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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

Amanda



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Poem – Amanda

Type-I Comprehension Passage

Solved Passage-1

Don't bite your nails, Amanda!

Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!

Stop that slouching and sit up straight, Amanda.

- (a) Who, do you think could be the speaker in the stanza?
- (b) What is expected from Amanda?
- (c) What is the tone of the speaker towards Amanda?
- (d) Why do you think Amanda is being scolded?

Answers

- (a) The speaker could be Amanda's mother.
- (b) Amanda is expected to sit straight.
- (c) The tone of the speaker is very commanding.
- (d) Amanda is getting scolded because the speaker wants to refine her conduct and manners.

Unsolved Passages

Passage -1

I am an Orphan, roaming the street

I pattern soft dust with my hushed bare feet

The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

- (a) How does Amanda perceive herself?
- (b) What does the speaker want to convey through this stanza?
- (c) Why does Amanda show this reaction?
- (d) What kind of world does Amanda want to live in as suggested in line 2?

Passage-2

Don't eat that chocolate Amanda!

Remember your acne, Amanda.

Will you please look at me when I am speaking to you Amanda!

- (a) Why does the speaker ask Amanda not to eat Chocolate?
- (b) What is Amanda's attitude towards the speaker?

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- (c) Why shouldn't Amanda have acne?
(d) What do you think is the tone of the speaker?

Passage 3

I am Rapunzel, I have not a care.
Life in a tower is tranquil and rare
I will certainly never let down my bright hair.

- (a) Who does Amanda imagine herself to be?
(b) What does line 2 suggest about the kind of life Amanda wants to lead?
(c) Why wouldn't she let down her hair?
(d) What is Amanda trying to run away from ?

Passage 4

Stop that sulking at once, Amanda!
You are always moody, Amanda
Anyone would think that I nagged at you Amanda!

- (a) Write the antics of Amanda which are being pointed out by the speaker.
(b) What is Amanda expected to do?
(c) What could be the relationship between the speaker and Amanda?
(d) What does the speaker want to prove herself to be as suggested in line 3?

Type-II

Short Answer Questions (Solved)

1. What opinion do you form about Amanda?

Ans. Amanda is a school going child. Her age could be between 8 years and 11 years. She seems to be lost in her own world. She does not like to be nagged by her elders. She wants to live life on her own terms.

Unsolved Questions

1. Who do you think is nagging at Amanda and why?
2. Amanda takes refuge in her imagination. What does she imagine herself to be?
3. Amanda wants to be Rapunzel but with a difference, how?
4. What does Robin Klein want to highlight in this poem?

