

Exam Practice

Extract Based Questions

Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1 He could use it to hang from a branch; and it was capable of scooping up any delicacy that might be out of reach of his hands.

- (i) Who is 'he' in the given extract?
(a) A bear (b) A monkey
(c) A parrot (d) A cat
- (ii) What does 'it' refer to here?
(a) Hands (b) Legs
(c) Tail (d) Branch
- (iii) How is it useful for him?
(a) It added to his looks
(b) It helped him to pick up food
(c) It helped him hang from the branch
(d) All of the above

- (iv) The name of 'he' in the extract is
(v) What can we understand about him in the given lines?

Ans. (i) (b) A monkey (ii) (c) Tail
(iii) (d) All of the above
(iv) Toto
(v) Through the given lines it can be understood that he was naughty.

2 We found him in the branches of the Jackfruit tree, the dish still in his arms. He remained there all afternoon, eating slowly through the rice, determined on finishing each grain.

- (i) Who is referred as 'him' in the above extract?
(a) Toto (b) Grandfather
(c) Narrator (d) None of these
- (ii) The statement that is true about Toto according to the extract is
(a) Toto was a mischievous monkey.
(b) Toto was a very calm and quiet pet.
(c) Toto helps the grandmother every day.
(d) Toto was a beautiful monkey.
- (iii) Why he was eating slowly?
(a) Because there were too many small grains to be finished.
(b) Because he gave the chance to capture him easily.
(c) Because he was enjoying his meal.
(d) Because he is carefree kind of a pet.
- (iv) Where did he get the dish from?
(v) Where was Toto found?

Ans. (i) (a) Toto
(ii) (a) Toto was a mischievous monkey.
(iii) (a) Because there were too many small grains to be finished.
(iv) He got the dish from the dinning-table.
(v) Toto was found in the jackfruit tree with a dish in his arms.

3 When Toto was finally accepted by grandmother he was given a comfortable home in the stable, where he had for a companion the family donkey, Nana. On Toto's first night in the stable, grandfather paid him a visit to see if he was comfortable. To his surprise he found Nana, without apparent cause, pulling at her halter and trying to keep her head as far as possible from a bundle of hay.

- (i) Why was Toto not accepted by the grandmother before?
(a) Because he was a monkey.
(b) Because grandfather didn't inform the grandmother about him.
(c) Because she didn't want another pet.
(d) Because Toto was mischievous.
- (ii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are not true according to the given extract.
1. Toto was a mischievous pet.
2. Toto and Nana became friends.
3. Toto and Nana shared same stable for a night.
4. Grandmother liked Toto's mischief's.
5. Grandmother protected Toto in every incidence.
6. Toto was loved by every pet in the zoo.
(a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 2, 4, 5, 6
(c) 3, 4, 6 (d) 2, 3, 6
- (iii) Which word does 'halter' not correspond to?
(a) Rope (b) Canvas
(c) Seat (d) Hamper
- (iv) Why did the Grandfather paid a visit to the stable?
(v) Why was Toto sent to the stable?

- Ans.** (i) (c) Because she didn't want another pet.
 (ii) (b) 2, 4, 5, 6
 (iii) (c) Seat
 (iv) Grandfather paid a visit to the stable to check whether Toto is comfortable.
 (v) Toto was sent to the stable in order to give him a comfortable home.

4 This, with some straw at the bottom, became his new abode. When the bag was closed, there was no escape. Toto could not get his hands through the opening, and the canvas was too strong for him to bite his way through. His efforts to get out only had the effect of making the bag roll about on the floor or occasionally jump into the air — an exhibition that attracted a curious crowd of onlookers on the Dehradun railway platform.

- (i) This here refers to
 (a) Toto's new cage
 (b) a black canvas bag
 (c) a suitcase big enough for Toto
 (d) Toto's new toy

- (ii) What do you think is the purpose of the straw in the given extract?
 (a) For food (b) For comfort
 (c) For sturdiness (d) For support
 (iii) The given lines pose Toto as a
 (a) wild monkey
 (b) irritating monkey
 (c) well-domesticated monkey
 (d) naughty monkey
 (iv) The phrase "an exhibition that attracted a curious crowd of onlookers" refer to the
 (a) acts that Toto performed
 (b) Toto's appearance
 (c) the closed bag jumping and rolling
 (d) All of the above
 (v) Why was Toto given a new abode?

- Ans.** (i) (b) a black canvas bag
 (ii) (b) For comfort
 (iii) (d) naughty monkey
 (iv) (c) closed bag jumping and rolling
 (v) Toto was given a new adobe because he was going to Saharanpur with grandfather.

Short Answer (SA) Type Questions

1 Why was Toto's presence kept a secret from grandmother?

or Where was Toto kept immediately after grandfather got him? Why?

Ans. Toto's presence was kept a secret from the grandmother because she did not like animals. She always got annoyed when grandfather got some new bird or animals. So, Toto was kept hidden in a closet in the narrator's bedroom.

2 What did Toto do in the narrator's room?

or What destruction was caused by Toto to the narrator's room?

Ans. Toto had caused immense destruction in the narrator's room. He had tore off the decorative wall paper that covered the narrator's room. He had pulled off the peg, to which he was tied, from its socket. He had also completely torn the narrator's school blazer into shreds.

3 How many pets did the narrator's grandfather have and where were they kept?

or Give the names of grandfather's pet. Where did they live?

Ans. The narrator's grandfather was fond of keeping pets. He had his own small private zoo where he kept his pets. In his zoo, he had a tortoise, a pair of rabbits, a domesticated squirrel and a pet goat. Grandfather also had a donkey called Nana who lived in a stable. Toto, a little red monkey was a new addition to his zoo.

4 How does Toto become a problem to grandfather while going to Saharanpur?

Ans. While grandfather was going to Saharanpur, Toto, became a problem for him. All through the journey, Toto was in the canvas kit bag, but when grandfather was showing his ticket to the ticket collector, Toto bought his head out of the bag. The ticket collector got scared by seeing him and charged ₹ 3 as a fare for carrying Toto.

5 Who was Nana? How did Toto tease Nana?

Ans. Nana was the family donkey who lived in the stable.

When Toto was shifted to the stable, he continuously teased Nana. He bit her long ears with his sharp teeth and disturbed her a lot.

6 Did Toto enjoy taking a bath? Justify your answer.

Ans. Yes, Toto enjoyed taking a bath. It was a treat from him to bath in the warm water given by grandmother. His love for taking a bath is evident in his act of getting into the kitchen kettle when the water was boiling for tea. His fondness for bathing, almost leads him to being boiled alive.

7 What incident led to grandfather's decisions of not keeping Toto as a pet?

Ans. Grandfather had accepted Toto's naughty mischiefs but an incident led grandfather to decide against keeping Toto as a pet. One day, Toto was caught eating the pullao made for lunch.

On being screamed he threw a plate and a glass of water at the narrator's grandmother and aunt. Later, he took the pullao outside and sat on the jack fruit tree. When he had finished the pulao he threw down the plate, breaking it into pieces. This made grandfather realise that Toto cannot be kept as a pet.

8 Why was Toto sold back to the tonga driver?

or Why did the grandfather sell Toto back to the tonga-driver?

Ans. Toto's naughty acts and adventures troubled everyone in the house, including the pet animals. He caused loss to the family as he broke dishes, tore clothes, curtains and wallpaper. So grandfather decided to sell Toto back to the tonga driver.

9 How was Toto a nuisance in the house?

Ans. Toto was a pretty, naughty and a clever monkey. He was always upto some mischief. He had damaged utensils, wallpaper, clothes and also annoyed grandfather's other pets. Toto enjoyed all his mischievous acts and thus was a nuisance in the house.

10 How did Toto behave when he was in the company of other pets?

Ans. Toto ill-treated the other animals in the house while other pets lived together very socially. Toto would create problems for them. He would not let them sleep at night. He teased Nana, the family donkey, continuously and even bit her long ears with his sharp teeth.

Long Answer (LA) Type Questions

1 Toto was a sharp and active monkey. Discuss.

Ans. Toto, the little red monkey was brought by the grandfather as a new addition to his private zoo. He was a pretty monkey with bright eyes, white pearly teeth, dried fingers and a long tail. Along with being pretty, Toto was also a clever and an intelligent animal. He was so sharp that on the first day itself, he broke free from the peg attached to the wall.

According to the grandfather, with his smartness Toto could have easily escaped the house. Toto was a playful pet who was never low in his energy. He was keenly observant and swift in his actions. His observation skills were so good that he could imitate (copy) the narrator's bathing style. In addition, Toto constantly performed mischief's and tricks. He not only troubled the other pet animals in the house, but also destroyed the walls, clothes and dishes. All these prove that Toto was a sharp and active monkey.

2 Give a character sketch of Grandfather.

Ans. Grandfather is a lover of animals. He loves animals so much that he has his own private zoo. He does not mind spending money in order to get animals and birds even though this practice involves the risk of annoying his wife. He has an appreciative eye towards animals, that is why he believes that a tail adds to anyone's good looks.

He is a smart man, as he devises various ways of hiding Toto. He is annoyed with foolish behaviour, like that of the ticket collector who calls Toto a dog and charges fare for it. He is both witty and sarcastic because he asks the ticket collector to charge him even for a tortoise that he had carried in his pocket.

3 Toto's mischiefs are beyond imagination. Support your answer.

or 'Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long.' Explain, giving examples from the text.

Ans. Toto's mischiefs are beyond imagination and he could not be kept for long due to three main reasons i.e. he destroyed the family's possessions at home, annoyed the animals by teasing them and got into unnecessary trouble. *His mischiefs included*

- He damaged the wall when he wrenched out the peg to which he was tied.
- He tore the author's school blazer into pieces.
- He did not allow the other pets to sleep at night.
- He teased the family donkey Nana by biting her long ears.
- He threw plates and water on the family and ran out onto a tree to escape from them.
- He tore curtains and other clothes of the family, besides damaging other stuff belonging to the family.