Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Question Bank: Anne Bakes a Cake**

1. **Describe the Allans in brief. How did Avonlea respond to them when they came to live in there?**

Ans. The new minister and his wife were a young, pleasant-faced couple, full of enthusiasm for their chosen field of work. Mr. Allan was a cheerful young man and Mrs. Allan was a bright, gentle lady who was a teacher in the local school. Avonlea opened its heart to them from the time they had entered the place and everyone liked them very much. Almost the whole of Avonlea had invited them.

1. **What did Anne think of Mrs Allan? Why did she think so?**

Ans. Mrs. Allan was a teacher in the local school. She had taken Anne’s class and Anne thought she was a splendid teacher who encouraged the children to ask her any question they liked. Anne loved asking questions so she thought that she had found another kindred spirit in Mrs Allan.

1. **What did Anne request Marilla to do? What did she want to make for Mrs Allan? Why?**

Ans. Anne requested Marilla to invite Mr. and Mrs. Allan to tea the next Wednesday. She wanted to make a cake for Mrs. Allan. Anne was very fond of Mrs. Allan and therefore wanted to do something special for her.

1. **What preparations were made for the high tea?**

Ans. The preparations for the high tea on Wednesday had started from Monday. There were two kinds of jelly, red and yellow and whipped cream and lemon pie, cherry pie. There were three kinds of biscuits and fruit cake and Marilla’s famous yellow plum preserves along with a pound cake. All these delicacies had been prepared in advance on Monday and Tuesday. The baking powder biscuits were to be prepared by Marilla and the layer cake by Anne on Wednesday.

1. **What were Anne’s fears about the cake? Did her fears come true?**

Ans. Anne feared that the layer cake which she was to prepare on Wednesday might not turn out well. She was afraid the cake would not rise in case the baking powder wasn’t good. This fear of hers did not come true as on the day of the high tea the cake actually had risen well and was as light and feathery as golden foam. However there was a different problem with the cake as she had mistakenly added Anodyne Liniment instead of vanilla essence.

1. **Bring out two points of differences between Anne and her friend Diana?**

Ans. Anne was very talkative and would elaborate on anything she wanted to say. She also seems to be a girl who worries unnecessarily over trivial issues. On the other hand Diana was a girl of fewer words and was very calm. She did not worry over small problems.

**7. What all did Anne do on Wednesday morning?**

Ans. On Wednesday morning Anne woke up at sunrise because she could hardly sleep due to her overexcitement. Inspite of having caught a severe cold, she proceeded to make her cake. Once the cake was done, she covered it with layers of ruby jelly. She then went on to decorate the table.

1. **What had gone wrong with the cake? Why did Anne have to face a double disgrace?**

Ans. Anne had mistakenly added Anodyne Liniment instead of vanilla. The liniment was in an empty bottle of vanilla essence and she had not known about it. Moreover, she could not smell it because of her cold. Thus, Anne had to face a double disgrace.

1. **What were Anne’s reaction on learning what had gone wrong with the cake?**

Ans. When Anne learnt that she had mistakenly added Anodyne Liniment instead of vanilla essence, she was extremely sad and embarrassed. She burst into tears. She then fled to her room and threw herself on the bed and wept.

1. **How did Mrs Allan console Anne?**

Ans. Mrs. Allan realised that Anne was feeling very bad and followed her to her bedroom. She heard Anne speaking to herself expressing her fear that Mrs. Allan might think she had tried to poison her. Mrs. Allan consoled Anne by telling her she mustn’t cry like that. She assured her that it was all just a funny mistake that anybody might make. In order to lift up the mood of the girl, Mrs. Allan told Anne to show her their flower garden. Anne quickly forgot about the cake and accompanied her.