

# **SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ**

## **Chapter: Madam Rides the Bus**

### **1. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow in a line or two:**

(i) But for Valli, standing at the front door was every bit as enjoyable as any of the elaborate games other children played. Watching the street gave her many new unusual experiences.

- (a) Why did Valli kept on standing at the doorway?
- (b) How did Valli feel while standing at the doorway?
- (c) Find a word from the extract which means 'not very common'.
- (d) How was Valli different from children of her age?

(ii) Her first journey-what careful, painstaking, elaborate plans she had to make for it; she had thriftily saved whatever stray coins came her way, resisting every temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons and the like, and finally she had saved a total of sixty paise. How difficult it had been, particularly that day at the village fair, but she had resolutely stifled a strong desire to ride the merry-go-round, even though she had the money.

- (a) Who does 'her' refer to in the passage?
  - (b) Where was her first journey made to?
  - (c) Why had she resisted all temptations?
  - (d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'Swing'?
- (iii) "Don't you want to have a look at the sights, now that you're here?"  
"All by myself? Oh, I'd be much too afraid."

Greatly amused by the girl's way of speaking, the conductor said, "But you weren't afraid to come in the bus." "Nothing to be afraid of about that," she answered.

- (a) Who is the 'girl' mentioned in the passage?
- (b) Why didn't she get off the bus when she reached her destination?
- (c) Write the meaning of the word, 'amused'.
- (d) Was Valli really afraid?

### **2. Answer these questions in not more than 30 words:**

- (i) What details did Valli pick up about the bus journey? How did she pick up these details?
- (ii) How did Valli gathered all the information about the bus?
- (iii) How was the view outside the bus when it went through the canal?
- (iv) How did Valli save money to travel by bus?
- (v) How did Valli feel on seeing the dead cow on the road?

### **3. Answer the question in 100-120 words:**

(i) In such a fast moving world when we hear so many incidents happening with people, do you think Valli did right by not telling her mother about the bus journey?

(ii) Age is not a barrier when it comes to doing something different and great. Which characteristics of Valli help her achieve the wonder of visiting the town at such a tender age?

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