

Title Justification – Madam Rides the Bus

The title is ironic and playful. The conductor mockingly calls Valli “Madam” because of her grown-up attitude. Though she’s just an 8-year-old girl, she behaves with confidence, independence, and dignity. The title reflects the main incident—Valli’s solo bus ride—and hints at her transformation during the journey. It effectively captures both the literal and emotional ride of the protagonist.

Themes

Curiosity and Innocence of Childhood – Valli is deeply curious about the world and finds joy in simple things.

Desire for Freedom and Exploration – She wants to explore independently without adult help.

Growth and Maturity – Valli’s experience on the bus, especially seeing the dead cow, makes her realize life’s harsh truths.

Self-Respect and Dignity – She insists on paying her fare and refuses to be treated like a child.

Message

Children are observant and can learn a lot through small experiences.

Life has both joy and sorrow; even fun adventures can teach serious lessons.

Real-life experiences shape understanding better than words.

One must be treated with dignity, regardless of age.

Character Sketch of Valli

Age: 8 years old

Curious & Observant: Learns everything about the bus ride just by listening.

Independent: Plans and executes the journey alone.

Confident: Talks smartly with the conductor and passengers.

Mature: Her excitement fades after seeing the dead cow—realizes that life has sadness too.

Dignified: Refuses free treats and insists on being treated like an adult.

Editing

There is one error in each line. Identify the incorrect word and write the correction.

Everyone **have** a dream they wish to achieve.

Success **depend** not only on talent.

It also **require** hard work and dedication.

Those who **is** consistent often reach their goal.

B. Omission

One word is missing in each line. Write the missing word and the words before and after it.

Hard work the key to success. → Hard work is the key

Many people but only few succeed. → People try but only

Discipline necessary in every field. → Discipline is necessary

We should never from our goals. → Never deviate from

C. Gap Filling

Fill in the blanks using suitable words:

Success (a) _____ to those who are focused.

It is important to (b) _____ a clear goal

and (c) _____ towards it with full dedication.

Challenges may (d) _____, but persistence leads to victory.

Options: (a) comes / go / stay (b) have / make / set (c) work / walk / think (d) arise / rise / fall

D. Sentence Reordering

Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to form meaningful sentences:

achiever / you / an / be / can / consistent / if / are / you → You can be an achiever if you are consistent.

shortcut / not / there / success / any / to / is → There is not any shortcut to success.

sincerely / we / achieve / should / goals / our → We should sincerely achieve our goals.

time / patience / improve / over / helps / us → Patience helps us improve over time.