

CHAPTER-7 | Madam Rides the Bus

QUIZ
PART-03

1. How much money did Valli save for her first bus journey?
A. Thirty paise
B. Forty-five paise
C. Sixty paise
D. One rupee (C)

Explanation: She thriftily gathered small coins until the total reached sixty paise.

2. Which temptation at the village fair did Valli firmly resist to keep saving?
A. Buying ice cream
B. Riding the merry-go-round
C. Watching a puppet show
D. Playing a shooting game (B)

Explanation: Even with money in hand, she stifled her desire to ride the merry-go-round.

3. During which daily interval did Valli slip out without being noticed?
A. Early morning before sunrise
B. Late evening after dinner
C. Afternoon while her mother napped from about one to four
D. Midnight when everyone slept (C)

Explanation: Her mother's afternoon nap created the window for Valli's "excursion."

4. As the bus moved, what amusing illusion did Valli notice about the trees?
A. They changed color suddenly
B. They seemed to run toward the bus and then stop
C. They appeared to shrink into the ground
D. They looked like animals (B)

Explanation: With the bus's motion, the trees seemed to rush forward, then stand still, and finally sweep away.

5. Which scenes did the bus pass through on the way to town?
A. Mountain passes and pine forests
B. A seashore road and fishing docks
C. A bare landscape, tiny hamlets, and odd wayside shops
D. Desert dunes and oases (C)

Explanation: The route alternated between open stretches and small settlements with occasional shops.

6. What animal ran ahead of the bus, making Valli laugh until tears came?
A. A stray dog
B. A young cow with its tail high
C. A flock of goats
D. A horse from a cart (B)

Explanation: The frightened young cow galloped in the middle of the road right before the bus.

7. What happened when the bus reached the railroad crossing?
A. The driver turned back
B. The train stopped for passengers
C. A train rushed past with a tremendous roar and rattle, shaking the bus
D. The crossing gate malfunctioned and stayed open (C)

Explanation: The onrushing train thundered by, making the bus shake.

8. How did Valli react when the conductor suggested she look around the town?
A. She eagerly explored the market
B. She agreed only with a guide
C. She refused, saying she'd be too afraid alone
D. She called a relative to join her (C)

Explanation: Though brave on the bus, she did not want to wander the town by herself.

9. What did the conductor offer to buy for Valli, and what was her response?
A. A snack; she accepted
B. A cold drink; she firmly refused
C. A toy; she hesitated but took it
D. A scarf; she declined politely then accepted (B)

Explanation: He offered a cold drink, but she declined—even as a treat—preferring not to spend or accept favors.

10. What did Valli do when the bus reached the town terminus?
A. Got off to sightsee before returning
B. Stayed on and bought another ticket for the ride back
C. Phoned her mother to pick her up
D. Visited the station café (B)

Explanation: She had come solely for the ride and immediately paid another thirty paise to return.