

Case study based questions  
10th English  
**Bholi**

**Passage - 1****5 Marks**

Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:  
Ramlal was overjoyed to see such pomp and splendour. He had never dreamt that his fourth daughter would have such a grand wedding. Bholi's elder sisters who had come for the occasion were envious of her luck.

Q 1. Whose marriage is referred to here? How was the marriage procession?

- (1) Bholi's marriage is referred to here. Bholi's marriage procession came with great pomp and show.
- (2) Radha's marriage is referred to here. Radha's marriage procession came with great pomp and show.
- (3) Bholi's marriage is referred to here. Bholi's marriage procession was a sad and mournful affair.
- (4) Radha's marriage is referred to here. Radha's marriage procession was a sad and mournful affair.

Q 2. Why were Bholi's sisters envious of her? What had Ramlal never expected?

- (1) Bholi's sisters were envious of her handsome groom. Ramlal had never expected such pomp, splendour and a grand wedding.
  - (2) Bholi's sisters were envious of her beautiful dress. Ramlal had never expected such pomp, splendour and a grand wedding.
  - (3) Bholi's sisters were envious of her grand wedding. Ramlal had never expected such pomp, splendour and a grand wedding.
  - (4) Bholi's sisters were envious of her new house. Ramlal had never expected such pomp, splendour and a grand wedding.
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Q 3. Why was Ramlal overjoyed?

- (1) Ramlal was overjoyed because Bholi was finally getting married.
- (2) Ramlal was overjoyed to see such pomp and splendour at his daughter's wedding.
- (3) Ramlal was overjoyed to see that Bholi was now as beautiful as her sisters.
- (4) Ramlal was overjoyed that Bholi's husband had wealth and power.

Q 4. Why had Ramlal never expected such a wedding?

- (1) Ramlal had never expected such a wedding for Bholi, his fourth daughter because Bholi was too beautiful to ever get married.
- (2) Ramlal had never expected such a wedding for Radha, his second daughter because Radha was generally considered to be ugly and dim-witted.
- (3) Ramlal had never expected such a wedding for Bholi, his fourth daughter because Bholi was too busy studying to get married.
- (4) Ramlal had never expected such a wedding for Bholi, his fourth daughter because Bholi was generally considered to be ugly and dim-witted.

Q 5. Choose the correct option:

Bholi's elder sisters were \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) envious
- (2) happy
- (3) proud
- (4) nervous

**Passage - 2**

**5 Marks**

Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Bishamber raised the garland to place it round the bride's neck; but before he could do so, Bholi's hand struck out like a streak of lightning and the garland was flung into the fire. She got up and threw away the veil.

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Q 1. What did Bholi do and why?

- (1) Bholi suddenly stood up and threw the veil into the fire because she did not agree to the condition of Bishamber of five thousand rupees.
- (2) Bholi suddenly stood up and threw the garland into the fire because she did not agree to the condition of Bishamber of three thousand rupees.
- (3) Bholi suddenly stood up and threw the garland into the fire because she did not agree to the condition of Bishamber of five thousand rupees.
- (4) Bholi suddenly stood up and threw the veil into the fire because she did not agree to the condition of Bishamber of eight thousand rupees.

Q 2. Why did Bholi first agree to the unequal match and later refused?

- (1) Bholi first agreed to the unequal match because she never wanted to add to the worries of her parents by her refusal. She later refused because she was a self-respecting girl and Bishamber was a greedy coward.
- (2) Bholi first agreed to the unequal match because she never wanted to add to the worries of her parents by her refusal. She later refused because she found out that Bishamber was actually a poor farmer.
- (3) Bholi first agreed to the unequal match because she never wanted to add to the worries of her parents by her refusal. She later refused because she realized that she did not love Bishamber.
- (4) Bholi first agreed to the unequal match because she never wanted to add to the worries of her parents by her refusal. She later refused because she wanted to go to college and be a teacher.

Q 3. What does Bholi's behaviour at the wedding tell us about her?

- (1) Bholi's behaviour at the wedding tells us that Bholi was a timid, tame and dumb-driven cow who had no thought of her own.
  - (2) Bholi's behaviour at the wedding tells us that Bholi was a smart woman who wanted to be a politician.
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(3) Bholi's behaviour at the wedding tells us that Bholi was a timid and tame girl who only cared about getting married.

(4) Bholi's behaviour at the wedding tells us that she was no longer a timid, tame, dumb-driven cow but a bold, confident and self-respecting girl.

Q 4. What did Bholi do with the garland?

(1) Bholi snatched the garland and threw it into the fire.

(2) Bholi struck out her hand and the garland was flung into the fire.

(3) Bholi kept the garland safe in a wooden box.

(4) Bholi tore the garland into pieces until only the petals remained.

Q 5. Who was Bishambar?

(1) Bishamber was a poor farmer who wanted to marry Bholi.

(2) Bishamber was a well-to-grocer who wanted to marry Bholi.

(3) Bishamber was a school teacher who wanted to marry Radha.

(4) Bishamber was a postmaster who wanted to marry Sulekha.

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Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

“What’s the matter with you, you fool?” shouted Ramlal. “I am only taking you to school.” Then he told his wife, “Let her wear some decent clothes today, or else what will the teachers and the other schoolgirls think of us when they see her?”

Q 1. Who is speaking to who? What does the speaker want his wife to do?

- (1) Ramlal is speaking to his wife. Ramlal wanted his wife to get Bholi ready for the school.
- (2) Ramlal is speaking to Bholi. Ramlal wanted his wife to buy Bholi new clothes.
- (3) Ramlal is speaking to Radha. Ramlal wanted his wife to get Radha ready for the school.
- (4) Ramlal is speaking to Bholi. Ramlal wanted his wife to get Bholi ready for the school.

Q 2. Why was Bholi scared to go to school? What made her feel that she was going to a better place?

- (1) Bholi was scared because she did not know what a school was like. When she was given a bath, decent clothes to wear, her hair was oiled and combed, she thought that she was going to a better place.
  - (2) Bholi was scared because she was afraid of speaking with a stammer at school. When the teacher spoke kindly to her, she thought that she was going to a better place.
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(3) Bholi was scared to go to school because she did not know how to read. When the teacher gave her a book, she felt that she was going to a better place.

(4) Bholi was scared because she did not know how to read. When she was given a bath, decent clothes to wear, her hair was oiled and combed, she thought that she was going to a better place.

Q 3. Why did Ramlal want her to wear decent clothes to school?

(1) Ramlal wanted her to wear decent clothes to school because he wanted her to feel confident on her first day at school.

(2) Ramlal wanted her to wear decent clothes to school because it was considered good fortune to start one's schooling with new clothes.

(3) Ramlal wanted her to wear decent clothes to school because he wanted their family to make a good impression on the teachers and the other schoolgirls.

(4) Ramlal wanted her to wear decent clothes to school because he wanted other teachers and schoolgirls to think that their family was very rich.

Q 4. Why did Ramlal call her a fool?

(1) Ramlal called her a fool because she was scared to go to school.

(2) Ramlal called her a fool because she did not want to come home from school.

(3) Ramlal called her a fool because she wanted to be a teacher at the school.

(4) Ramlal called her a fool because she did not want to marry a well-to-do man.

Q 5. Who is 'her' in this extract?

(1) Ramlal's wife is 'her' in this extract.

(2) Bholi is 'her' in this extract.

(3) The teacher is 'her' in this extract.

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(4) Radha is 'her' in this extract.

## Passage - 2

5 Marks

Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

When the school bell rang, all the girls scurried out of the classroom, but Bholi dared not leave her corner. Her head still lowered, she kept on sobbing.

Q 1. Why didn't Bholi dare to come out of her classroom?

(1) Bholi did not dare to come out her classroom because she did not have any friends to play with. Also, she was afraid that she would not be good at any games.

(2) Bholi did not dare to come out her classroom because she did not like interacting with other children. She preferred to sit alone in the classroom.

(3) Bholi did not dare to come out her classroom because it was her first day in school. Also, she had a complex that other girls would laugh at her for stammering.

(4) Bholi did not dare to come out her classroom because it was very cold outside and she had forgotten to bring her sweater.

Q 2. Why do you think she finds her teacher different from the people at home?

(1) The soft, sweet soothing voice, sympathetic and encouraging behaviour of her teacher made her very different from the people at home.

(2) The harsh scolding and berating voice of her teacher made her very different from the people at home.

(3) The cheerful, funny and jokey nature of her teacher made her very different from the people at home.

(4) The serious, intelligent and thoughtful nature of her teacher made her very different from the people at home.

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Q 3. What did the other girls do when the bell rang?

- (1) The other girls started chatting with the teacher when the bell rang.
- (2) The other girls quickly left the classroom when the bell rang.
- (3) The other girls started teasing Bholi when the bell rang.
- (4) The other girls decided to befriend Bholi when the bell rang.

Q 4. Why was Bholi sobbing?

- (1) Bholi was sobbing because she had stammered while introducing herself and the other girls in the class were laughing at her.
- (2) Bholi was sobbing because it was her first day at school and she missed her parents.
- (3) Bholi was sobbing because she had been scolded by the teacher for stammering while saying her name.
- (4) Bholi was sobbing because she did not like coming to school as she could not read or write.

Q 5. Who consoled Bholi when she was crying?

- (1) Ramlal consoled Bholi when she was crying.
  - (2) Her mother consoled Bholi when she was crying.
  - (3) Sulekha consoled Bholi when she was crying.
  - (4) The teacher consoled Bholi when she was crying.
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