

NCERT Solutions:

1. **Why do you think Wanda's family moved to a different city?**

Ans- Wanda's family moved to a different city due to the odd and racist behaviour of students towards Wanda and her brother. They were teased by other students for their funny name and blue dress.

Q2. **Maddie thought her silence was as bad as Peggy's teasing. Was she right?**

Ans- Yes, Maddie thought that her silence was as bad as Peggy's teasing because she couldn't help Wanda from Peggy's pinching words.

Q3. **What important decision did Maddie make? Why did she have to think hard to do so?**

Ans- Maddie decided to go to Wanda's house with Peggy to apologize and amend for all that had happened with Wanda. But it was too late, she already left the house with her family. Maddie felt very hurt because she thought of herself as a coward who did not stop Peggy from insulting Wanda.

Q4. **Why do you think Wanda gave Maddie and Peggy the drawings of the dresses? Why are they surprised ?**

Ans- When Maddie and Peggy wrote a letter to Wanda she might have understood their feelings behind their letter during the dresses game. She requested Miss Mason to give two of her dressings to them and had taught them a lesson of life. They were surprised as she gifted them the drawings with their faces.

Q5. **Do you think Wanda really thought the girls were teasing her? Why or why not?**

Ans- Wanda was always aware of the misbehaviour of her classmates who teased her everyday in school. So to keep them calm she fabricated a story of the hundred dresses and 60 pairs of shoes

she had. In order to teach them a lesson in life she drew the drawings of the hundred beautiful dresses.

Long Answer type Questions:-

Q1. **What was Miss Mason's reaction after reading Wanda Petronski's father's letter?**

Ans- Miss Mason was the teacher of room thirteen. When she got a letter of Wanda's father she became very surprised after reading it. Through letter she came to know about the misbehaving of students with Wanda. As a result she could not focus herself in study so she wanted to do something for her. She decided to accompany Peggy to see Wanda, and to congratulate her as a winner of the contest.

Q2. **Write the character sketch of Wanda Petronski?**

Ans- Wanda Petronski is a Polish girl who has shifted to America with her parents and younger brother. She is very kind and simple hearted who never behaves badly with anyone. She feels disturb when Peggy teases and she replies confidently and courageously to what Peggy says to her. She wears the same blue faded dress everyday. She is very talented and is good at drawings. After winning the drawing contest she also proved her creative life. She is forgiving and generous as she forgives Peggy and Maddie by giving them two of her drawings in which she draws their faces.

Q3. **What important decision did Maddie make? Why did she have to think hard to do so?**

Ans- Maddie and Peggy were very close friends. Peggy used to make fun of Wanda. Though Maddie keeps silent in front of Peggy, her calmness always supported Wanda. When Wanda Petronski was deeply hurt by Peggy's remarks and her family decided to leave the city. But Peggy and Meddy never expected

this incident. Maddie was very upset and could not sleep the whole night. The whole night she imagined Wanda, her faded blue dress, the little house she was living in and glowing pictures of hundred dresses she had made for the contest.

Short Answer Questions:-

Q1. What did Mr Petronski's letter say?

Ans- Mr. Petronski's letter was to inform the principal and Miss Mason that Wanda would not come to school because she was fed up of being bullied in the school. They were going to shift to a bigger place where nobody would make fun of their last name.

Q2. Is Miss Mason angry with the class, or is She unhappy and upset?

Ans- Miss Mason seems to be unhappy and upset rather than angry because she had never expected such a behavior from the students. She wants everyone to think about it and asks them not to look down on anyone in the class.

Q3. How does Maddie feel after listening to the note from Wanda's father?

Ans- Maddie feels sorry and ashamed for the behaviour although she herself did not make fun of Wanda. She never tried to stop Peggy from doing so and remained a silent spectator. She feels like a coward.

Q4. What does Maddie want to do?

Ans- Maddie wants to amend her behaviour towards Wanda. She wants to meet her to apologize. She decides to find Wanda at her house at Boggins Heights. She also wanted to convey that all was meant in good humour and people really love her.

Q5. What excuses does Peggy think of giving in justification of her behaviour? Why?

Ans- Peggy tries to defend herself with her behaviour towards Wanda as she inspired her to explore her drawing skills by sketching a hundred dresses which encouraged her to win the drawing contest.

Q6. What are Maddie's thoughts as they go to Boggins Heights?

Ans- Maddie was feeling ashamed and apologetic

for being a silent spectator while Peggy humiliated Wanda. She was feeling upset and distraught for Wanda and herself. She was also repenting for not stopping Peggy for behaving badly with Wanda.

Q7. Why does Wanda's house remind Maddie Wanda's blue dress ?

Ans- Wanda's house was sparse, old and faded but neat and clean like her blue dress that she wore every day to school. Thus, Maddie was reminded of the same old blue dress.

Q8. What does Maddie think hard about ? What important decision does she come to ?

Ans- Maddie thinks about not to be mute spectator anymore that she had been in case of Wanda. She promised herself about not letting any injustice happen to anyone ever if she would have lost a friend in this.

Q9. What did the girls write in the letter ?

Ans- Maddie and Peggy wrote a friendly letter to Wanda. They wanted to apologize for their behaviour but they ended up asking her whether she liked her new school and teacher. They informed her about her sketches winning the drawing competition. They praised her drawing skills and also told her how much other students like her art. The letter was just a usual letter one may write to a good friend.

Comprehension Questions:-

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

"I am sure that none of the boys and girls in Room Thirteen would purposely and deliberately hurt anyone's feelings because his or her name happened to be a long, unfamiliar one. I prefer to think that what was said was said in thoughtlessness. I know that all of you feel the way I do, that this is a very unfortunate thing to have happened, unfortunate and sad, both. And I want you all to think about it."

Q1. Who is the speaker in the passage?

Ans- Miss Mason is the speaker in the passage.

Q2. Who is the writer of 'The Hundred Dresses'?

Ans- Eleanor Estes

Q3. Who had been unfortunate ?

Ans- Wanda had been unfortunate because the children used to make fun of her unfamiliar name.

Q4. Who was mainly responsible for the incident?

Ans- Peggy and Maddie were mainly responsible for the incident.

Q5. Pick out a word from the passage that means the same as 'unknown'?

Ans- Unfamiliar

B. While the class was circling the room, the monitor from the principal's office brought Miss Mason a note. Miss Mason read it several times and studied it thoughtfully for a while. Then she clapped her hands. "Attention, class. Everyone went back to their seats." When the shuffling of feet had stopped and the room was still and quiet, Miss Mason said. "I have a letter from Wanda's father that I want to read to you."

Miss Mason stood there a moment and the silence in the room grew tense and expectant. The teacher adjusted her glasses slowly and deliberately. Her manner indicated that what was coming from Wanda's father was a matter of great importance.

Q1. What did the monitor bring?

Ans- Monitor brought a note.

Q2. Who was Miss Mason?

Ans- Miss Mason, was a teacher of Maddie, Peggy and Wanda.

Q3) From which lesson this extract has been taken ?

Ans- The Hundred Dresses - II

Q4. What did Miss Mason's manner indicate?

Ans- Miss Mason's manner indicates that the contents of the letter were of great importance.

Q5. Pick out the words from the passage which mean the same as 'intentionally'.

Ans- deliberately

MCQ

Q1. Who was more anxious for a reply?

- a. Peggy
- b. Maddie
- c. Miss Petronski
- d. Miss Mason

Q2. Who felt herself cowardly after Wanda left the School?

- a. Peggy
- b. Maddie
- c. Miss Petronski
- d. Miss Mason

Q3. What were Maddie's thoughts as they went to Boggins Heights?

- a. tell her nobody would make fun of her name
- b. tell that her nature was very rude.
- c. tell that she was ugly
- d. None of the Above

Q4. What did Mr. Petronski's letter say?

- a. his daughter would not come to school any more
- b. to appreciate the school
- c. regarding poor performance of his child
- d. None of the above

Q5. Who was Miss Mason?

- a. Maths Teacher
- b. English Teacher
- c. Class Teacher
- d. Principal

Q6. Who wrote the letter received by Miss Mason?

- a. Wanda
- b. Wanda's mother
- c. Wanda's father
- d. Wanda's brother

Q7. What else was mentioned in the letter?

- a. her drawings
- b. her medal
- c. the school
- d. her funny name

Q8. How did Miss Mason feel about whatever happened with Wanda ?

- a. unfortunate
- b. sad
- c. cruel
- d. both a and b

Q9. How would you describe Miss Mason's feeling towards the class ?

- a. angry
- b. upset
- c. happy
- d. cheerful

Q10. What did Maddie think of herself after the letter was read out loud ?

- a. grateful b. lucky
- c. hero d. coward

Answer Key

- 1. b. Maddie
- 2. b. Maddie
- 3. a. tell her nobody would make fun of her name
- 4. a. his daughter would not come to school any more
- 5. c. Class Teacher
- 6. c. Wanda's father
- 7. d. her funny name
- 8. d. both a and b
- 9. b. upset
- 10. d. coward

Very Short Answer Questions:-

Q 1. What does the poet wish to live with?

Ans- The poet wishes to turn from human beings and live with animals.

Q 2. How do the animals appear to the poet?

Ans - The animals appear, calm, peaceful and self-confident to the poet.

Q3. How do the animals appear to the poet?

Ans - The poet talks about animals with love and affection. He says that he has found the animals very peaceful and self-contained.

Q4. What do the Animals not do for their sins?

Ans - The animals do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins.

Q5. How do the animals treat their own?

Ans - They do not kneel to another as the human beings.

Short Answer Questions:-

Q1. Why does the poet wish to live with animals?

Ans - The poet wishes to live with animals because he thinks that animals are self-contained, peaceful, un-ambitious and calm.

Q2. Why didn't the animals whine and weep in the darkness?

Ans - The animals didn't whine and weep in the darkness because they didn't have anxiety or distress nor do they moan about the condition in which they live.

Q3. What message does the poem 'Animals' wish to convey?

Ans- The message of the poem 'Animals' is that human beings weeps and whine upon his degraded condition as he dropped his goodness way behind and now, he suffers due to lack of it. Human being should not lost their basic nature i.e. simplicity, satisfaction, honesty.

Q4. How animal's life is better than man?
OR

Ans-

Mention three things that human do and animals don't?

The poet has drawn three comparisons between humans and animals. They are as follow:-

(i)

Humans sweat and work hard to live comfortable for this they always compromise with circumstances either good or bad but Animals have no such desire, they are happy with their life.

(ii)

Humans always sulk for their misdeeds they have done to others but Animals do not sulk till life time for anything. Therefore, they sleep peacefully.

(iii)

Humans always complains to God for their conditions in life. However, animals do not have any god and they live and survive without any prayers or fasts.

Q5.

What does the poet mean by "Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth?"

Ans -

The poet means that animals do not pray to God or to ancestors and all of them are equal, hence no one is more respectable than the other. The above line shows that the good values of animals and the lack of social conventions make them happy.

Reference to context questions:-

A.

"I think I could turn and live with animals, they are so placid and self-contained. I stand and look at them long and long."

Q1.

Name the poem from where these lines have been taken?

Ans -

Animals

Q2.

Who has written these lines?

Ans -

Walt Whitman.

Q3.

What is the poet turning from?

Ans.

He is turning away from the world of humans and all its Complications and deceptions.

Q4.

Why does the poet want to turn and live with animals.

Ans - The poet wants to turn and live with animals because they are innocent, calm and quiet.

B. So they show their relations to me and I accept them,

They bring me tokens of myself, they evince them plainly in their possession

I wonder where they get those tokens

Did I pass that way huge times ago and negligently drop them?

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

Ans - Animals

Q2. Who is the poet of Animals?

Ans - Walt Whitman

Q3. What makes the poet wonder?

Ans - The animals 'love and affection for the poet or the human being makes the poet 'Wonder'.

Q4. Who are "they" here in the first line?

Ans - The animals

Q5. What are these 'tokens of myself'?

Ans - These 'token of myself' are the love and affection of the animals.

C. They do not sweat and whine about their condition.

They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins.

They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God.

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

Ans - Animals

Q2. Who has written these lines?

Ans - Walt Whitman.

Q3. who do not we weep for their sins?

Ans- Animals do not weep for their sins.

Q4. who sweat and whine?

Ans - Human beings.

Q5. find the word from the stanza which

means 'cry'

Ans - Whine

MCQ

Q1. What mania do human beings suffer from?

- a mania of love
- b mania of lust
- c mania of possessing things.
- d none of the above.

Q2. What does the poet wish to live with?

- a Dragons
- b Animals
- c Dinosaurs
- d None of the above.

Q3. What is the attitude of the animals towards their sins?

- a confused and peaceful
- b calm, peaceful and self-confident
- c confused and sad
- d none of the above.

Q4. What qualities have the humans gives up?

- a innocence
- b kindness
- c truthfulness
- d All of the above

Q5. What is the meaning of "Whine"?

- a a beverage
- b cry
- c shout
- d None

Q6. What is the meaning of "placid"?

- a peaceful
- c greedy
- b clumsy
- d jealousy

Q7. Who, according to the poet, is better?

- a human beings
- c both are equal
- b animals
- d none

Q8. Name the poet.

- a Walt Whitman
- c Leslie Norris
- b Carolyn Wells
- d Adrienne Rich

Q9. Who looks at the animals for a long time?

- a Zoo keeper
- c the poet
- b hunter
- d all of them

Q10. Animals do not talk about their duty towards

- a Family
- c Society
- b God
- d Human beings.

Q11. Name the literary device used in " They bring me tokens of myself"

- a Anaphora c Metaphor
b Assonance d Alliteration

Q12. The places where animals receive protection is called

- a Zoo c Rock shelters
b National parks d None of these

Q13. What do humans do that animals don't?

- a greed c restless
b jealous d all of the above

Q14. The species which are at the verge of the extinctions.

- a endemic c endangered
b extinct d none of these

Answer Key

1. c Mania of possessing things.
2. b Animals.
3. b Calm, peaceful and self- confident.
4. a All of the above
5. b Cry
6. a Peaceful
7. b Animals.
8. a Walt Whitman
9. c The poet
10. b God
11. c Metaphor.
12. a Zoo
13. d All of the above
14. c Endangered.