

Class- 10

Sub.-English (Reader)

Poem - The Purple Jar

Write and learn the following Questions

C. Answer the following questions in 20-25 words each :

1. Who was Rosamond and where was she walking ?

Ans: Rosamond was a girl of about seven years old and she was walking in the streets of London along with her mother.

2. Who accompanied Rosamond ? What did she see inside a milliner's shop ?

Ans: Her mother accompanied her. She saw ribbons, laces, festoons of artificial flowers inside a milliner's shop.

3. Why did Rosamond and her mother have to wait at Mr Sole's shop ?

Ans: Rosamond and her mother had to wait at Mr Sole's shop because he had a great many customers to deal with and his shop was full.

4. Why did Rosamond's father refuse to take her along with him ?

Ans: Rosamond's father refused to take her along with him because she was walking slipshod and he did not take anybody with him who didn't walk properly.

5. What did Rosamond see inside the jeweller's shop ?

Ans: Rosamond saw many pretty baubles kept in drawers behind glass inside the jeweller's shop.

D. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :

1. Why was Rosamond's mother not buying anything from the market ?

Ans: Rosamond's mother was not buying anything from the market because in her view, they would not be useful for her. She would first find out the use and then buy. She knew that her daughter was too young to decide anything by herself.

2. How did the purple jar lose its favour with Rosamond ?

Ans: When Rosamond emptied the black stuff filled in the jar, it was no longer a purple jar. It was a plain white glass, which had seemed to have that beautiful colour merely due to the liquor which it had been filled with. So the purple jar lost its favour with Rosamond.

3. Why did Rosamond want to buy a flower vase for herself ?

Ans: Rosamond wanted to buy a flower vase for herself because she liked its colour very much. She wanted to put the flowers she had collected in the corner of her mother's garden, into the vase.

4. What was Rosamond's reaction after seeing the chemist's shop ?

Ans: Rosamond was very happy to see the colourful things kept in the chemist's shop, though she didn't know their use. She pulled her mother's hand to look at the beautiful things in the shop and urged to buy something.

E. Answer the following questions in 80 words each :

1. What did Rosamond's father propose? Why was she left out ?

Ans: Rosamond's father proposed to take her and her brother to a glass-house which she had long wished to see. She was left out because she was walking slipshod. When she was hurrying downstairs to her father and brother, the shoe dropped off. Her father did not want anyone to walk awkwardly with him. Her shoes disgusted her. He had always thought her to be neat but it was not so. He was disappointed with her. Therefore her father did not take her along with him and she was left out.

2. Why did Rosamond decide to buy the purple jar instead of a new pair of shoes ?

Ans: Rosamond's shoes were quite worn out. One of the shoes had a big hole in it and she had difficulty while walking, but she decided to buy the purple vase because she thought that she would put flowers in the purple vase and put it on the chimney-piece. It would look very beautiful. When she had to decide she thought that her shoes were not so very bad and she might wear them a little longer. The month would soon be over. She could make them last to the end of the month.

3. Why did Rosamond feel uncomfortable inside Mr Sole's shop ?

Ans: There were several reasons why Rosamond felt uncomfortable inside Mr Sole's shop. First, there were a great many customers at his shop. It was full so they had to wait. Next it was drab and dark. There was nothing but shoes all round. In addition to it, there was a very disagreeable smell. It was the smell of new leather. But her mother thought that the shop was as pretty as the rest. Third, she was more interested in buying the flower vase than shoes.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Short Answer Type Questions

Type-I (Factual Questions)

Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words each :

Q. 1. Why was Rosamond afraid to let go of her mother's hand ?

Ans: Rosamond was afraid to let go of her mother's hand because they were walking in a busy street of London. There was a great rush and traffic on the road.

Q. 2. Why did Rosamond's mother not buy a pair of buckles ?

Ans: Rosamond's mother did not buy a pair of buckles because she already had a pair of buckles and did not want another pair.

Q. 3. Why did Rosamond's mother ask her to examine the purple vase before buying it ?

Ans: Rosamond's mother asked her to examine the purple vase more closely before buying it because Rosamond thought that it was a flower pot.

Q. 4. What would Rosamond buy if she had the money ?

Ans: Rosamond would buy roses, boxes, purple flower-pot and everything else that she saw in the shops if she had the money.

Q. 5. Why did Rosamond need new shoes ?

Ans: Rosamond's shoes were quite worn out. There was a big hole in one of them. Stones came into her shoe and it hurt her badly. So she needed new shoes.

Q. 6. Why did Rosamond have to hop while walking ?

Ans: A stone came into one of Rosamond's shoes. It hurt her foot badly. It began to give her so much pain that she had to hop while walking.

Q. 7. What distracted the attention of Rosamond ?

Ans: The stone in her foot gave her so much pain that she had to hop every other step. She could not think of anything else. This distracted her attention.

Q. 8. What condition was put by Rosamond's mother before buying the purple vase ?

Ans: Rosamond's mother told her that she would not buy her another pair of shoes that month, if she bought that purple vase.