
Case study based questions
10th English

The Ball Poem

Passage - 1

5 Marks

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
What, what is he to do? I saw it go
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
Merrily over – there it is in the water!

Q 1. Who has the boy lost?

- (1) Ball
- (2) Poet
- (3) Poet's friend
- (4) Boy's friend

Q 2. What becomes peculiar of the boy who has lost his ball?

- (1) The boy is happy as to what he is to do.
- (2) The boy is confused as to what he is to do.
- (3) The boy is angry as to what he is to do.
- (4) The boy is excited as to what he is to do.

Q 3. What did the poet see?

- (1) The poet saw the ball bouncing towards the truck.
 - (2) The poet saw the ball bouncing towards him.
 - (3) The poet saw the ball bouncing towards the water.
 - (4) The poet saw the ball bouncing towards the old man.
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Q 4. Where did the ball finally land?

- (1) On the land.
- (2) In the air.
- (3) In the fire.
- (4) In the water.

Q 5. "Merrily" is mentioned for?

- (1) Boy
- (2) Water
- (3) Street
- (4) Ball

Passage - 2

5 Marks

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

No use to say 'O there are other balls':

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy

As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where

His ball went.

Q 1. How do people generally treat a boy who has lost his ball?

- (1) People generally comfort the boy saying "there are other balls".
- (2) People generally scold the boy saying "you were not playing properly".
- (3) People generally ignore the boy saying "We don't care".
- (4) People generally appreciate the boy saying "Well done".

Q 2. What comes to the boy's mind, when he looks at the ball?

- (1) Parents scolding him.
- (2) All his infant days.
- (3) All his young days.
- (4) He won't get another ball.

Q 3. Why is the boy sad?

- (1) The boy's parents punished him.
- (2) There was nobody to play with him.
- (3) He wanted the new ball.
- (4) The boy lost his ball.

Q 4. What does he stare at?

- (1) He stares at the poet.
- (2) He stares at the ball fallen in the water.
- (3) He stares at the cars in the street.
- (4) He stares at his parents.

Q 5. "All his young days", whose young days the line is referred to?

- (1) Poet
 - (2) Old man
 - (3) Boy
 - (4) Poet's friend
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