

CHAPTER-7 | Madam Rides the Bus

QUIZ
PART-01

1. How old is Valli at the start of the story?

- A. Six years old
- B. Eight years old
- C. Ten years old
- D. Twelve years old (B)

Explanation: Valli is introduced as an eight-year-old girl.

2. What is Valli's favourite pastime?

- A. Playing with her friends in the field
- B. Reading storybooks at home
- C. Standing in her doorway, watching the street
- D. Visiting the nearby temple (C)

Explanation: She loves to stand in the front doorway and watch what happens on the street.

3. What fascinates Valli the most on the street?

- A. The ice-cream cart
- B. The passing bullock carts
- C. The bus traveling between the village and town
- D. The street vendors (C)

Explanation: The bus that goes to the nearest town and returns each hour is her greatest fascination.

4. How far is the town from Valli's village?

- A. Four miles
- B. Five miles
- C. Six miles
- D. Seven miles (C)

Explanation: She learns the town is six miles away.

5. What is the one-way bus fare Valli learns about?

- A. Ten paise
- B. Twenty paise
- C. Thirty paise
- D. Fifty paise (C)

Explanation: The fare is stated as thirty paise one way.

6. If Valli boards the one o'clock bus, when does it reach the town?

- A. 1:15 p.m.
- B. 1:30 p.m.
- C. 1:45 p.m.
- D. 2:00 p.m. (C)

Explanation: The forty-five-minute ride means the one o'clock bus arrives at 1:45 p.m.

7. What does Valli shout when she feels jealous of friends describing the town?

- A. "Wonderful! wonderful!"
- B. "Lucky! lucky!"
- C. "Proud! proud!"
- D. "Amazing! amazing!" (C)

Explanation: She cries "Proud! proud!", a slang expression they use without really knowing its meaning.

8. How does Valli gather details about the bus journey?

- A. By reading a timetable in the market
- B. By asking the bus conductor directly
- C. By listening to neighbors and asking discreet questions
- D. By following the bus on foot (C)

Explanation: Over days and months she listens to regular bus users and asks a few careful questions.

9. Why does the fare seem "a fortune" to Valli?

- A. She thinks the bus is overpriced
- B. She scarcely sees that much money from month to month
- C. She plans to buy sweets instead
- D. She believes the fare is for both ways (B)

Explanation: Thirty paise feels like a lot because she rarely handles that much money.

10. Vallikannan, who depicts Valli's curiosity, is the pseudonym of which person?

- A. Subramania Bharati
- B. Kalki Krishnamurthy
- C. R. S. Krishnasamy
- D. Jayakanthan (C)

Explanation: Vallikannan is the pen name of R. S. Krishnasamy, a Tamil writer, journalist, critic, and translator.