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Chapter-8 | A House Is Not A Home

Worksheet-1

Multiple Choice Questions

- Who is the protagonist of the chapter, A House is not a Home?**
 - Sue
 - The Narrator
 - Johnsy
 - Prashant
- What was Zan doing when the fire broke out?**
 - Was playing
 - Was in neighbourer's house
 - Was doing his homework
 - Was sleeping
- What did the cat do to entertain herself?**
 - Shout and cry meow
 - Jump on the bed
 - Playing with ball
 - Would hit Zan's pen with its tail
- The narrator had a pet (A House is Not a Home)**
 - Fish
 - Dog
 - Cow
 - Cat
- What was written on the collar of the Narrator's cat?**
 - Narrator's Phone number
 - Narrator's name
 - Narrator's address
 - Narrator's car number
- Who made a collection of money for the author?**
 - Social workers
 - Neighbours
 - The teachers in the old primary school
 - The students in the new high school
- Who is the author of the chapter, A House is Not a Home?**
 - Ruskin Bond
 - O. Henry
 - R.K Laxman
 - Zan Gaudio
- What do you think about the woman's identity who returned the Narrator's cat?**
 - She was Narrator's sister
 - She was Narrator's mother
 - Her identity was a mystery
 - She was Narrator's friend
- Who caught the author when he rushed after his mother in the burning house?**
 - Fireman
 - Policeman
 - Friend
 - Neighbour

10. They were the only things that she had to remember him by. In reference to the context, him here refers to whom?

- (a) Narrator's father
- (b) Narrator's brother
- (c) Narrator's grandfather
- (d) Narrator's uncle

Fill in the blanks :

11. The narrator was stopped by _____ from going inside the house.
12. The story started with the entering of the narrator to the _____.

True / False

13. In the below line : 'her' here refers to narrator's mother.
It's all right they will get her.
14. The narrator wished to revisit his old school and his meet teachers.

Very Short Type Questions

15. What help did the author get from his schoolmates after the fire accident? Write your answer in the context of the lesson A House is Not a Home.
16. What did the narrator get from his new schoolmates? Write your answer in the context of A House is Not a Home.

Short Type Questions

17. Why did Zan try to run after his mother and why did the fireman hold him back?
18. A month later, I was at my house watching them rebuild it. But this time it was different.' How was it different?

Essay Type Questions

19. What two things were rescued by the author's mother and why? Write your answer in the context of A House is Not a Home.
20. Describe the title A House is not a Home. Write your answer in the context of the Poem A House is Not a Home.

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : The narrator's mother ran back into the burning house to get a small metal box.
Reason (R) : She was very scared and confused and wanted to save important papers and things.
- (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 protagonist means the main character of a story and here the main character is the narrator herself as the whole story revolves around her teenage life but she has used a male character to narrate the story.
2. (c) Was doing his homework
3. (d) Would hit Zan's pen with its tail
4. (d) cat
5. (a)
Narrator's phone number was written on the collar of his cat as if in case it might get lost, anyone could get help find it home.
6. (d) The students in the new high school
7. (d)
The author of the chapter, A House is Not a Home, is Zan Gaudio. She is a well-known writer, who is deeply involved in her writings. She has created some brilliant masterpieces in the literature field.
8. (c)
The woman who returned the narrator's cat was a great human being but her identity is not revealed in the chapter. It is a complete mystery for the readers.
9. (a) Fireman
10. (a)
In reference to the context, him here refers to the narrator's father. He was dead and he was not with the Narrator any more.
11. fireman
12. high school
13. True
14. True
15. The schoolmates, after knowing about the author's plight, helped him in every way. They gave him shoes, clothes, sweaters, books, notebooks and many other things. They all invited the author to their houses.
16. At school the narrator found everyone acting strangely. They seemed to be pushing him towards the gym where a big table had been piled up with all kinds of things. His schoolmates had heard about the fire and had taken up a collection. They had bought for him school supplies, books, notebooks and even all kinds of clothes- jeans, tops and sweatsuits. The narrator was deeply touched by their sympathy.
17. When Zan saw his mother running back into the burning house to save his father's pictures and letters, he tried to run after her because he was afraid of losing her. The fireman held him back because Zan's act was very rash and illogical. Zan could not have saved his mother and would have risked his life as well. The fireman assured Zan that the firemen were there to rescue her.

18. A month later, the author was at his house. The house was being rebuilt but he wasn't alone. His two friends from school were with him. The fire was responsible for all the wonderful people around him. His life was getting back to normal. Now he focused on feelings of positivity and security.
19. The author's mother rescued a small metal box and the pictures and letters of author's father. The metal box was rescued as it contained important documents and the pictures and letters were rescued as they were the only memories of his father.
20. The title of the chapter is a universal truth. The foundation of the house lay upon the concrete materials while the foundation of a home lay upon love and bonding among the members of the family. Life without love is not life. Human relationship is based on love. The title itself indicates that a house is not a home without love. The author had to face adverse circumstances in his life. He was a fatherless boy. He led a satisfactory life with his old friends, teachers, mother and his cat. But when he changed his school, he could not adjust himself in the new environment.

He felt alienated. Later on, his house caught fire and he lost all the things including his cat. He started feeling dejected and isolated. He felt himself like a zombie. Life had no interest in him anymore. He started building a new house. But it was not home, as a house is a home only when there are love and happiness. The author did not have any attachment to the new house. His reunion with his cat, his new friends, and the new house made his house a home. His life again came to normality with friends and members of the family, who brings happiness in one's family.

21. (a)

The mother really did run inside the house and brought out a small metal box with documents. She was in a panicked state and wanted to save important things. So both the sentence and reason are true, and the reason explains her action.