

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

**Passage - 1**

**5 Marks**

Read the following extract and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow:

I am Rapunzel, I have not a care;  
life in a tower is tranquil and rare;  
I'll certainly never let down my bright hair!

Q 1. Who was Rapunzel? What kind of life did Rapunzel lead?

- (1) Rapunzel was a princess who was cursed by a witch to prick her finger and fall into an endless sleep.
- (2) Rapunzel was a little girl who fell into a rabbit hole and found herself in a strange land.
- (3) Rapunzel was a fairy with very long hair. She led a peaceful life in a tower in which she was imprisoned by a witch.
- (4) Rapunzel was an alien with two hearts who travelled through space.

Q 2. What does the girl in these lines want to do? What did Rapunzel do with her bright hair?

- (1) She wants to never let down her bright hair. Rapunzel let her hair fall down from the castle for her lover to climb up by holding it.
  - (2) She wants to cut her bright hair. Rapunzel let her hair fall down from the castle for the wick to climb up by holding it.
  - (3) She wants to let down her bright hair. Rapunzel let her hair fall down from the castle to wash it in the rain.
  - (4) She wants to never let down her bright hair. Rapunzel let her hair fall down from the castle and used it to escape the tower.
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Q 3. How does she describe life in a tower?

- (1) She describes life in a tower as boring and lonely.
- (2) She describes life in a tower as peaceful but scary.
- (3) She describes life in a tower as golden and sweet.
- (4) She describes life in a tower as tranquil and rare.

Q 4. Why won't the speaker let down her hair?

- (1) The speaker won't let down her hair because he hair is too short.
- (2) The speaker won't let down her hair so she can be alone without anyone bothering her.
- (3) The speaker won't let down her hair because she doesn't want it to get dirty.
- (4) The speaker won't let down her hair because it is tangled and unwashed.

Q 5. Which part of Rapunzel's life appeals to the speaker of this stanza?

- (1) The part where Rapunzel is alone in the tower, with no one scolding or nagging her, is appealing to the speaker.
- (2) The part where Rapunzel has long and beautiful hair is appealing to the speaker.
- (3) The part where Rapunzel is rescued by a handsome prince is appealing to the speaker.
- (4) The part where Rapunzel is kidnapped by a witch is appealing to the speaker.

**Passage - 2**

**5 Marks**

Read the following extract and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow:

I am an orphan, roaming the street.

I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.

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The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

Q 1. Who is 'I' in the above lines?

- (1) I' is Amanda, a girl who hates her parents.
- (2) I' is Amanda, a girl who loves talking to people.
- (3) I' is Amanda, a carefree and rude girl.
- (4) I' is Amanda, a girl who loves freedom.

Q 2. Explain, 'the silence is golden.'

- (1) The speaker of these lines longs to be left alone without being nagged. Therefore, to her, silence is extremely valuable, i.e. golden.
- (2) The speaker of these lines likens the peaceful silence to the golden rays of the sun, as they both make the speaker happy.
- (3) The speaker of these lines means that silence is very rare and always comes at a high cost.
- (4) The speaker of these lines is a young girl who does not like silence and likens it to gold, something that adults value a lot but that does not interest her at all.

Q 3. Who longs to be an orphan? Where is the orphan roaming?

- (1) Amanda longs to be an orphan. The orphan is sitting alone on a tower.
- (2) Amanda longs to be an orphan. The orphan is floating in the sea.
- (3) Amanda longs to be an orphan. The orphan is roaming in the street.
- (4) Amanda longs to be an orphan. The orphan is playing with a kite.

Q 4. Why does the speaker of these lines have bare feet?

- (1) The speaker does not like wearing shoes and imagines herself walking on the street with bare feet.
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(2) The speaker is imagining herself to be an orphan on the street, therefore she has no shoes and is walking with bare feet.

(3) The speaker is walking along the beach, and has removed her shoes so they don't get sandy.

(4) The speaker's shoes don't fit her well and cause her to feel pinched. So she has removed them and is walking with bare feet.

Q 5. Complete the sentence:

The speaker's footsteps are \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) hushed

(2) bare

(3) roaming

(4) golden

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