

Solution

MADAM RIDES THE BUS

Class 10 - English Language and Literature

1. **(b)** Denied
Explanation: She didn't have enough money to purchase anything and she was a very self-respected girl. That's why she denied to take a cold drink as a treat.
2. **(a)** To see a young cow
Explanation: A young cow, tail high in the air was running very fast, right in the middle of the road right in front of the bus. Somehow this was very funny to Valli and she laughed and laughed until there were tears in her eyes.
3. **(a)** By listening carefully to the conversation of daily travelers
Explanation: Over many days and months, Valli listened carefully to the conversation between her neighbours and people who regularly used the bus.
4. **(a)** 8 years
Explanation: Para 1 line 2 of the chapter Madam Rides the Bus clearly mentioned that Valliammai (valli) was eight years old.
5. Valli showed that she was a self-respecting girl. She politely refused to accept a free drink from the conductor. Even I would have reacted in the same way. I would have not relished the unpleasant smell that comes from the betel nut the women was chewing.
6. Valli didn't want to go to the stall and have a drink because she didn't have enough money for it. She had to save money for her ride back home. She even refused the offer of a drink by the conductor. This told us that she was a wise and well-mannered girl and had self-control on her feelings.
7. Valli was an eight year old girl. She had listened to people who had travelled by bus and had gathered some details about their trip. Day after day she watched the bus and she wished to ride on that bus, even if just once. This wish became stronger and stronger until it was an overwhelming desire.
8. The sight of the bus filled each time with a new set of passengers, was a source of unending joy for Valli. Her strongest desire was to travel up to the town and back to the village by bus.
9. In the text "Madam Rides the Bus" Valli was portrayed as a character who was both sensitive and determined. She was sensitive because she noticed the harsh treatment and discrimination that the conductor and other passengers showed towards the poor and homeless people on the bus. She felt sympathy for them and wanted to help them in spite of herself being poor. This projected her sensitivity towards the plight of others and her empathy towards those who were less fortunate than her. Valli was fearless and determined. She did not let the harsh words and behavior of the conductor and other passengers deter her from her goal of helping the homeless man. She persisted in her efforts, even when the conductor threatened to throw her off the bus. This reflected her fearlessness and determination to stand up for what is right, even in the face of adversity.
Overall, Valli's sensitivity and fearlessness were important character traits that made her a strong and admirable protagonist in the story.
10. a. Valli's first bus journey has been described.
b. The trees seemed, at first, to come towards it. But then stopped as the bus reached them. As the bus moved still forward, they could be seen rushing away in the other direction.
c. The bus seemed on the point of gobbling up another vehicle that was coming towards it or a pedestrian crossing the road.
d. Swallowing.
11. **(c)** Slang expression of disapproval
Explanation: They don't understand the meaning of this word but used it as a slang expression of disapproval.
12. **(a)** Madam
Explanation: According to the chapter conductor called valli "madam".
13. 193-B,
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Sir,

Subject: Dengue-Prevention is better than cure!

In the past month, an alarming increase in the incidence of dengue cases in the city has been noticed which is a cause for extreme concern and demands the immediate attention of the Health Care department, Municipal Corporation as well as of the general public.

Dengue is a viral infection is caused by a virus which cannot be treated with antibiotics. It is treated with under Doctor's supervision. precautions to prevent this terrible disease:

- i. Dengue spreads through mosquito bites. To stop the transmission from one patient to another individual, it is necessary to use mosquito nets at night
- ii. Mosquito eradication is necessary for indoors as well as in neighbourhood; thus spraying of mosquito repellent is necessary.
- iii. Limbs should be coated with mosquito repellent sprays and lotions.

High fever is a discernible symptom and may lead to complications due to lowering of the platelet count. Any bleeding during the infection would be difficult to control. Severe cases may require blood transfusions.

Since, the carrier mosquito breeds in stagnant waters, close to human habitations, cleanliness of the environment is immensely important and a key precaution for prevention. Vaccination is not an option and any previous infection does not guarantee immunity as there are numerous viruses that cause it.

Awareness is immensely important to initiate preventive measures. I hope my letter will be published for the common good of the people.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

Varsha.

14.

(b) He said that the film had begun at seven o'clock.

Explanation: He said that the film had begun at seven o'clock.

Simple Past becomes Past Perfect.

15. **(a)** He exclaimed that it was a very beautiful scene.

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16. **(a)** 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-E

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17. **(b)** disliked what the conductor said but was amused.

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18. **(c)** kept muttering a lot of nonsense.

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