

## CHAPTER-8 | Bholi

## QUIZ-01

1. What was Bholi's real name?

- A. Champa                      B. Sulekha  
C. Mangla                      D. Radha (B)

**Explanation:** Bholi's real name was Sulekha, but she was nicknamed Bholi due to her simplicity and perceived lack of intelligence, as described early in the chapter.

2. Why did Bholi's father send her to school?

- A. To compete with other children  
B. To set an example for the villagers  
C. To ensure she became independent  
D. To improve her marriage prospects (B)

**Explanation:** Ramlal, under the Tehsildar's advice, sent Bholi to school to fulfill his duty as a government representative, despite his wife's objections.

3. How did Bholi react when she was told she would go to school?

- A. She was excited  
B. She was indifferent  
C. She was terrified  
D. She eagerly agreed (C)

**Explanation:** Bholi was initially frightened, as she associated leaving home with being discarded like their old cow, Lakshmi.

4. What was special about Bholi's preparation on her first day at school?

- A. She received new clothes  
B. She was bathed and her hair was oiled  
C. She was given sweets  
D. She was gifted a new book (B)

**Explanation:** Bholi was given clean clothes, bathed, and her hair was oiled, which was unusual because she was often neglected at home.

5. Why did Bholi's teacher take special interest in her?

- A. She wanted Bholi to be the class leader  
B. She pitied Bholi for her challenges  
C. She saw potential in her  
D. She was instructed by Ramlal (C)

**Explanation:** The teacher recognized Bholi's potential and encouraged her to overcome her fears and develop confidence through education.

6. What realization brought hope to Bholi on her first day at school?

- A. Her teacher's kind encouragement  
B. The colorful pictures in her book  
C. Her new clothes  
D. The promise of friendship (A)

**Explanation:** The teacher's gentle encouragement and assurance that she could succeed gave Bholi newfound hope and self-belief.

7. Why did Bholi's parents accept Bishamber's marriage proposal?

- A. Bishamber was young and handsome  
B. He demanded no dowry  
C. They feared Bholi might remain unmarried  
D. He was a wealthy landowner (C)

**Explanation:** Bholi's parents were desperate to secure a match for her, fearing her appearance and stammer would make marriage impossible.

8. What condition did Bishamber place during the wedding?

- A. The wedding be held at his village  
B. A dowry of ₹5,000 be paid  
C. Bholi stop attending school  
D. Ramlal provide jewelry (B)

**Explanation:** Bishamber demanded ₹5,000 upon noticing Bholi's pockmarked face, displaying his greed and lack of honor.

9. How did Bholi respond to Bishamber's demand?

- A. She remained silent  
B. She cried and pleaded  
C. She rejected the marriage  
D. She accepted reluctantly (C)

**Explanation:** Bholi boldly refused to marry Bishamber, valuing her dignity over societal expectations, showing her transformation into a confident woman.

10. What does the teacher's satisfaction at the end symbolize?

- A. Her pride in Bholi's education  
B. The societal acceptance of Bholi  
C. Bholi's mastery of speech  
D. Her role in shaping Bholi's life (D)

**Explanation:** The teacher's satisfaction reflects her success in helping Bholi overcome barriers and assert herself as an independent individual.