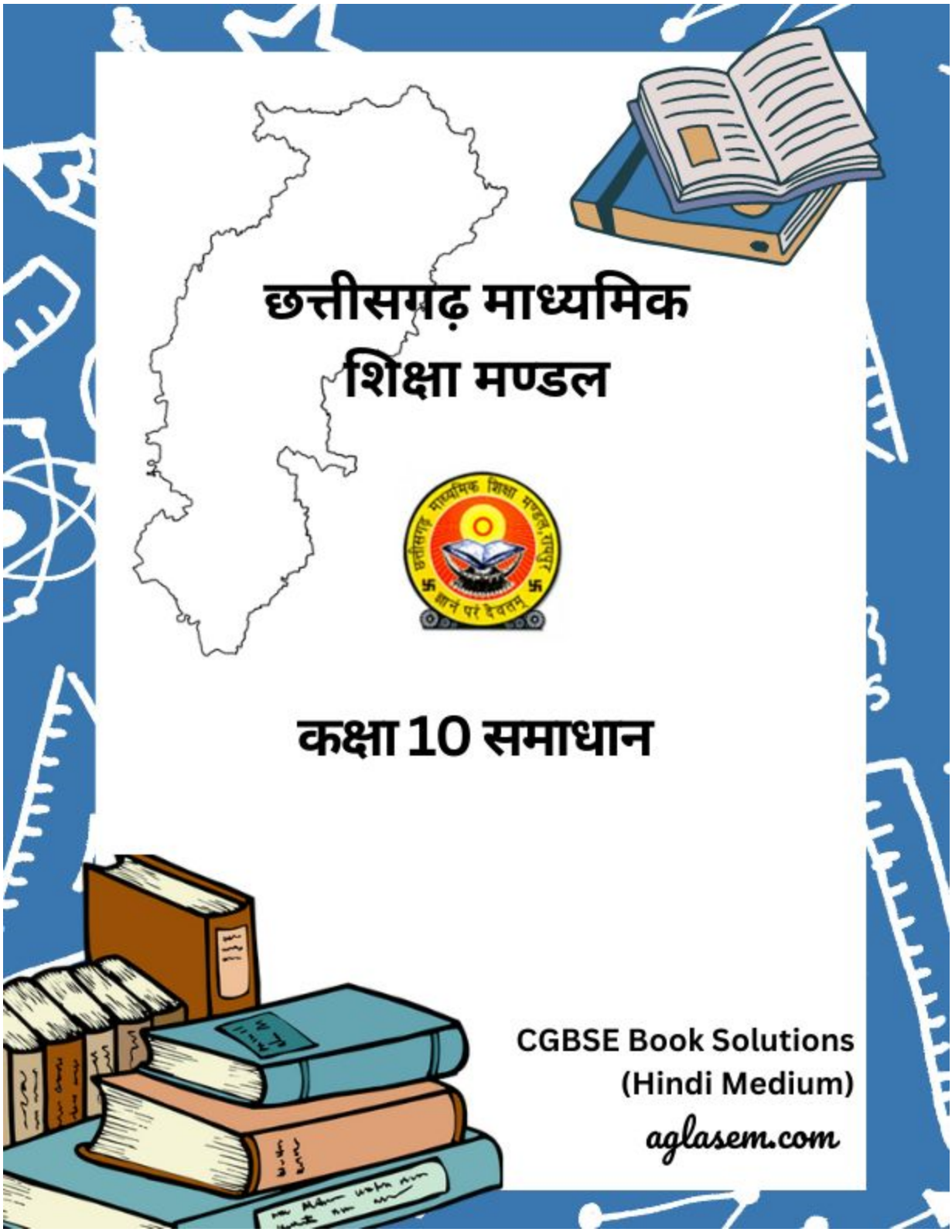
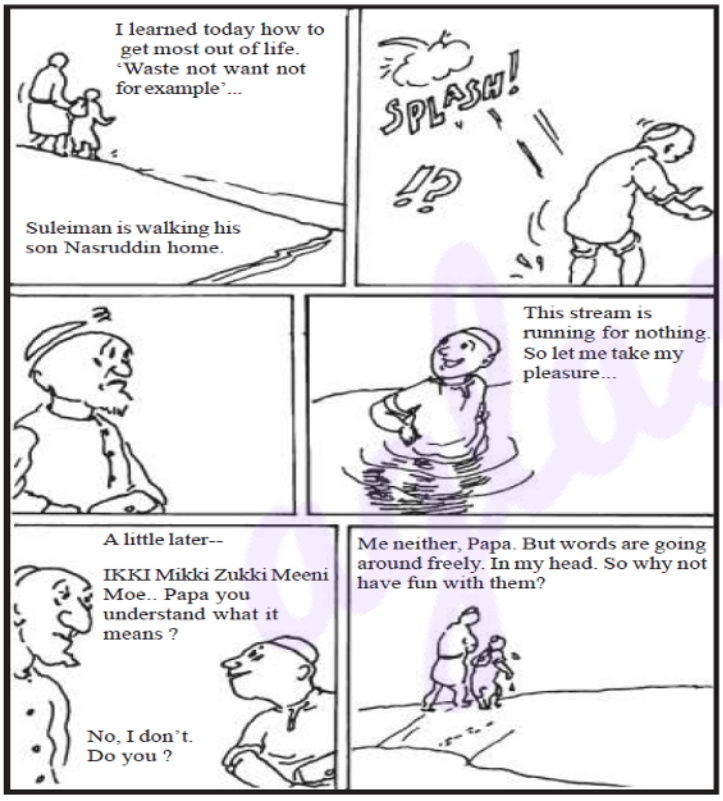
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Chapter Reading A
Unit 2 - HUMOUR
THE NEVER-NEVER NEST

Q. Pre-reading-

Read the comic strip given below and answer the questions:



i. Did this make you laugh? What lesson did the son learn?

Ans: Yes, it made me laugh. He learnt how to have fun and how to get most out of life.

ii. What is the pleasure that Nasruddin tries to take?

Ans. Nasruddin tried to take the pleasure from the water of the spring.

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iii. What did Nasruddin mean to say by IKKI Mikki Zukki.....?
Ans. Nasruddin meant that words are meaningless. Sometimes but we still can have fun.

iv. Tell your class some more jokes like this
Ans. Student do themselves.

COMPREHENSION-

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I. Read the questions or the statement given in column I and say who asked these questions or made these statements to whom and in which context ?

I	II	III	IV
Questions or Statements	**Who said**	**To whom**	**In which context**
(i) What do you think of our little next, Aunt Jane?	Jill said	To Aunt Jane	When Aunt Jane looked at their cozy room, car, piano and radiogram.
(ii) No, no, Aunt Jane. You misunderstand me.	Jack said	To Aunt Jane	When Aunt Jane said to Jack if they did not pay rent they would be turned out into the street.
(iii) I'm expecting ten this Christmas.	Jack said	To Jill and Aunt Jane	When Jill said that last year she had a rise of five spellched then Jack told Jill and Aunt Jane that he was expecting a rise of ten this year (Christmas).
(iv) They're only too glad to loan you any amount	Jill said	To Aunt Jane	When Aunt Jane asked that how can he pay

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you like, on note of hand alone.			seven pounds eight eight pence?
(v) Aunt Jane! Is anything the matter? would you like to lie down?	Jack said	To Aunt Jane	When Aunt Jane comes to know about the instalments.
(vi) Er-thank you. Aunt Jane. It's very nice of you.	Jill said	To Aunt Jane	When Aunt Jane gave her a cheque.
(vii) Goog-bye, Aunt Jane and thanks so much for the present.	Jill said	To Aunt Jane	When Aunt Jane was about to leave.

Q.1. Answer the following questions :

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Q.1. Choose the correct answer from the options given below each of the following questions:

(i) Why didn't Jack and Jill pay rent for their house? They didn't pay the rent because :

(a) They were too poor to pay the rent

(b) They were staying in the house illegally

(c) They had bought the house on instalments

Ans. (c)

(ii) How much did Aunt Jane give Jack and Jill as their wedding present?

(a) One hundred pounds.

(b) Two hundred pounds

(c) One thousand pounds.

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Ans. (b).

(iii) How much did Jack and Jill pay to get a car?

(a) Five pounds

(b) Ten pounds

(c) Five hundred pounds.

Ans. (a).

(iv) Why did Aunt Jane refuse to lie down on the bed? She didn't lie down on the bed because :

(a) She was angry with Jack and Jill

(b) The bed did not belong to Jack and Jill

(c) She was in a hurry to leave the house of Jack and Jill.

Ans. (b).

(v) Why did Aunt Jane gift a cheque of ten pounds to Jack and Jill ? because:

(a) Jack and Jill asked Aunt Jane to help them with a cheque

(b) Jack and Jill wanted to repay their loans.

(c) Aunt Jane thought that Jack and Jill could make full payments for at least one of their bills.

Ans. (c)

(vi) What did Jack intend to do with the ten pounds cheque?

(a) He wanted to pay off the instalments to the doctor

(b) He wanted to pay off the instalments for the houses

(c) He wanted to pay off the instalments for the car.

Ans. (a).

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(vii) How many persons were present in the house when Aunt Jane visited Jack and Jill ?

(a) Four

(b) Five

(c) Six.

Ans. (b).

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Q. 2. Describe Jack and Jill's house and the things that impressed Aunt Jane.

Ans. Jack and Jill lived in a house at New Hampstead with a cozy little room. They had two chairs and one table as their furniture. Their radiogram, piano and car impressed Aunt Jane.

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Q. 3. Why was Aunt Jane worried about her gift cheque ? **Ans.** By looking at Jack's lavish furniture, Aunt Jane worried about her gift cheque whether she had gifted Jack two thousand pounds instead of two hundred pounds.

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Q. 4. Why did Jack say that it was better 'to be Mr. Owner than to be Mr. Tenant'?

Ans. It is very uneconomic to pay the rent year after year, where he can buy a house in ten pounds and pay the instalment. So that Jack said it is better 'to be Mr. owner than to be Mr. tenant'.

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Q. 5. Why did Aunt Jane say that she would take a bus rather than go by Jack's car ?

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Ans. Aunt Jane said that she would take bus rather than go by Jack's car because, the car was not fully owned by Jack. Jack owned only steering wheel and a tire.

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Q. 6. **What did Jill do with the ten pound cheque presented by Aunt Jane ?**

Ans. Jill sent the money to the Doctor from whom they bought their baby in instalment.

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Q. 7. Many people are in the habit of buying things on instalment? Do you support this trend? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. Many people are in the habit of buying things on instalment, according to me, instalment make people fall into the habit of borrowing. As well as it also makes buying easy in the present with a little difficulty of instalment.

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Q. 8. Describe a situation which you find most humourous in the play.

Ans. The most humourous factor in the play was that Jack and Jill had their baby on instalments and Jill said. “Just one more instalment and the baby is ours.”

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Q.9. What do you understand by the title 'The Never, Never Nest'? Can you suggest a new title?

Ans. The title ‘Never-Never Nest’ describes a temporary home like the nest of the bird. The “never” says one should not have a nest means a temporary home. The new title can be ‘our home’.

Vocabulary-

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Q.1. Tick (✓) the words which are similar to the words given in bold.

1. Charming! Such a **cosy** little room.

(a) Costly (b) Cute (c) Comfortable

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Q.2. Aunt Jane (suddenly): Jack! I've just thought of something. That car- is it yours?

Jill: Of course it's ours.

Aunt Jane : All yours?

Jack: Well, no. Not **exactly** all.

(a) Immediately (b) Completely (c) Correctly

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Q.3. Now, tell me, how much do all these **instalments** come to ?

(a) Loans (b) Full payment (c) Part payment

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Q.4. Yes, Jack, that's what's **worrying** me.

(a) Surprising (b) Irritating (c) Troubling

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Q.5. Suppose you take it and **pay off** just one of your bills

(a) give away (b) make full payment (c) pay in instalments

Ans. 1. (c), 2. (b), 3. (c), 4. (c), 5. (b).

Grammar-

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Use of 'do', 'does', 'did'

Fill in the blanks in the following conversation with the appropriate form of verbs do and did.

Jill: Hi Mum. Can you guess who visited us this morning?

Mother: Sorry, I can't.

Jill: Aunt Jane, Mum.

Mother: Jane visited you this morning?

Jill: Yes, she visited us this morning.

Mother: Did she like your house?

Jill: Yes, Mum. She liked our house. But she_____ like the idea of buying it on instalment.

Mother: How silly! She has very old fashioned ideas, I'm afraid.

Jill: Yes, Mum. She has very old fashioned ideas.

Jack: She was rather too worried.

Jill: She even refused to sit on the furniture.

Mother: Why ____ she refuse to sit on the furniture? That's amazing!

Jack: But Aunt Jane was very kind and considerate. ____ you know what she gave us at

the time of her departure?

Mother: What ____ she give you?

Jill: A ten pound cheque.

Mother: She gave you a ten pound cheque!

Jill: Yes, yes. A ten pound cheque.

Mother: What ____ you propose to do with that extra money?

Jill: We have spent it already.

Mother: Good heavens, you spent it already! What ____ you do with that money?

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Jill: I sent it to Dr. Martins._____ I do a good thing, Mum?

Mother: To Dr. Martins? Why ____ you send it to Dr. Martin?

Jill: For the last instalment

Mother: Oh, I see. How nice of you! You did the right thing, my dear.

Jill: Thanks, mum.

Ans. 1. didn't, 2. did, 3, do, 4. did, 5. do, 6. did, 7. did, 8. did

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