the achievement of even seemingly small but significant goals.