



### CHANDNI

#### COMPREHENSION CHECK (Page 45)

##### Question 1:

Why did Abbu Khan's goats want to run away? What happened to them in the hills?

##### Answer:

Abbu Khan's goats wanted to run away in order to enjoy freedom of movement and eat green grass. But they were killed and eaten up by a wolf in the hills.

##### Question 2:

Abbu Khan said, "No more goats in my house ever again". Then he changed his mind. Why?

##### Answer:

Abbu Khan had a sad experience with his several pet goats. They all ran away to enjoy freedom. So he decided not to take any more pet. But he changed his mind because he felt very lonely.

##### Question 3:

Why did he buy a young goat?

##### Answer:

Abbu Khan bought a young goat thinking that it would stay with him much longer.

#### COMPREHENSION CHECK (Page 49)

##### Question 1:

Why did Chandni hate the rope round her neck?

##### Answer:

Like other goats Chandni too missed the hills and longed for freedom. She was not

afraid of the wolf. Abbu then put a rope round her neck and shut her in a small hut. Chandni could not help running towards the lovely hills. The rope pulled her back. So she hated it.

**Question 2:**

“Now Abbu Khan understood Chandni’s problem...” What was Chandni’s problem?

**Answer:**

Chandni’s problem was that she hated imprisonment. The hills called her. She was not frightened of the wild wolf. Abbu understood her problem, and her love for freedom.

**Question 3:**

Abbu Khan pushed Chandni into a small hut. This shows that he

- (i) was cruel.
- (ii) loved her and wanted to save her life.
- (iii) was selfish.

**Answer:**

- (ii) loved her and wanted to save her life.

## **COMPREHENSION CHECK (Page 51)**

**Question 1:**

Why did Chandni refuse to join the group of wild goats?

**Answer:**

Chandni rejected the offer because she wanted to enjoy her new freedom all by herself.

**Question 2:**

Chandni fought the wolf because she

- (i) was stronger than the wolf.
- (ii) hated the wolf.
- (iii) had to retain her freedom at all costs.

**Answer:**

- (ii) had to retain her freedom at all costs.

## EXERCISE

### Question 1:

Why did the wise old bird say, “Chandni is the winner”?

### Answer:

The wise old bird declared Chandni the winner because she struggled to her last breath to retain her freedom.

### Question 2:

“Death in an open field is better than life in a small hut,” Chandni said to herself. Was it the right decision? Give reasons for your

### Answer:

Chandni’s decision to enjoy free movement in the open fields rather than life in a small hut was right. No sacrifice is too great for winning freedom.

### Question 3:

Freedom is life. Discuss this with reference to “Chandni” and “I want something in a Cage.”

### Answer:

It is indeed very much true that slavery is a virtual death. Chandni, the goat, expressed her love for freedom by sacrificing her life. She fought a wolf boldly. In the story I want something in a cage, this love for freedom is expressed through a prisoner who spends all he had in order to buy freedom for a pair of birds. Both