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Chapter-8 | Bholi

Worksheet-1

Multiple Choice Questions

1. **Who is the author of Bholi?**
(a) Mulk Raj Anand (b) Ruskin Bond
(c) K. A. Abbas (d) Premchand
2. **Which of his daughters did Ramlal send to school?**
(a) Mangla (b) Champa
(c) Bholi (d) Radha
3. **What did the teacher ask Bholi?**
(a) Her father's name (b) His brother name
(c) Her mother's name (d) Bholi's name
4. **In chapter Bholi, What will that witless one say? She is like a dumb cow. Who is referred to as the dumb cow?**
(a) Bholi's mother (b) The neighbour's daughter
(c) Bholi (d) Champa
5. **What did the tehsildar ask Ramlal to do?**
(a) To send his daughters to school (b) To send his sons to school
(c) To send the village girls to school. (d) To send the young women of the village to school.
6. **Why had the Tehsildar come to Ramlal's village?**
(a) To inaugurate a primary school for boys.
(b) To inaugurate a primary school for girls.
(c) To inaugurate a secondary school for girls
(d) To inaugurate a college for girls
7. **Put the fear out of your heart and you will be able to speak like everyone else. Who said these words and to whom?**
(a) The lady teacher said this to Bholi. (b) Bholi's father said this to Bholi.
(c) Bholi's mother said this to Bholi. (d) The tehsildar said this to Bholi.
8. **Bholi was _____ of Ramlal's four daughters.**
(a) The eldest (b) The third
(c) The second (d) The youngest
9. **Bholi's real name was _____.**
(a) Susheela (b) Sumitra
(c) Surekha (d) Sulekha

10. Bholi was afraid when her father tried to take her to school as she thought that _____.
- (a) children would tease her.
 - (b) None of these.
 - (c) the school was a scary place.
 - (d) like Lakshmi, she was also being turned out of the house.

Fill in the blanks :

11. Bholi was called a _____ because she was a simpleton. .
12. The tehsildar asked Ramlal to send his daughters to _____.

True / False

13. Bholi was the eldest daughter of Ramlal.
14. Bholi's teacher was unkind to her.

Very Short Type Questions

15. Who came to the village at the opening of the school and what did he ask Ramlal to do?
16. Why did Bholi not marry Bishamber?

Short Type Questions

17. Why did Bholi not want to go to school first? What did she realise later?
18. How did Bholi find her school teacher different from her family members?

Essay Type Questions

19. How does Bholi become her teacher's masterpiece?

20. Bholi's heart was overflowing with a new hope and a new life. What does the phrase the new hope and the new life means to Bholi?

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : Bholi turned into a fearless, bold, and confident girl.
Reason (R) : The encouragement and education she received from her teacher helped her overcome her fears and find her voice.
- (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)
Bholi is a short story written by K.A. Abbas.
2. (c)
Ramlal's wife refused to send all her daughters to school as it would ruin their chances of a good marriage. She told Ramlal to send Bholi as she had no chance of making a good marriage because of her ugly face and lack of sense. So Ramlal had to send Bholi to school.
3. (d)
The teacher approached Bholi and asked her name.
4. (c)
Bholi's mother called her a dumb cow because Bholi did not speak much due to her stammer. She also believed that Bholi was lacking in sense.
5. (a)
The tehsildar told Ramlal to send his daughters to school and set an example for others as he was the revenue official and the representative of the government.
6. (b)
When Bholi was seven years old, a primary school was opened in their village. Tehsildar Sahib had come to inaugurate it.
7. (a)
When Bholi stammered while answering her teacher, the teacher encouraged her by saying these words. Her words instilled new confidence in Bholi.
8. (d)
Ramlal had seven children, three sons and four daughters. Bholi was his youngest daughter.
9. (d)
Bholi's real name was Sulekha but she was called Bholi because she was considered a simpleton.
10. (d)
Bholi remembered that four days ago her father had taken their old cow Lakshmi and sold her. Bholi was afraid to go to school because she thought that the same thing might happen to her.
11. Dumb cow
12. School
13. False
14. False

15. The Tehsildar came to the village at the opening of the school. He asked Ramlal to send his daughter to the school to study as he was a government representative in the village. He told him that he would set an example by sending her daughter to school. It would encourage more villagers to send their daughter to school. So he had to show an example before the villagers.
16. Bholi refused to marry the person because he was much older than her and then she got him even asking for a dowry. So, refused to marry him.
17. Bholi first did not want to go to school along with her father because she did not know anything about school. When her father suddenly caught her hand, she got frightened. She thought she would also be sold as her old cow, Lakshmi was sold. But when she was bathed and was given a clean dress and her hair was oiled, she thought that she was going to a better place than her home. As no one took her care like that earlier.
18. Bholi found her school teacher to be different from her family members because she was a neglected child in her family and in school, the teacher gave her all love and attention which she wanted. She had a soft and soothing tone. She gave Bholi a lot of encouragement and inspiration which she was not getting from her family.
19. Bholi was definitely her teacher's masterpiece as she was not a simpleton anymore. She became the ideal human being. Now she could take her own decisions. She was capable to choose between right and wrong. Under her guidance, she overcame her handicap of stammering. She changed into a bold and confident girl. Now she had the courage to revolt against a social evil of dowry and refused to marry the greedy Bishamber Nath.
20. The phrase means Bholi's heart was overflowing with a new hope and a new life when she took a vow to serve her parents in their old age and to teach the students in the same school where she had learnt a lot.
21. Bholi's teacher was very encouraging and friendly to her and this made her gain the confidence to speak. She started seeing a ray of hope for a new life. After years of gaining an education and with the help of her teacher, Bholi turned into a confident girl. She no longer stammered and could speak properly. She even had the courage to refuse to marry the lame old man because he was greedy and asked money from her father to marry her. On seeing her father worried about her marriage, she said that he did not need to worry as she would teach in the same school where she learned so much and would take care of him and her mother in their old age. Thus, education and love from her teacher transformed Bholi.