



MADAM RIDES THE BUS

Class 10 - English Language and Literature

Time Allowed: 1 hour

Maximum Marks: 40

1. What did Valli do when bus Conductor offered her a cold drink? [1]
 - a) Accepted his offer
 - b) Denied
 - c) Became happy
 - d) Got angry
2. Why did Valli burst into joy when the bus was going towards the town? [1]
 - a) To see a young cow
 - b) To see the vehicles
 - c) To see the sights
 - d) To see the town fair
3. How did Valli gather all the small details about the bus journey? [1]
 - a) By listening carefully to the conversation of daily travelers
 - b) To ask with the bus conductor
 - c) By talking her friends
 - d) By listening carefully to the conversation of her parents
4. How old Valli was? [1]
 - a) 8 years
 - b) 12 years
 - c) 18 years
 - d) 10 years
5. Valli didn't like the way adults treated her during her bus journey. Describe how you would feel and react if you were to find yourself in a similar situation. [3]
6. Why didn't Valli want to go to the stall and have a drink? What did that tell you about her? [3]
7. What was Valli's deepest desire? [3]
8. What was a source of unending joy for Valli? What was her strongest desire? [3]
9. Valli was sensitive, but at the same time she was fearless and quite determined. Explain with reference to the text. [6]
10. **Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow them:** [4]

The bus rolled on now cutting across a bare landscape, now rushing through a tiny hamlet or past an odd wayside shop. Sometimes the bus seemed on the point of gobbling up another vehicle that was coming towards them or a pedestrian crossing the road. But lo! somehow it passed on smoothly, leaving all obstacles safely behind. Trees came running towards them but then stopped as the bus reached them and simply stood there helpless for a moment by the side of the road before rushing away in the other direction.

 - a. Whose journey has been described in the above lines?
 - b. How did the trees look as the bus moved forward?
 - c. What did the bus seem on the point of gobbling up?
 - d. Give the meaning of 'gobbling up'.

4. put your mind at ease	D. undecided
	E. reassure you
	F. reach a decision

a) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-E

b) 1-F, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B

c) 1-F, 2-C, 3-A, 4-D

d) 1-B, 2-F, 3-E, 4-A

17. Valli told the conductor to mind his own business and laughed as well. This shows that Valli ...

a) didn't like the conductor speaking about her.

b) disliked what the conductor said but was amused.

c) was impressed with what the conductor said.

d) was not really bothered about what the conductor said.

18. The old woman went on with her drivel. Why is the word **drivel** used here?

It is used to show that the old woman

a) was volunteering advice on request.

b) spoke non-stop about herself.

c) kept muttering a lot of nonsense.

d) was talking incessantly.

19. The old woman asked her questions

a) due to anxiety about Valli travelling alone.

b) out of curiosity and concern for Valli.

c) due to the habit of interfering in Valli's life.

d) interest in Valli's life and need for travel.

20. How do you think Valli felt when the old woman asked her questions?

Pick the option that best describes her feelings.

a) (1) upset (2) irritated

b) (1) concerned (2) upset

c) (1) irritated (2) agitated

d) (1) upset (2) agitated