THE BOND OF LOVE

Answer the following questions.

* 1. **“I got him for her by accident.”**

a. Who says this?

b. Who do ‘him’ and ‘her’ refer to?

c. What is the incident referred to here?

* 1. **“He stood on his head in delight.”**

a. Who does ‘he’ refer to?

b. Why was he delighted?

* 1. “We all missed him greatly: but in a sense we were relieved.”

a. Who does ‘we all’ stand for?

b. Who did they miss?

c. Why did they nevertheless feel relieved?

**1.ANSWERS**

(i) Narrator said this.

(ii)Here, ‘him’ refers to the sloth bear and ‘her’ refers to the narrator’s wife.

(iii)About two years ago the narrator and his companions were passing through the sugarcane fields near Mysore. Suddenly, they saw a black sloth bear. One of the narrator’s companions shot it on the spot. As they saw the fallen animal, they were surprised to see that the black fur on its back moved. Then they saw that it was a baby bear that had been riding on its mother’s back. The narrator ran up to it and attempted to capture it. He finally succeeded in grabbing it and gifted it to his wife. This incident is referred to in the above statement

2.**ANSWERS**

(i) 'He’ refers to the bear, Bruno.

(ii) Bruno was delighted to see the narrator’s wife after three months of separation.

3.

(i) 'We all’ stands for the narrator, his wife and his son.

(ii)They missed Bruno (Baba).

(iii)They felt relieved because Baba was getting too big to be kept at home. That is why they had sent him off to a zoo.

**Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each.**

1.**On two occasions Bruno ate/drank something that should not be eaten /drunk. What happened to him on these occasions?**

Ans:Bruno ate some poison-barium carbonate He also vomited and breathed heavily, but was later cured. In another incident, he drank nearly a gallon of old engine oil. Fortunately, he remained unaffected. meant for the rats, which paralyzed and weakened him

2.**Was Bruno a loving and playful pet? Why, then, did he have to be sent away?**

Ans: Yes, Bruno was a loving and playful pet. Everybody in the family was attached to it,

especially the narrator’s wife. It had to be sent away to a zoo because it was getting too big to

be kept at home.

3..**How was the problem of what to do with Bruno finally solved**?

Ans: Bruno was not happy at the zoo. Seeing its condition and its happiness at seeing the narrator’s wife, Bruno was allowed to go back to Bangalore. There, an island was made for the bear, keeping all its needs in mind.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1.Who was Bruno ?How was Bruno found by the author?

2. What were the things that Bruno ate?

3.What efforts did the author’s wife make to take Baba back from Mysore ?

4. Love is mutual .Do you agree ? Illustrate this with reference to ‘The bond of love’ . (100 words)

The grasshopper replied, “I was too busy.”

“I collected it in summer,” said the ant. “What were you doing in summer? Why did you not store some corn?”

Answer

1.(i) The vet and I made a dash back to the car. Bruno was still floundering about on his stumps, but clearly he was weakening rapidly. There was some vomiting and heavy breathing. His flanks were heaving and his mouth was gaping.

Everybody was asked to hold him. The hypodermic medicine went into Bruno, who squealed. 10 c.c. of anecdote entered his system without a drop being wasted. Even ten minutes later, the condition was unchanged. Another 10 c.c. was injected into him. Ten minutes later, his breathing became less stertorous. Bruno could move his arms and legs a little although he could not stand yet. Thirty minutes later, Bruno got up and had a great feed. He looked at us disdainfully, as much as to say,

‘What’s barium carbonate to a big black bear like me?’ Bruno was still eating.

1. We thought that everything was over when suddenlya black sloth bear came outpanting in the hot sun. NowI will not shoot a sloth-bear wantonlybut, unfortunatelyfor the poor beast, one of my companions did not feel that way about it, and promptlyshot the bear on the spot.

(i)

1. Rana does her homework timely.
2. It rains heavilyin Mumbai in June.
3. He does his work properly.
4. The dog serves his master faithfully.

(ii)

1. We should never get down from a moving train.
2. I was badly in need of support after my poor performance.
3. Rita met with an accident. The doctor examined her immediately.
4. It was a cold winter’s day, and an ant was bringing out some grains of corn from her home. She had gathered the corn in summer. She wanted to dry them. A grasshopper, who was very hungry, saw her and said, “When did you get the corn? I am dying of hunger.” “I collected it in

summer,” said the ant. “What were you doing in summer? Why did you not store some corn?” The grasshopper replied, “I was too busy.” “What were you doing?” asked the ant again. “I was singing all day,” answered the grasshopper. “If you sang all summer,” said the ant, “you can dance all winter.”