

## 1. Bonku Babu's Friend

### (a) Text-based Multiple Choice Questions

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| (i) (d)  | (ii) (d)  | (iii) (b)  | (iv) (c) | (v) (d) |
| (vi) (b) | (vii) (a) | (viii) (d) | (ix) (c) | (x) (c) |
| (xi) (c) |           |            |          |         |

### (b) Comprehension Passages

#### PASSAGE 1

- (i) It was difficult for the students to imagine what Bonku Babu would say or do if he got cross. It was so because it had never happened i.e., Bonku had never lost his temper.
- (ii) The tradition of teasing Bonku Babu continued among the students even though the old batch of students was replaced by the new batch of students.
- (iii) Some students drew his cartoon on the blackboard; some others put glue on his chair, or they lit a chasing rocket and set it off behind Bonku Babu on the night of Kali Puja.
- (iv) Normally Bonku Babu did not get upset by the pranks of students, but on certain occasions he condemned the student with the words, "Shame on you, boys!"
- (v) Bonku Babu was a sheepish fellow who never lost his temper. Although the students teased him yet he kept his temper under control.

#### PASSAGE 2

- (i) When the topic of ghosts came up Bonku Babu boldly declared that he was not afraid of ghosts.
- (ii) Bonku's declaration that he was not afraid of ghosts gave the regulars a golden opportunity to put his boldness to test. They planned to send one man disguised as a ghost to frighten Bonku Babu.
- (iii) The lean, thin figure that attacked Bonku and landed on his back was actually one of the friends of the regulars. He had smeared black ink over itself to give the impression of being an apparition. It was done to frighten Bonku.
- (iv) Bonku could not recognise the man who was pretending to be an apparition because he had smeared black ink all over his body and his face.