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Chapter-3 | The Little Girl Worksheet-2

Multiple Choice Questions

- How did the little girl feel when her father looked at her from the spectacles?**
 - Terrified
 - Happy
 - Joyful
 - Dancing
- In the text The Little Girl, whom did Kezia find standing at her bedside with a candle when she woke up in the dark due to her nightmare?**
 - Her Father
 - Her Grannie
 - The cook, Alice
 - Her Mother
- Mother, I wish you taught this child not to appear on the brink of suicide... What is father's tone in the line above?**
 - Haughty
 - Mocking
 - Distressed
 - Livid
- Where were the two girls hanging?**
 - On Macdonald's coat pockets
 - On Macdonald's shoulders
 - On Macdonald's hands
 - On Macdonald's arms
- What did Kezia think of her father when he used to yawn?**
 - She compared him to a giant
 - She compared him to Mr. Macdonald
 - She compared him to god
 - She compared him to Neighbours
- Whom did Kezia fear in the text titled The Little Girl?**
 - Her cook
 - Her mother
 - Her grandmother
 - Her father
- Why did grandmother send Kezia to her father in the drawing-room Sunday?**
 - To make her comfortable with her father
 - To make her understand her father better
 - To help her have a nice talk with him
 - All of these
- Whenever Kezia's father came back from office, Kezia was**
 - help up with fear
 - filled up with happiness
 - felt excited
 - felt sleepy

9. **Where was grandmother, when Keria was stitching the cushion?**
(a) In kitchen (b) In mother's bedroom
(c) In garden (d) In little girl's room
10. **Trace the word, which means tiny pieces.**
(a) Scraps (b) Gathered
(c) Collect (d) Sewed

Fill in the blanks :

11. Kezia's father could not play because _____.
12. The pin-cushion gift was made of a beautiful piece of _____ silk.

True / False

13. The Macdonald family lived in the neighbourhood of Katherine.
14. Cheerfully is similar to Gravely in poem The little Girl.

Very Short Type Questions

15. Kezia looked through a hole in the fence into Mr. MacDonald's garden. What did she see? Write your answer in the context of The Little Girl.
16. How did Kezia feel in the presence of her father?

Short Type Questions

17. Kezia's efforts to please her father resulted in displeasing him very much. How did this happen?
18. What message does the author wish to convey through Kezia's story?

Essay Type Questions

19. Why was Kezia scared of her father and how did she get over her fear?
20. How did the Macdonalds family make a difference for Kezia?

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A) :** Kezia believed all fathers were strict and unapproachable like her own.
Reason (R) : Mr. Macdonald, her neighbour, was also very strict with his children.
- (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. (a)
She felt terrified
2. (a)
Kezia often had nightmares and sleeping alone in the dark made it scarier for her. She woke up shivering and found her father standing beside the bed with a candle in his hand.
3. (b) Mocking
4. (a) On Macdonald's coat pockets
5. (a) She compared him to a giant
6. (d) Mansfield begins the prose The Little Girl by stating that he was a figure to be feared and avoided and it was a relief for the little girl when her father left for office.
7. (d) All of these
8. (a) help up with fear
9. (c) in garden
10. (a) scraps
11. he was too tired after work
12. yellow
13. True
14. False
15. When Kezia looked through a hole in the fence she saw Mr. MacDonald playing with his children. They were running around the flower beds and laughing happily. He had Baby Mao on his shoulders. The two little girls were hanging on to his coat pockets. They all seemed to be very happy.
16. Kezia was extremely scared of her father because of his physical appearance. He looked like a giant. Every morning he used to give her a goodbye kiss. She used to feel uncomfortable while her father was at home. She kept a distance from him, whenever he would be at home. She considered him to be as big as a giant. She even stammered while answering him. He scolded her one day and even beat her for tearing some of his important papers. But once Kezia had a nightmare and woke up screaming during the night, he carried her to his room. She then realised that her father was actually tender and affectionate and this changed her perception towards him.
17. As suggested by her grandmother, Kezia decided to make a pin cushion out of a beautiful piece of yellow silk for her father's birthday. After stitching three sides of the cushion with double thread with great care and effort, Kezia was stuck as to what to fill the cushion with. Since her grandmother was busy in the garden, she searched for her mother's bedroom for scraps. Finally, she discovered sheets of paper on the bed table. She gathered these, tore them up and filled the cushion with the torn pieces.

Unfortunately, her efforts to please her father not only went in vain but also had an unanticipated consequence. This was because the sheets she had torn were her father's speech for the Port Authority. Her father scolded her for touching things that did not belong to her and punished her by hitting her palm with a ruler.

18. Kezia's story is very touching. The message of the story is that one should try to have a balance in life. One should not try to hide one's feelings. If one is loving and caring, these feelings should be realized by others clearly. Kezia misunderstands her father only because she never sees him behave affectionately at home. She thinks that her father does not love her. She concludes that he is rude and arrogant. He punishes her with a ruler. Moreover, he never plays with her and never spends time with her. But at the end of the story, he shows his love and affection towards Kezia when she is in dire need of her father's protection. He makes her feel comfortable and lies beside her so that she may enjoy sound sleep and she may not feel frightened due to a nightmare. The author intends to say that parents never do wrong to their children. They always think and act for the wellness of their children.
19. Kezia's father was projected to have a huge build like a giant in the plot. He was portrayed as a disciplinarian and his attitude towards Kezia was quite strict. He punished Kezia when she tore his important speech.

It was only when Kezia's mother fell ill and both her mother and grandmother went to the hospital that Kezia realised that her father too had a generous and caring attitude. Kezia was left alone with her father at home, she had a nightmare and screamed with fright. Her father then carried her in his arms to comfort and provide solace to her. That bond with her father during those days made her forget all her fears and gradually she began to like and appreciate her father.

20. The Macdonalds lived next door to Kezia's house. They had five children. Looking through a gap in the fence, the little girl saw them playing 'tag' in the evening. The father with the baby, Mao, on his shoulders, two little girls hanging on to his coat pockets ran round and round the flower beds, brimming with laughter. She saw the boys turn the hose on him and he tried to catch them laughing all the time. The incident made Kezia think that there were different sorts of fathers. She often got dejected because of her father's indifference towards her. But she was a very sensitive child. She needed attention and affection. She compared her father with those children. She compared her life to the lives of those children and found them fortunate because they could spend time with their father.

21. (d) Kezia did believe her father was the typical father figure, but she changes her view after observing Mr. Macdonald, who was playful and loving with his children—unlike her own father.