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Class 9 English (Beehive) Notes

THE BOND OF THE LOVE





Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

9. The Bond of Love

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- A sloth bear cub was found by the author accidentally. When author was passing through sugarcane fields, while driving away the wild pigs, one of his companions shot a sloth bear. A baby bear was riding on the back of mother bear when it was shot dead. Baby bear was making miserable sounds running around the mother. Author felt pity for it.
- Author captured it with the help of his friends to take it home and put it in a gunny bag.
- He presented the bear cub to his wife on reaching Bangalore, his home, She was so happy that she instantly put a ribbon around its neck on finding it to be a male named it Bruno and lovingly called it "Baba".
- Bruno Learnt drinking milk from a bottle. In a few days he started eating and drinking everything estable even spicy things, beer, alcoholic liqour etc.
- In his younger days he was left free and became friendly with two Alsatian dogs and children of the tenants. Bruno had access to kitchen and even slept in the beds of family members.
- One day author put down poison (Barium Carbonate) in the library to kill rats, but Bruno entered the library as usual and ate some of the poison.
- Bruno got paralysed but somehow he dragged himself to author's wife. She called him and he took him to vet.
- It was an uncommon case of barium carbonate poisoning of a bear
- But Bruno was saved.
- Bruno grew bigger in size and author decided to give it to the Zoo.
- Author's wife consented after great persuasion.
- But cried later, went to meet him to the Zoo.
- Both cried, wanted to taken Baba back.
- With great efforts taken back, Island created for Baba in the house.
- Story tells that bear also has a-sense of affection, memory and individual characteristics.

ACTIVITY

Name some of the stories at least three about human-animal love. There may be a story telling Session.

COMPREHENSION PASSAGES

1. "I must see Baba, either you take me by car, or I will go myself by bus or train." So I took her by car.

   Questions

   a) Who wants to meet Baba?

   b) Where does the speaker want to go?

   c) How did the speaker convince others for her wish?

   d) Make a sentence using "Either/or".

2. My wife cried bitterly, Baba cried bitterly, even the hardened curator and the keepers felt depressed. As for me, I had reconciled myself to what I knew was going to happen next.

   Questions

   a) Why did the author's wife Baba cry bitterly?

   b) What was the reaction of the curater and the Keepers ?

   c) What did the author's estimate about future?

   d) 'Bitterly' has '-ly-as suffix. Make another word which has the same suffix.

3. He was getting too big to keep at home. After weeks of such advice she at last consented. Hastily and before she could change her mind a letter was written to the curator of the zoo.

   Questions

   a) Who was getting too big?

   b) Who is 'she' in above lines?

   c) What did she consent to ?

   d) Find a word from the above passage that means the same as 'quickly?

Short Questions:

Q.1 Where did the author find the bear cub?

Q.2 How did the author's wife react when she first met the baby bear?

Q. 3 What happened to Bruno in the library?

Q. 4 "We all missed him greatly : but in a sense we were relieved" says the author. Why does he say so?

Q. 5 How did Bruno react or what did Bruno do when the author's wife reached the zoo to meet him?

Q. 6 How was the bear transported back to Bangalore?

Q. 7 What happened to Bruno when he was sent to the zoo?

Q. 8 What arrangement were made when Baba was brought back to another's house?

Q. 9 Describe Bruno's toys and games.

Long Question

Q. 1 'Animals also feel the pleasure of love and the pains of separation' Discuss this statement with reference to the story. 'The bond of Love.'

Q. 2 'Love is mutual,' Justify this statement with reference to the story. 'The Bond of Love.'

Q. 3 Bruno was a loving and playful pet. Still he was sent to the Zoo. Give reasons.