

ENGLISH LITERATURE

ADVIA!

EXERCISES

Q1. Word meaning

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| 1. Oppress | make someone feel uncomfortable |
| 2. Started | looked alarmed |
| 3. Hospitable | welcoming and generous to visitors |
| 4. Oldies | old songs |
| 5. Drive the blue away | to cheer ourselves up |
| 6. Grunted | spoke in rough voice |
| 7. Licked them | defeated them |
| 8. Disdainfully | in a manner showing contempt |
| 9. Picking on | treating unfairly by criticizing or punishing |

Q2. Tick the correct option

1. Puja felt oppressed because
Ans. (b) of the heat, dust and the bare, rocky landscape.
2. The two Afghani men scared the family because they
Ans. (d) rushed towards the car
3. Puja was unable to follow Sudhir's instructions because
Ans. (a) she was very frightened and didn't know what to do.
4. The family might have helped the men if
Ans. (d) they had not been prejudiced.

Q3. Answer the followings

1. *"These guys," continued my brother, "were out to get our watches and Ma's chain. But we shook them off. We licked them!" sudhir clapped his hands gleefully. But I wasn't pleased at all.*
 - a. Who were these guys?
Ans. The two Afghan men.
 - b. Why was Puja not pleased at all?
Ans. Puja didn't agree with Sudhir. So she was not pleased at all.
 - c. What delighted Sudhir?
Ans. Sudhir was delighted because he believed that they escaped from dangerous dacoits.

2. *His face was pale and his eyes looked troubled as he said in a flat voice, "Advia means 'medicine'."*

a. Who is 'he'?

Ans. Puja and Sudhir's father.

b. Why was his face pale? Why was he troubled?

Ans. His face was pale because he was shocked. He was troubled because he realized that the two men were not dacoits and that they were asking for help.

c. What was the effect of his words on the rest of the family?

Ans. Puja and Sudhir's mother was shocked and kept saying "Oh my god, oh my god!" over and over again. Puja burst into tears.

3. What did puja drop the cup?

Ans. Puja was shocked at the sight of two strange, dangerous-looking, dirtily-dressed, stick- holding men rushing towards their car. She thought they were dacoits.

4. How did sudhir react when he saw the men rushing towards the car?

Ans. Sudhir called out to his father and asked him to start the car immediately. He asked his sister and mother to shut the door and wind up the window.

5. Why did the family react the way they did when they realized that 'advia' meant medicine?

Ans. The family was shocked and upset when they realized that they had refused help to two desperate men who were in need of medicine, because of their prejudice and impatience.