

CHAPTER-7 | Madam Rides the Bus

QUIZ
PART-02

1. Why does the conductor address Valli as “madam”?

- A. She is the only passenger on the bus
- B. She behaves confidently like a grown-up, and he jokes with her
- C. She has a monthly pass
- D. She is related to him (B)

Explanation: He’s a jolly conductor who playfully calls her “madam” because she answers briskly and acts like an adult.

2. What makes Valli stand up on her seat soon after boarding?

- A. The bus is too crowded
- B. The window glass is fogged
- C. A canvas blind blocks the lower part of the window
- D. The conductor asks her to stand (C)

Explanation: A canvas blind cuts off the lower view, so she stands to peer over it.

3. What does Valli hand to the conductor while still outside the bus?

- A. A written pass
- B. A note from her mother
- C. Some coins for the fare
- D. A ticket she bought earlier (C)

Explanation: She shows him coins for the fare even before stepping in.

4. How is the bus described from the outside?

- A. Bright yellow with red stripes
- B. Gleaming white with green stripes
- C. Sky blue with white dots
- D. Plain silver without markings (B)

Explanation: It’s a new bus painted a shining white with green stripes along the sides.

5. What feature is directly in front of Valli above the windshield?

- A. A route map
- B. A mirror
- C. A beautiful clock
- D. A notice board (C)

Explanation : She notices a beautiful clock above the windshield.

6. Why does the conductor urge Valli to sit rather than stand on the seat?

- A. Standing is against the rules
- B. She might block the driver’s view
- C. She could fall and hurt herself on turns or bumps
- D. The old woman needs her to sit (C)

Explanation: He warns that sharp turns or bumps could make her fall and get hurt.

7. Along what landscape does the bus travel when Valli peers outside?

- A. A seashore road
- B. A railway embankment
- C. The bank of a canal
- D. A forest trail (C)

Explanation: The bus goes along a narrow road beside a canal.

8. Approximately how many passengers are on the bus during the slack time?

- A. Two or three
- B. Six or seven
- C. Ten or eleven
- D. Fifteen or more (B)

Explanation: It’s slack time, and there are only about six or seven passengers.

9. What detail about the elderly woman particularly repels Valli?

- A. Loud singing
- B. Chewing betel nut with juice about to spill
- C. Wearing too much perfume
- D. Carrying a caged bird (B)

Explanation: Valli dislikes the big ear holes and ugly earrings, and the betel nut and juice threatening to spill.

10. What does the phrase “devoured everything with her eyes” suggest about Valli?

- A. She is hungry
- B. She is frightened
- C. She is curious and intensely observant
- D. She is sleepy (C)

Explanation: The phrase highlights her eager, absorbing attention to every detail inside the bus and outside scenery.