

**DOON PUBLIC SCHOOL BHUJ**  
**HOME ASSIGNMENT -2**

Dear Students

This is your home assignment which you have to complete in your English notebook .Write all the content very neatly in the notebook and learn the same. This assignment will be checked on reopening of the school.

Manage your time effectively as time is free, but it is priceless. Wish you to have great time with your family during this vacation .Take care and stay safe!

**English literature (in notebook)**

**Ch-1 A Short Monsoon Diary**

**(From the Story )**

**Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences.**

**1. In which month does the monsoon reach its peak and when does it come to an end ?**

**Ans :**The monsoon reach its peak in the month of August and it comes to an end by October .

**2. Name the flower that can be seen in August and describe how they look .**

Ans: Ground orchids , mauve lady's slipper , white butterfly orchids , white dahlias are the flower that can be seen in the month of August .White butterfly orchids cover the entire area . white dahlias gives a colourful look of red , yellow and magenta .

**3. Which animals comes out during the monsoon ?What do they do ?**

Ans : Leopards ,snakes and rodents come out during the monsoon .Leopards hunts other animals like dogs and cows .Rodents takes shelter in roofs.

**4. List the birds that appears with the coming of the monsoon .**

Ans:Scarlets minivets and drongos appear with coming of the monsoon.

**5. What shows that monsoon is about to end ?**

Ans : the turning of the seeds of cobra lily to red signifies that the monsoon is about to end.

**(Let's Think and Answer )**

**Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences.**

**1. The author hears Bijju calling his sister but he cannot see him .Why?**

Ans : The author hears Bijju calling his sister but he cannot see him because it was misty.

**2. What makes the author feels ,'in touch with 'yet 'untouched by 'the rain?**

Ans :He could hear the rain beating down on the roof tops, so he felt 'in touched with it .He was 'untouched by 'it as it did not wet him since he was indoor.

**3. Why are rodents and snakes seen all over the place during the monsoons?**

Ans : Rodents and snakes seen all over the place during the monsoons because they come out of their hiding places .

**4. Is the author is superstitious ?Give a reason for your answer .**

Ans: Yes , because he comments that he received cheque in the mail just after the chuchundars which were considered lucky ,came out.

**5. Is there any difference in the way the rain affect the author in the monsoon and in the winter? Look for evidence in the dairy that leads you to a conclusion.**

Ans: the monsoon rain makes him stay indoors and read or write .He prefers it to the winter rain since it is not a cold rain .Winter rain brings silence ,there are no flower of the monsoon ,that makes him feel lonely and sad

**Ch-2 Educating Mother**

**(Textbook Exercise )**

Tick (✓) the correct option from the four options given below.

**1. Ambu refered to her history teacher because**

- (a) She was good story teller .
- (b) She wanted dates in history to be remembered**
- (c) She was fond of her
- (d) She told them historical stories.

**2. The other children listened to Ambu's version of `Goldolocks' as**

- (a) She turned it into an exciting murder mystery**
- (b) She was good story teller
- (c) She did not include the bears in her version
- (d) they liked Ambu a lot

**3. All the children kept interrupting the mother because**

- (a) The mother was not a good a good storyteller
- (b) the children wanted to listen to only murder mysteries.
- (c) they did not want to listen to stories.
- (d) All children wanted to question the old values in the stories**

**4. Ambu's objection to all the stories was that**

- (a) They were all fairytales
- (b) They were not modern stories .
- (c) They all showed girls as being stupid
- (d) There were no boys in the stories.

## Vocabulary

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| 1. Macabre     | 6. Snorted   |
| 2. Indulgent   | 7. Daft      |
| 3. Awe         | 8. Simpering |
| 4. Inherit     | 9. Hostility |
| 5. Protagonist | 10. Escaped  |

## IN NOTEBOOK

### (Let's Recall)

Answer the following questions in 1-2 sentences.

**Q1. How many children were listening to mother's story ?**

Ans. Four children- Venku , Ambu, Rama, and Jahaki were listening to mother's story .

**Q2. 'I had her there .**

**(A) Who are 'I' and 'Her'?**

Ans- 'I' is the narrator and 'Her' is Ambu.

**(b) What did the speaker mean by this?**

Ans- She means that Ambu could not counter question her on this.

**(c) Did the speaker continue to fell in this manner? Why?**

Ans- No because Ambu still had a comment and question for the mother.

**Q3. Who is a 'protagonist' in a story?**

Ans Protagonist means the main character in a story.

**Q4. What were Janaki's concerns?**

Ans Janaki's concerns were related to environment issues.

## **(From the story)**

**Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences.**

**Q1. What can you infer from the first phrase:**

**'It all started .... ?**

Ans. The first phase draws the inference about the mother's experience of telling stories to the children and dealing with their unanswerable doubts and questions.

**Q2. Do you think that these children would enjoy fairy tales? Why ?**

Ans. No, because they question everything and need legal answers for their questions.

They are so aware of reality and belong to such a modernized world that fairy tales seem unbelievable to them.

**Q3. What did Ambu think of her grandmother?**

Ans She thinks that her grandmother would not like to be mistaken for being a wolf and if such a suggestion was made , grandmother would have been very angry.

**Q4. Explain the phrase 'air of hostility'.**

Ans It means everyone disapproved of what was being said.

**Q5. Why did the mother feel that 'an air of hostility was gathering' against her?**

**Ans** The mother felt that 'air of hostility' was gathering against her because she was making statement that the children didn't like.

**Q6. What does being 'politically correct' mean? Give an example.**

Ans It means to avoid referring to people and things in a way that might hurt the sentiments of other people. For example – mother tried to narrate a story that was not gender biased.

**Q7. Do you think it was the first time the mother was telling a story to the children? Why?**

Ans Yes, because she did not know which story to tell such that the children might be suitably engaged.

**(Let's Think and Answer )-**

**Write in your own words**

**Q1** Do you think these children lacked imagination ?Give reason.

**Q2** Why do you think the mother failed as a storyteller ?

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