

yes, explain with examples of your own

Value Points

- ① playful
- ② fun
- ③ Quick
- ④ Mischievous

Ans A squirrel is playful, and in some cases it resembles the behaviour of a child. Both are mischievous, energetic and curious. Squirrels are known for their playful behaviour, such as running and jumping. They are curious creatures, always exploring their surroundings and investigating new objects. They are also known for their quick movements. All these traits are similar to a child, having playful behaviour, tending to move quickly, being mischievous and having a curious nature. There are examples like, running around, playing games, snatching toys from siblings and asking questions about their environment to learn more about the world around them.

The tiny teacher

Glossary

- ① nurseries: rooms meant for tiny babies
- ② antennae: long, thin, sensory attachments on top of the head of insects
- ③ Quarters: A place specified for a particular task
- ④ Barracks: A large building or a group of buildings used to house soldiers
- ⑤ larva: baby ant
- ⑥ seldom: rarely
- ⑦ cocoon: protective layer
- ⑧ drone: male ant

Word	Synonym	Antonym
① seldom	hardly, barely	often, frequently
② unbelievable	uncredible, unthinkable	believable
③ separate	unconnected, different	connected
④ intelligent	clever, smart	unintelligent, unbrilliant
⑤ tiniest	smallest	huge, significant

III Read the extract and answer the following questions

"Eggs hatch and grubs come out. Soldiers guard them, workers feed and clean them, and also carry them about daily for airing, exercise and sunshine. Two weeks later grubs become cocoons and lie without activity for 3 weeks. Then the cocoons break and perfect ants appear. New ants learn their duties from old ants as workers, cleaners, soldiers etc. After a few weeks, they are ready to work.

An anthill is a home not only for ants but also for other creatures - beetles, grasshoppers. They keep them for sexual reasons: some give off pleasant smell, others give sweet juices and some are just playthings. The grasshopper is the ant's cow. They train it to give honeydew (like milk) with a touch of their antenna."

Q1 ants let other creature in their home.
Justify your answer.

Ans They let other creatures like beetles, grasshoppers of ants and the grasshopper for sexual reasons.

- They give pleasant smell
- Some give sweet juices
- Some are just pets for them
- Last but not the least the grasshopper acts as their cow. (They train it to give honeydew with just the touch of the antenna)

Q2 Which of the questions are true based on the extract?

- Only soldier ants train the new ants
 - The grasshopper is the ant's cow which the ants train to give ^{honeydew}
 - The eggs hatch out perfect ants
 - Worker ants nurture the new ants
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| a Option 1 and 2 | d Option 2 & 3 |
| b Option 3 and 4 | |
| c Option 2 and 4 | |

Q3 Based on the extract, what is the closest meaning to the word "a thing as object for amusement"?

- a activity
- b alien
- c antfarm
- d playthings

Q4 Which words best describe the tiny teachers in the story?

- a isolated and strongest
- b friendly and careless
- c diligent and faithful
- d trustworthy and feyning

Q5 What is synonym for ~~for~~ 'pleasant'?

- a Satisfying
- b literal
- c hyper
- d cheerful

IV Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words.

Q1 A grub takes 3 weeks to become a complete ant. Explain the process.

Ans. After an egg hatches, a grub comes out. After that soldiers are guarded by them and workers carry them for exercise and sunbath. Two weeks later, they spin themselves into a cocoon and lie without any activity. Over the course of 3 weeks, the cocoons break and perfect new ants appear.

Q2 The author says that we have yet to learn a lot of things from the life of ants. Elicit the statement.

Ans. The life of an ant holds valuable lessons we can learn from. They work in a team and never interfere in each other's work. They live in peace and do not hurt each other. We can get inspired from them and learn about teamwork and never giving up.

Q3. Mention 3 things we can learn from the tiny teachers.

Ans. We can learn valuable lessons from its behaviour. They face obstacles with determination, never give up until their task is completed. By working together, they can establish tasks that would be impossible for an individual. Lastly, their structured societies with unique work patterns, highlight the benefits of order and coordination.

Value Based Question

Q1. What problem are you likely to face if you keep ants as pets?

Ans. Keeping ants as pets is a fantastic hobby, but it arises a few problems.

- * Escape: The biggest problem faced will be ants escaping. If it's not properly enclosed, they will spread all over the home.
- * They also can't follow your orders. You will have to have a ant's determination to maintain it as you need to clean their nest, feeding and monitoring their health.

Before keeping ants as pets, it is important to thoroughly research the specific needs of the ant species and be prepared to maintain it.

Activity

Write a limerick on your favourite animal.

The duck

There once was a duck from a lake,
He quacked and swam without a break
With a waddle and a splash
He found joy in the water's crash
And in his home he made no mistake.