



CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

Reading Comprehension

A) Write T for true or F for false for these statements.

- 1) The speaker wants to become a rose.
- 2) The speaker's mother says her prayers in the little court.
- 3) The speaker wants to throw his shadow on the page of the book.
- 4) In the evening, the speaker's mother goes to the cowshed.
- 5) The speaker will tell his mother where he had been.

Answer:

- 1) F 2) T 3) T 4) T 5) F

B) Answer these questions.

- 1) What will the speaker do when he becomes a champa flower?

Answer: When the speaker becomes a champa flower, he will grow on a high branch in the tree. When the wind blows, he will shake with laughter and dance among the newly budded leaves. If his mother calls, he will laugh to himself and remain quiet.

- 2) What will the speaker watch slyly?

Answer: The speaker will slyly watch his mother work.

- 3) Describe what the speaker's mother does after her bath.

Answer: After her bath, the speaker's mother, with her wet hair spread on her shoulders, goes to pray in the little court.



- 4) According to the speaker, will his mother know that the smell of the champa flower comes from her child? Give a reason for your answer.

Answer: The mother will not know that the smell of the champa flower comes from her child since she does not know that he has turned into a flower.

- 5) What will the speaker do while his mother reads?

Answer: When his mother reads, the speaker will throw his tiny shadow on the pages of the Ramayana, just where she is reading.

- 6) When will the speaker drop to the earth again? Why?

Answer: The speaker will drop to earth in the evening when his mother goes to the cowshed with her lamp. He has been away from his mother the entire day and so, he wants to become her child again and listen to her stories.

C) Think and answer.

Write a short note on what you think of the speaker of the poem.

Answer: The speaker of the poem loves his mother very much. He is mischievous and playful, but cannot stay away from his mother. Even when he becomes a champa flower, all his attention is on his mother. That is why, he wants to come back to her at the end of the day and listen to all her stories.

D) Read these lines from the poem and answer the questions that follow.

You would call, 'Baby, where are you?' and I should laugh to myself and keep quite quiet.

- 1) Who is the speaker addressing here?

Answer: The speaker is addressing his mother in the given lines.

- 2) Why will the person look for the speaker?

Answer: The mother will look for the speaker because she cannot find him. Her child has turned into a champa flower and is hiding from his mother.



3) Why does the speaker want to 'keep quiet'?

Answer: The speaker wants to keep quiet because he wants to stay hidden from his mother. He wants to slyly watch her all day while she does her work.

Appreciating the poem

Write four sensory words describing the summer, monsoon and winter seasons.

Answer: Sample

Summer: bright, hot, sweaty, humid

Monsoon: wet, dark, rumbling, cloudy

Winter: cold, chilly, foggy, dry

