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## Chapter-8 | A House Is Not A Home

### Worksheet-2

#### Multiple Choice Questions

- Who gave a company to the Narrator in visiting his house at the time of reconstruction?**
  - Her two teachers
  - Her two new school friends
  - Her two Coaching mates
  - Her three new school friends
- Who used to wake up the cat?**
  - Zan's father
  - Zan
  - Zan's aunt
  - Zan's mother
- What did the teachers of the old school tell Zan?**
  - They will support him.
  - Gradually, he will adjust and accept his new school.
  - They will control him.
  - They will help him.
- In the below line, they here refer to whom? (A House Is Not a Home)**  
**I understand psychology in what they are saying.**
  - Narrator's New Teachers
  - Narrator's Old Friends
  - Narrator's New Friends
  - Narrator's Old Teachers
- Why did the narrator feel very isolated in his new school? In reference to the chapter, A House is Not a Home.**
  - Students in his new school were unfriendly.
  - His teachers were too strict.
  - His closest friends were sent to a different high school.
  - He was a person of introverted nature.
- What did Zan notice while doing his homework?**
  - Cat was sleeping
  - Smoke pouring through the ceiling
  - Cat was jumping
  - Cat was rolling on the floor
- Which words tell that Zan was able to accept his new life and came out of his gloom?**
  - All of these
  - I got a new life
  - My cat was back and so was I
  - I am happy

8. **Why did the Narrator's mother run back into the house in the chapter, A House is Not a Home?**

- (a) To get the pictures and letters of her husband.
- (b) To get her cat.
- (c) To get her husband's important documents.
- (d) Neighbour

9. **Why did the Narrator run towards the neighbour's house?**

- (a) He was running in general
- (b) To call the fire department
- (c) To call the cops
- (d) To call the Ambulance

10. **Where did the author run when the fire broke out?**

- (a) On the roof
- (b) All of these
- (c) To his grandparents
- (d) To his neighbour's house

### Fill in the blanks :

11. The author and his mother spent their night \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Due to fire, the narrator lost his most precious thing, his \_\_\_\_\_.

### True / False

13. The author borrowed tennis shoes from his aunt to go to school.

14. The narrator's mother carried a small metal box full of important documents with herself while running out of the house.

### Very Short Type Questions

15. Why did the author dislike growing up? Write your answer in the context of A House is Not a Home.

16. Why does Zan break down in tears after the fire?

### Short Type Questions

17. Why was the author overcome by emotions when he got help from his schoolmates? Write your answer in the context of A House is Not a Home.

18. Why did Zan's mother run back into the house after having saved the important documents?

## Essay Type Questions

19. Why did the author miss his old teachers? Write your answer in the context of A House is Not a Home.
20. What is the meaning of My cat was back and so was I? Had the author gone anywhere? Why does he say that he is also back?

## HOTS

21 **Assertion (A)** : The author felt everything was unreal and strange after the fire.

**Reason (R)** : "Surreal" means something nice and peaceful.

- (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. (b)  
The narrator used to visit the place where his house was reconstructed. One time, he was accompanied by her two new school friends.
2. (b) Zan
3. (b) Gradually, he will adjust and accept his new school.
4. (d)  
'They' here refer to the narrator's old teachers as they advised him to take part in the new school activities.
5. (c)  
The big size of the new school and the separation from his closest friends made him feel isolated in his new school. He missed his old teachers so much that he wanted to go back.
6. (b) Smoke pouring through the ceiling.
7. (c) My cat was back and so was I
8. (a)  
The narrator's mother ran back into the house just to get the pictures and letters of her husband, as her husband was dead and these pictures and letters were the only possession of him.
9. (b)  
The narrator rushed towards her neighbours to ask them for help and to call the fire department as her house was caught up by the fire.
10. (d) To his neighbour's house
11. In the house of grandparents
12. Cat
13. True
14. True
15. The author disliked growing up because he felt that growing up brought many losses with it. He had lost his old school and his friends when he had moved to a new high school. Moreover, he lost his house when it burnt in the fire. But most of all he mourned the loss of his beloved pet cat who went missing after the fire.
16. Zan breaks down in tears after the fire because he comes to an overwhelming realisation of the great losses he has suffered. His old school, his friends, his house and his cat—all have been lost. The tears are an emotional outburst of a teenager who is struggling with adjustment issues.
17. The author was overcome by emotions when he got help from his schoolmates because they had gone out of their way to bring him things that he needed. He was touched by their genuine concern.

18. Zan's mother was in a crazed state. First, she ran into the house and brought out the important documents. Then she ran back again to save the pictures and letters of her husband who had died when Zan was young. Zan knew that those memories of her husband were extremely precious for her and she would never let them go up in flames.
19. After passing junior high school, the author joined a new high school. He missed his old school, friends and teachers. He was unable to adjust to the new surroundings or make friends. He would often visit his teachers at junior high and they would encourage him to get involved in school activities and meet new people. Their affection, warmth and cooperation in making him feel special made the author miss them.
20. My cat was back and so was I which means that he had found his cat and he himself had a new outlook on life. He got his cat back after he had lost all hope of finding it. He said that he was also back because he had a feeling of gratitude for his life now. Earlier he had a feeling of insecurity and fear regarding his new school whereas after the fire, the generosity of his friends and the return of his cat changed his outlook on life as he started participating in life and he felt that he was 'back'.
21. (c) It is true that the author felt everything was strange (surreal) because so many bad things happened. But the meaning of "surreal" is not "nice and peaceful" — it means strange or unreal. So, A is true, but R is wrong.

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