

Q1. Was Anne right when she said that the world would not be interested in the musings of a 13 year old girl?

Ans- No, Anne was not right when she said that the world would not be interested in the musings of a 13 year old girl. Her diary was published under the name 'The Diary of a Young Girl' which was translated from its original Dutch into many languages and it became one of the world's most widely read books. Even today her diary is being read across the world not just by children but by adults too.

Q2. Why does Anne want to keep a diary?

Ans- Anne Frank was born on 12th June 1929 in Jewish family. And at that time Nazi's had occupied power in German. So the family had to move away to Amsterdam for safety. Therefore she needs some channel through which she can get off all the burden and pain she is suffering from. Hence, she wants to keep a diary.

Q3. What tells you that Anne loved her grandmother?

Ans- Her statement that no one could understand her intensity of love for her grandma tells that she loved her grandmother. Moreover the touching gesture of lighting a candle for grandmother during Anne's birthday is also a poignant reminder of the love for grandmother.

Q4. Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne? What did he ask her to do?

Ans- Mr. Keesing, was a maths teacher. He was annoyed with Anne because of her talkative behaviour. He asked Anne to write an essay on 'Chatterbox', the person who talks too much.

Q5. Why does Anne need to give a brief sketch about her family ?

Ans- Anne understands that no one would believe that a 13 year old girl was completely alone in this world. She needed to give a brief sketch about her family so that readers could correlate with her in a better way.

Q6. What does Anne write in her first essay?

Ans: Anne in her first essay on 'Chatterbox', she wrote about the reasons for her being a Chatterbox. In the essay she accepted the drawbacks of being a talkative person but she was also frank enough to admit that it was difficult for her to give up the habit.

Q7. Anne says teachers are most unpredictable. Is Mr. Keesing unpredictable? How?

Ans- Yes, Mr. Keesing was unpredictable. Earlier he was annoyed with Anne because she talked so much. After several warnings he assigned her extra homework. Later on he was impressed by Anne's essay. He then allowed her to talk in the class and had not assigned any homework.

Short Answer Questions:-

Q1. 'Paper has more patience than people.' Elucidate. Or Paper has more patience than people explain with reference to 'From the Diary of Anne Frank'.

Ans- Anne Frank says that 'Paper has more patience than people' in the story 'From the Diary of Anne Frank' which means it requires a lot of patience to listen to someone's private feelings and problems. The moment they get bored they became listless and inattentive but this is not the case with paper. We may go on writing page after page but papers never ask us to stop writing.

Q2. What made Mr. Keesing allow Anne to talk in class?

Ans- Mr. Keesing allowed Anne to talk in class because of her last essay in the form of a poem that showed him the lighter side of a naughty child that helped to bridge the generation gap between the teachers and the students which made her allowed to talk in the class.

Q3. What made Mr. Keesing laugh the third time after reading Anne 's essay?

Ans- Mr. Keesing read Anne's poem on the third essay that he had given her to write, he took the joke the right way. He understood the intention of Anne and felt it in good humour. Therefore, he allowed her to talk and in future he never punished her by assigning her extra work.

Q4. What does Anne write in her first essay to Mr. Keesing?

Ans- Anne in her first essay titled 'A Chatterbox' she wanted to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking. So she wrote three pages and was satisfied. In the essay she wrote that talking was a student's trait but she would do her best to keep it under control.

Q5. How did Sanne help Anne Frank in writing the third essay?

Ans - Sanne was Anne's close friend and good at poetry. She helped Anne write the third essay in the form of verse. It turned out to be a good poem and even her teacher, Mr. Keesing, took it in the right way.

Q6. Why did Anne prefer confiding in her diary?

Ans- Anne did not have a true friend to whom she could confide therefore she started writing a diary. Moreover she also knew that paper had more patience than people and her secrets would be safe in a diary.

Q7. How does Anne feel about her father, grandmother, Mrs Kuperus and Mr Keesing?

Ans- Anne's father Otto Frank was the most adorable for her, loved her very much. She also loved her grandmother and often thought of her with honor after her death. Mr. Kuperus was her favourite teacher and was in tears when she left her. Anne did not have a good impression of Mr Keesing, her math teacher and often called him 'Old Fogey'.

Very Short Answer Questions:-

Q1. Who was Kitty ?

Ans- Kitty was the name of Anne's diary.

Q2. Where did Anne's family migrate from Germany ?

Ans- her family migrated from Germany to Holland.

Q3. Who was Mrs Kuperus ?

Ans- Mrs. Kuperus was the headmistress of Anne's school.

Q4. What was the topic of the first essay which Mr. Keesing asked Anne to write?

Ans- A Chatterbox

Q5. What was the name of the essay on which Anne had to write the second time?

Ans- An Incurable Chatterbox

Q6. What was the title of the third essay?

Ans- Quack, Quack, Quack, said mistress Chatterbox.

Q7. Who helped Anne to write the essay in poetry?

Ans- Anne's friend Sanne.

Q8. Who became Anne's friend and what was her name?

Ans- Anne's diary became her friend and her name was 'Kitty'?

9. When did she make her first entry in a diary?

Ans- She made her first entry in her diary on 20th June 1942.

Q10. Which subject did Anne find difficult?

Ans- Anne found mathematics difficult.

Q11. How old was Anne?

Ans- Anne was 13 years old.

Q12. What was the name of Anne's sister?

Ans- The name of Anne's sister was Margot.

Long Answer type Questions:-

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someone's private feelings and problems. The moment they get bored they became listless and inattentive but this is not the case with paper. We may go on writing page after page but papers never ask us to stop writing. It is rightly said that the papers have more patience than people. Here paper is considered as the best companion. Paper does not get bored and does not stop us from writing. It becomes a patient friend who listens to us with attention and sympathy. People do not have such patience.

Q2. Give a brief sketch of Anne's life.

Ans- Anne is a thirteen years old school girl. She was born in Frankfurt in Germany on 12 June 1929 AD. She lived there until she was four. Then her father emigrated to Holland in 1933 AD. Her mother went with him to Holland in September. Her elder sister, Margot and Anne were sent to Aachen to stay with their grandmother. Margot went to Holland in December, and Anne followed in February. Anne was admitted to the Montessori nursery school. She stayed there until she was six. At that time she was in the first form. After the sixth form she left that school, and perhaps joined a new school.

Comprehension Questions:-

A. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

My father, the most adorable father I have ever seen, did not marry my mother until he was thirty six and she was twenty five. My sister Margot was born in Frankfurt in Germany in 1926. I was born on 12 June 1929. I lived in Frankfurt until I was four. My father emigrated to Holland in 1933. My mother, Edith Hollander Frank, went with him to Holland in September, while Margot and I were sent to Aachen to stay with our grandmother. Margot went to Holland in December, and I followed in February when I was plunked down on the table as a birthday present for Margot.

Q1. From which lesson this passage has been taken ?

Ans- This passage has been taken from 'From The Diary of Anne Frank'.

Q2. Who has written the story 'From the Diary of Anne Frank'?

Ans- Anne Frank

Q3. Where was Margot born?

Ans- Margot was born in Frankfurt in Germany.

Q4. Who was her mother?

Ans- Edith Hollander Frank was Margot's mother.

Q5. When did Margot go to Holland ?

Ans- Margot went to Holland in the month of December.

B. "Paper has more patience than people". I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding. Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary', unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference.

Q1. How does paper have more patience than people ?

Ans- Paper does not get bored and does not stop us from writing. It becomes a patient friend who listens to us with attention and sympathy. People do not have such patience.

Q2. When would Anne allow anyone to read her 'diary' ?

Ans- Anne would allow anyone to read her diary when she would find a real friend.

Q3. Find a word from the passage which means 'deep thinking'.

Ans- 'Brooding'.

Q4. From which lesson this passage has been taken ?

Ans- This passage has been taken from 'From The Diary of Anne Frank'.

Q5. Who has written the story 'From The Diary of Anne Frank'?

Ans- Anne Frank

C. The class roared. I had to laugh too, though I'd nearly exhausted my ingenuity on the topic of chatterboxes. It was time to come up with something else, something original. My friend, Sanne, who's good at poetry, offered to help me write the essay from beginning to end in verse. I jumped for joy. Mr. Keesing was trying to play a joke on me with this ridiculous subject, but I'd make sure the joke was on him.

Q1. Why did Anne jump with joy?

Ans- Anne jumped with joy because Sanne, her friend, had offered to help her in writing the essay in verse.

Q2. What was the title of the first essay Anne was given to write on by Mr. Keesing?

Ans- The title of the essay was 'The Chatterbox Mistress'.

Q3. Why did the class roar?

Ans- The class roared with laughter because Mr. Keesing gave Anne another essay to write.

Q4. Find a word from the passage which means "funny".

Ans- 'Ridiculous'.

Q5. Who was trying to play a joke on Anne?

Ans- Mr. Keesing was trying to play a joke on Anne.

D. I started right away at the Montessori nursery school. I stayed there until I was six, at which time I started in the first form. In the sixth form my teacher was Mrs. Kuperus, the headmistress. At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell. In the summer of 1941 Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration.

Q1. From which lesson this passage has been taken ?

Ans- This passage has been taken from 'From The Diary of Anne Frank'.

Q2. Who has written the story 'From the Diary of Anne Frank'?

Ans- Anne Frank

Q3. Who was the headmistress?

Ans- Mrs. Kuperus was the headmistress.

Q4. Why was the farewell full of tears?

Ans- The farewell was full of tears since both the girls and the headmistress had developed great attachment.

Q5. What happened to grandma ?

Ans- The grandma fell ill in 1941 and she was operated upon.

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Q1. How many sisters (siblings) did Anne have?

- a. one
- b. two
- c. three
- d. four

Q2. What name was her book published with?

- a. From the diary of Anne Frank
- b. The Diary of a Young Girl
- c. Anne Frank
- d. Anne Frank's Diary

Q3. What did she write in her last essay?

- a. A poem
- b. a joke
- c. a paragraph
- d. a funny poem

Q4. What shows Anne's love for her grandmother?

- a. she still thinks about her
- b. she misses her
- c. she let her birthday pass with little celebration
- d. both a and b

Q5. What language was the diary originally written in?

- a. Spanish
- b. English
- c. Dutch
- d. French

Q6. Who was the only survivor from Anne's family?

- a. Anne
- b. Anne's father
- c. Anne's mother
- d. Anne's sister

Q7. ____ has more patience than people.

- a. animal
- b. papers
- c. Birds
- d. books

Q8. What was the subject on which she had to write ?

- a. necessity of walking
- b. necessity of running
- c. necessity of talking
- d. necessity of studying

Q9. Who was Kitty?

- a. Anne's diary b. Anne's mother
- c. Anne's sister d. Anne's friend

Q10. Which subject was Anne not sure of passing ?

- a. Mathematics b. Science
- c. English d. Hindi

Answer Key

- 1. a. one
- 2. b. The Diary of a Young Girl
- 3. d. a funny poem
- 4. d. both a and b
- 5. c. Dutch
- 6. b. Anne's father
- 7. b. papers
- 8. c. necessity of talking
- 9. a. Anne's diary
- 10. a. Mathematics

Amanda !

-Robin Klein

NCERT Solutions:-

Q1. How old do you think Amanda is? How do you know that?

Ans- Amanda is somewhere between 9-12 years school going girl. She is being scolded for her carelessness. Her parents are trying to inculcate good manners and habits. Amanda is very innocent and immature .

Q2. Who do you think is speaking to her?

Ans- Most probably the speaker is Amanda's mother. In a traditional household a mother is held responsible for the conduct of a child.

Q3. What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid ?

Ans- She desires to be a mermaid because for a child, mermaid is a symbol of freedom and wonder. Amanda wishes to be a mermaid so that she could carelessly move along a languid emerald sea.

Q4. Is Amanda an Orphan? Why does she say so?

Ans- No, Amanda is not an Orphan, though she wishes to be like an orphan. She is introvert by nature who seeks 'golden' silence and 'sweet' freedom. She always wishes to roam around the street and wants to draw patterns with her bare feet. But the continuous nagging of her parents compel her to imagine herself to be better without them.

Q5. Why does she want to be Rapunzel?

Ans- Amanda wishes to be Rapunzel because she wants to live on a high tower where no one gives any instructions and she does not have to do any work. She wants to live a peaceful life.

Q6. What does the girl yearn for? What does this poem tell you about Amanda?

Ans- Amanda, a little girl yearns for freedom and space for herself. She thinks that she is incapable to fulfill the expectations of her parents. She always wants to live a simple life like other common children.

But the high expectations of parents sometimes create indifference in their relationship.

The poem Amanda tells us that Amanda is a young restless girl with a bright imagination.

Very Short Answer Questions:-

Q1. What does the speaker ask Amanda not to do to her nails?

Ans- The speaker asks Amanda not to bite her nails.

Q2. Who wants to be Mermaid?

Ans - Amanda wants to be a mermaid.

Q3. What should Amanda not do to her Shoulders ?

Ans- She should not hunch her shoulders.

Q4. What does Amanda wish to be?

Ans- Amanda wishes to be an orphan.

Q5. What does Amanda wish to do in the sea?

Ans- Amanda wishes to drift blissfully with the soft moving waves of the sea .

Q6. Who was Rapunzel?

Ans- Rapunzel was a fairy with very long hair.

Q7. What is Amanda prohibited to eat?

Ans- Amanda is prohibited to eat chocolate.

Q8. What was Amanda to finish ?

Ans- She was to finish her homework.

Q9. Who was Amanda?

Ans- Amanda was a little school going girl, who loves to hear fairy tales like Rapunzel and mermaid.

Q10. What is the central idea of the poem?

Ans- The central idea of the poem is that children love freedom and do not want any restrictions on their activities.

Reference to context questions:-

A. Read the given stanza and answer the questions that follow:

Don't bite your nails, Amanda !
Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
Stop that slouching and sit up straight,
Amanda !

Q1. Name the poem from where this extract has been taken.

Ans- Amanda

Q2. Who has written these lines?

Ans- Robin Klein

Q3. Who do you think is speaking to Amanda?

Ans- I think Amanda's mother is speaking to her.

Q4. What does the speaker instruct her?

Ans- The speaker tells Amanda to stop biting her nails, and sit erect with shoulders drawn out.

Q5. Who is Amanda?

Ans- Amanda is a little girl?

**B. There is a languid, emerald sea,
Where the sole inhabitant is me-
a mermaid, drifting blissfully**

Q1. Name the poem from where this extract has been taken.

Ans- Amanda

Q2. Who has written these lines?

Ans- Robin Klein

Q3. Where does the mermaid live and how ?

Ans- The mermaid lives in the green sea and lives peacefully.

Q4. What does Amanda want?

Ans- Amanda wants to be the sole inhabitant of the sea. She wants to be a mermaid.

Q5. Pick out the word from the given stanza which means the same as 'happily'?

Ans- blissfully

C. I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

Q1. Name the poem from where this extract has been taken.

Ans- Amanda

Q2. Who has written these lines?

Ans- Robin Klein

Q3. What does the speaker want in the given lines ?

Ans- The speaker wants to be an orphan girl roaming the street.

Q4. How does the speaker make the design?

Ans- The speaker makes designs with his bare feet on the soft dust underneath.

Q5. What is golden to the speaker?

Ans- Silence

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Q1. Who is the poet of the poem Amanda'?

- a. Robert Frost b. John Berryman
- c. Carolyn Wells d. Robin Klein

Q2. Who asks Amanda not to bite nails?

- a. father b. mother
- c. sister d. brother

Q3. Who wants to be Mermaid?

- a. fish b. mother
- c. Amanda d. sister

Q4. Why should Amanda not eat chocolate?

- a. It causes heart disease
- b. It causes cancer
- c. It causes acne
- d. It causes toothache

Q5. What should Amanda not do to her shoulders?

- a. straight b. hunch
- c. push d. ring

Q6. What does the speaker ask Amanda not to do to her nails?

- a. wash it b. bite it
- c. hurt it d. eat it

Q7. How is silence described in the poem Amanda.

- a. bitter b. golden
- c. sweet d. sour

Q8. How is freedom described in the poem Amanda.

- a. bitter b. salty
- c. sweet d. sour

Q9. What does Amanda's mother want her to clean?

- a. shoes b. nails
- c. Anne's sister d. Anne's friend

Q10. What does Amanda like to eat ?

- a. cake b. chocolate
- c. biscuit d. bread

Answer Key

- 1. d. Robin Klein
- 2. b. mother
- 3. c. Amanda
- 4. c. It causes acne
- 5. b. hunch
- 6. b. bite it
- 7. b. golden
- 8. c. sweet
- 9. a. shoes
- 10. b. chocolate