

Words and Expressions

barren	- empty; bare; desolate	خالی۔ سنسان
blonde	- a woman with hair that is pale gold in colour	ہلکے بھورے یا سنہرے بالوں والی عورت
bother	- disturb; trouble; worry	تنگ کرنا۔ تکلیف دینا
dash	- hurry; hasten; run; rush	بھاگنا۔ تیزی سے بڑھنا
devilish	- evil; wicked	شیطانی۔ بُرا
drip	- trickle; fall in drops	نپکنا
fix	- prepare; to set or place	کسی شے کو لگانا، رکھنا یا تیار کرنا
folks	- relatives; family	قریبی رشتہ دار
frail	- in poor condition; weak	کمزور
grip	- seize; grasp	پکڑنا، گرفت کرنا
latch onto	- snatch; become interested in; get hold of	دلچسپی لینا۔ پکڑنا۔ چھیننا
nelson	- wrestling hold	پہلوانی گرفت
pop out	- appear suddenly	اچانک ظاہر ہونا
presentable	- decent; neat; tidy; clean and well-dressed	صاف ستھرا
rear	- back end; posterior; back	پچھلا حصہ۔ عقب۔ پچھواڑا
screen	- shield; panel; curtain	پردہ۔ اوٹ
slung	- hung down; suspended	لٹکا ہوا
snatch	- grab or grasp hastily; seize; take by force	چھیننا
stoop	- bend down; lean forward	آگے کو جھکنا
stoop	- a small porch or veranda at the entrance to a house	گھر کے دروازے کے آگے چبوترایا سبز ھمیاں
supper	- evening meal	شام کا کھانا
whisper	- breathe words voicelessly; murmur; mutter	سرگوشی کرنا
willow-wild	- slim and slender	نازک، دُبلّا پتلا

Multiple Choice Questions

I. Choose the correct synonym.

1. A boy ran up behind her and tried to **snatch** her purse.
A) grab B) drab
C) slap D) sling
2. She still held him **tightly**.
A) brightly B) firmly
C) slightly D) lightly
3. She didn't **release** him.
A) frustrate B) enslave
C) free D) subjugate
4. Was I **bothering** you, when I turned that corner?
A) beating B) cheating
C) meeting D) disturbing
5. Sweat **popped out** on the boy's face and he began to struggle. (Board 2018)
A) appeared B) cropped out
C) triggered D) vanished
6. Mrs. Jones stopped, **jerked** him around in front of her.
A) crooked B) shook
C) dragged D) watched
7. The water **dripping** from his face, the boy looked at her.
A) appearing B) drawing
C) trickling D) raising
8. He could **make a dash** for it down the hall.
A) push B) pull
C) gush D) rush
9. Then he frowned not knowing he **frowned**.
A) scowled B) giggled
C) pondered D) assured
10. You might run that comb through your hair so you will look **presentable**.
A) slim B) tidy
C) quick D) sharp
11. The woman didn't ask the boy anything that would **embarrass** him.
A) console B) investigate
C) discomfort D) intimidate
12. And next time do not make the mistake of **latching onto** my pocket-book.
A) worrying about B) searching for
C) snatching D) glaring at
13. Shoes got by **devilish** ways will burn your feet.
A) decent B) risky
C) evil D) fair
14. She carried the purse **slung** across her shoulder.
A) hung down B) pulled
C) put D) pushed
15. She shook him until his teeth **rattled**.
A) chattered B) moved
C) shone D) broke
16. **Firmly** gripped by his shirt front.
A) weakly B) fearfully
C) tightly D) boldly
17. Firmly **gripped** by his shirt front.
A) shaken B) caught
C) loosened D) seen
18. That is not going to **last** awhile.
A) continue B) finalize
C) refresh D) discontinue
19. If you think that contact is not going to last **awhile**...
A) occasionally B) for hours
C) for some time D) for days
20. M'am **dragged** the frightened boy behind her.
A) beat B) left
C) pulled D) deserted
21. **Whereupon** she turned him loose. 11604021
A) at once B) before this
C) after a long time D) after that
22. The woman was sitting on the **daybed**.
A) sofa B) cushion
C) cot D) easy chair
23. There was another long **pause**.
A) pull B) discussion
C) break D) talk
24. Behind the screen there was a **gas plate**.
A) gas lamp B) chimney
C) lantern D) stove
25. ...as he turned at the foot of the **barren stoop**.
A) empty doorway B) empty hall
C) lonely platform D) deserted l

26. The boy was **frail** and willow-wild. 11604026
 A) free B) weak (Board 2018)
 C) heavy D) clever
27. "I want a pair of blue **suede** shoes," said the boy.
 A) rubber B) leather
 C) canvas D) plastic
28. She permitted him to **stoop** and pick up her purse.
 A) stand B) run
 C) bend D) stop

29. The woman took the boy into a **furnished** room.
 A) decorated B) empty
 C) deserted D) dirty
30. You sit down while I **fix** us something to eat.
 A) prepare B) attach
 C) establish D) bake

Answers

1. A	5. A	9. A	13. C	17. B	21. D	25. A	29. A
2. B	6. B	10. B	14. A	18. A	22. A	26. B	30. A
3. C	7. C	11. C	15. A	19. C	23. C	27. B	
4. D	8. D	12. C	16. C	20. C	24. D	28. C	

II. Choose the correct answer.

1. What was the woman carrying?
 A) a rod B) a bag
 C) a hammer D) a larger purse
2. From where was she coming? 11604032
 A) hotel B) beauty shop
 C) office D) college
3. What happened to her?
 A) A boy made a request for help.
 B) A boy tried to help her.
 C) A boy begged for ten dollars.
 D) A boy tried to snatch her purse.
4. The boy washed his face on the direction of _____.
 A) a police officer B) his father
 C) the woman D) his uncle
5. The boy was in his _____.
 A) teens B) twenties
 C) jeans D) thirties
6. What was the name of the woman?
 A) Luella
 B) Bates
 C) Washington Jones
 D) Luella Bates Washington Jones
7. The boy was dragged into a _____.
 A) living room
 B) kitchenette-furnished room
 C) hall
 D) dining room
8. What did she suggest to the boy, to look presentable?
 A) to wash his face
 B) to dress properly
 C) to polish his shoes
 D) to comb his hair
9. The woman cooked the food and asked the boy _____. (Board 2007)
 A) to serve B) to help
 C) to set the table D) to eat
10. What did the boy want to say to the woman?
 A) Goodbye
 B) Thankful to you
 C) Thank you M'am
 D) Something other than, "Thank you M'am"
11. What was the time when the boy tried to snatch the woman's purse?
 A) 11:00 p.m. B) 10:00 p.m.
 C) 09:00 p.m. D) 08:00 p.m.
12. How did the woman grip the boy in "Thank You M'am"?
 A) by his shirt front B) by his hand
 C) by his arm D) by his waist
13. How many dollars did the woman give the boy?
 A) ten B) fifteen
 C) twenty D) thirty

14. What did the woman cook to eat?
A) mashed potatoes
B) boiled rice and pulse
C) lima beans and beef
D) chops and steaks
15. What kind of shoes did the boy want?
A) suede
B) leather
C) tennis
D) canvas
16. The woman wanted to teach the boy _____.
A) tidiness
B) something to earn money
C) right from wrong
D) dancing
17. What did the boy ask the woman to do?
A) give him suede shoes
B) hand him to the police
C) turn him loose
D) help him
18. The boy could hear the other roomers _____.
A) laughing and talking
B) singing and dancing
C) chatting noisily
D) sitting and staring
19. What did the woman look like?
A) large
B) bony and slender
C) short and bulky
D) pleasant
20. What was the boy wearing?
A) suede shoes
B) blue jeans and suede shoes
C) tennis shoes
D) blue jeans and tennis shoes
21. Why did the woman ask the boy to wash his face?
A) to eat his dinner
B) to appear in a court
C) to beg her pardon
D) to look presentable
22. The woman lived in a _____.
A) a small apartment
B) a small rooming house
C) a large rooming house
D) a hostel
23. The boy tried to snatch the woman's purse because he wanted to _____.
A) buy something to eat
B) buy a pair of suede shoes
C) be a criminal
D) rob the woman
24. What did the woman have in her heart for the boy?
A) cruelty
B) kindness
C) ill will
D) conspiracy
25. Who was at the house of the boy?
A) father
B) mother
C) brother
D) nobody
26. What did the woman make out of the canned milk?
A) ice cream
B) coffee
C) cocoa
D) tea

Answers

1. D	5. A	9. D	13. A	17. C	21. D	25. D
2. B	6. D	10. D	14. C	18. A	22. C	26. C
3. D	7. B	11. A	15. A	19. A	23. B	
4. C	8. D	12. A	16. C	20. D	24. B	

Questions from the Textbook

Q.1 What was the time when the boy tried to snatch the purse of the woman?

Ans. It was about eleven o'clock at night when the boy tried to snatch the purse of the woman. It was dark and she was walking alone.

Q.2 What happened to the boy when he tried to snatch the purse?

(Board 2007, 08)

Ans. When the boy tried to snatch the woman's purse, its strap broke with a single tug. The boy lost his balance and fell on his back on the sidewalk.

Q.3 What was the reaction of the woman?

(Board 2008)

OR

- How did the woman react when a boy tried to snatch her purse?**
Ans. The woman turned around and kicked the boy right square in his blue jeaned sitter. She caught him by his shirt front and shook him until his teeth rattled.
- Q.4 What was the conduct of the people who saw the incident?**
Ans. They stopped, turned to look, and some of them stood watching. However, nobody interfered.
- Q.5 How did the boy look physically?** (Board 2010,17)
Ans. The boy looked as if he were fourteen or fifteen, frail and willow-wild. He was wearing tennis shoes and blue jeans.
- Q.6 What was the condition of the boy when the woman gave him a few jerks?**
Ans. The boy's teeth rattled as the woman shook him. He was terrified and apologetic. He requested the lady to turn him loose.
- Q.7 Why did the woman ask the boy to wash his face?** (Board 2014)
Ans. The boy's face was dirty so the woman asked him to wash his face. She wanted him to look presentable. In fact, she wanted to reform him. It was the first lesson towards cleanliness – first physical and then ethical.
- Q.8 Why didn't the boy run from the house of the woman?**
Ans. The boy did not run because he did not want to break her trust in him. He hoped she would not send him to jail.
- Q.9 Why didn't the woman watch the boy while preparing a dish?**
Ans. The woman was sure that the boy would not run away and that he would not betray her trust. She had complete faith in his goodness.
- Q.10 What was the nature of the woman's job?** (Board 2014)
Ans. She was a barber by profession. She worked in a hotel beauty shop that stayed open late and was visited by women from different sections of the society. She was much in contact with human nature. Roger is a case in this regard.

Additional Question

- Q.11 What change did the woman's conduct bring in the boy?** (Board 2017)
Ans. What was the effect of the kind behaviour of the woman on the boy? (Board 2022)
Ans. Her conduct awakened the good in the boy. He was impressed by her kindness and did not break her trust in him.
- Q.12 Describe the appearance of Mrs. Luella Bates.** (Board 2017)
Ans. Mrs. Luella Bates was a large woman. She carried a heavy purse, hanging it across her shoulder. She was employed in a hotel beauty shop. She was brave, friendly and physically strong. She was also a kind, wise and sympathetic lady.

Punctuation Exercises

- 1) **Unsolved:**
 then i wont turn you loose said the woman she did not release him lady im sorry whispered the boy
Solved:
 "Then I won't turn you loose," said the woman. She did not release him. "Lady, I'm sorry," whispered the boy.
- 2) **Unsolved:**
 then it will get washed this evening said the large woman starting up the street dragging the frightened boy behind her
Solved:
 "Then it will get washed this evening," said the large woman, starting up the street, dragging the frightened boy behind her.
- 3) **Unsolved:**
 the woman said you ought to be my son i would teach you right from wrong least i can do right is to wash your face are you hungry

Solved:

The woman said, "You ought to be my son. I would teach you right from wrong. Least I can do right is to wash your face. Are you hungry?"

4) **Unsolved:**

let the water run until it gets warm she said heres a clean towel you gonna take me to jail asked the boy bending over the sink

Solved:

"Let the water run until it gets warm," she said. "Here's a clean towel." "You gonna take me to jail?" asked the boy, bending over the sink.

5) **Unsolved:**

not with that face i would not take you nowhere said the woman here i am trying to get home to cook me a bite to eat and you snatch my pocketbook

Solved:

"Not with that face, I would not take you nowhere," said the woman. "Here I am trying to get home to cook me a bite to eat, and you snatch my pocketbook!"

6) **Unsolved:**

then well eat said the woman i believe youre hungry or been hungry to try snatch my pocketbook!"

Solved:

"Then we'll eat," said the woman. "I believe you're hungry – or been hungry – to try snatch my pocketbook!"

7) **Unsolved:**

well you didnt have to snatch my pocketbook to get some suede shoes said mrs luella bates washington jones you could have asked me

Solved:

"Well, you didn't have to snatch my pocketbook to get some suede shoes," said Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones. "You could have asked me."

8) **Unsolved:**

lady i am sorry whispered the boy um hum your face is dirty i got a great mind to wash your face for you are not you got no body home to tell you to wash your face

Solved:

"Lady, I'm sorry," whispered the boy. "Um-hum! your face is dirty. I got a great mind to wash your face for you. Ain't you got no body home to tell you to wash your face?"

9) **Unsolved:**

but you put yourself in contact with me said the woman if you think that that contact is not going to last awhile you got another thought coming when i get through with you sir you are going to remember mrs luella bates washington jones.

Solved:

"But you put yourself in contact with me," said the woman. "If you think that that contact is not going to last awhile, you got another thought coming. When I get through with you, sir, you are going to remember Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones."

10) **Unsolved:**

then roger you go to that sink and wash your face said the woman whereupon she turned him loose at last roger looked at the door and went to the sink

Solved:

"Then, Roger, you go to that sink and wash your face," said the woman, whereupon she turned him loose – at last. Roger looked at the door – looked at the woman – looked at the door – and went to the sink.

11) **Unsolved:**

do not believe i do said the woman unless you just want sweet milk yourself i was going to make cocoa out of this canned milk i got here

Solved:

"Don't believe I do," said the woman, "unless you just want sweet milk yourself. I was going to make cocoa out of this canned milk I got here."