

(C) Answer the following questions in 20-25 words each :

Q. 1. How did Bholi become a backward child?

भोली एक पिछड़ी बालिका कैसे बन गई?

Ans. Bholi became a backward child by falling off the cot on her head when she was ten months old. Perhaps it had damaged some part of her brain.

Q. 2. Why did the other children make fun of Bholi?

अन्य बच्चे भोली की मजाक क्यों उड़ाते थे?

Ans. The other children made fun of Bholi because her entire body was permanently disfigured by deep, black pockmarks. She stammered also.

Q. 3. Write a short note on Ramlal's family.

रामलाल के परिवार पर एक संक्षिप्त लेख लिखिए।

Ans. In this family, Ramlal had a wife and seven children—three sons and four daughters. The youngest of them was Bholi. It was a prosperous family.

Q. 4. Why was Bholi's father worried about her?

भोली का पिता उसके बारे में चिन्तित क्यों था?

Ans. Bholi's father was worried about her because she had pockmarks on her entire body and was simpleton. Nobody would marry her.

Q. 5. Why was Bholi sent to school?

भोली को विद्यालय क्यों भेजा गया था?

Ans. Bholi was sent to school because Tehsildar asked the Numberdar Ramlal to do so. Being witless and ugly, she had no chance of getting married.

Q. 6. What did Bholi's mother say after receiving the proposal of Bishamber?

बिशंबर के विवाह-प्रस्ताव मिलने के बाद भोली की माँ ने क्या कहा?

Ans. After receiving the proposal of Bishamber, Bholi's mother said that Bholi was lucky to get such a well-to-do bridegroom without dowry.

(D) Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :

Q. 1. What were the situations in the classroom when Bholi attended the school first time?

जब भोली पहली बार विद्यालय में उपस्थित हुई तब कक्षाकक्ष में क्या स्थितियाँ थीं?

Ans. When Bholi attended the school first time, the situations in the classroom were good. The girls like her squatted on mats. They were reading from books or writing on slates.

Q. 2. What major changes were visible in the village in a few years?

कुछ ही वर्षों में गाँव में क्या प्रमुख परिवर्तन दिखाई दिये थे?

Ans. The village became a small town. The little primary school became a high school. There were now a cinema hall and a cotton ginning mill. The mail train began to stop at the railway station.

Q. 3. Why did Ramlal placed his turban at Bishamber's feet?

रामलाल ने अपनी पगड़ी बिशंबर के पैरों में क्यों रख दी थी?

Ans. Ramlal placed his turban at Bishamber's feet because on seeing pockmarks on Bholi's face, Bishamber demanded dowry of Rs. 5,000/ and refused to marry till his demand is met then and there.

Q. 4. Why did Bholi refuse to marry Bishamber?

भोली ने बिशंबर से विवाह करने से इंकार क्यों कर दिया?

Ans. Bholi refused to marry Bishamber because he was a mean, greedy and contemptible coward. He demanded dowry. He did not care for her father's izzat. He was an unequal match.

(E) Answer the following questions in 60-80 words each :

Q. 1. Draw a character sketch of Bholi.

भोली का चरित्र-चित्रण करें।

Ans. Bholi's real name was Sulekha. Her brain damaged in an accident in infancy. She became a backward child. Smallpox left pockmarks on her face and body. Her marriage was a problem for her parents. The Tehsildar pressurised her father to sent her to school. The school, the school teacher and education gave her a new hope and life. She became a confident, bold and self-respecting person. She refused to marry greedy Bishamber. She planned to work in her school and serve her old parents.

Q. 2. Why did Bholi's parents accept Bishamber's marriage proposal?

भोली के माता-पिता ने बिशंबर के विवाह-प्रस्ताव को क्यों स्वीकार किया?

Ans. Bholi's parents accepted Bishamber's marriage proposal because he was a well-to-do grocer. He had a big shop, a house and a solid bank balance. He was from another village. He did not know about Bholi's pockmarks and lack of sense. He did not demand dowry. Bholi was witless and simpleton. Nobody was willing to marry her. She would remain unmarried. The Numberdar was thoughtful about his izzat in the village.

Q. 3. What was the role of the school teacher in Bholi's life?

भोली के जीवन में स्कूल टीचर की क्या भूमिका रही थी?

Ans. Bholi's teacher played a very important role in changing her life. She was the first person who spoke to her affectionately. She encouraged her to speak out her name without any fear. She inculcated in her a desire to learn. Then she would be more learned. And no one would be able to laugh at her ever. Then people would listen to her and would respect her. She turned her into a confident, daring, self-respecting person who could take her own decision.