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B. 1. Think and Tell

B. 1. 1. Answer the following questions very briefly

Question 1.

What is the funniest thing about the speaker's (poet's) shadow ?

Answer:

The way he likes to grow.

Question 2.

What happened on morning before the sunrise ?

Answer:

The shadow was not any where.

Question 3.

Does the speaker's shadow always remain the same ?

Answer:

No.

B. 1. 2. State whether the following statements are "True" or 'False'.

Question 1.

1. The speaker's shadow jumps after him when he jumps into his bed.
2. At times, the speaker's shadow is taller than him.
3. The speaker's shadow always follows him.
4. The speaker's shadow was very active.

Answer:

1. True
2. True
3. True

4. True

B. 2. Think and Write

B. 2. 1. Answer the following questions briefly.

Question 1.

What does the shadow of the speaker do ?

Answer:

The shadow goes in and out with the speaker.

Question 2.

How does the shadow grow ?

Answer:

The shadow grows the way he likes to.

Question 3.

Why does the speaker call his shadow lazy ?

Answer:

In early morning he doesn't get up with him.

B. 2. 2. Answer the following questions in about 50 – 60 words.

Question 1.

How does the shadow of the speaker behave ? Does your shadow also behave similarly ?

Answer:

The speaker's shadow behaves very funny. Sometimes it grows very slow. Sometimes, it grows very fast. Sometimes it does not grow at all.

Yes, it's right. My shadow also behaves likewise the speaker's.

Question 2.

Why does the speaker call his shadow 'the funniest thing'?

Answer:

The speaker calls his shadow 'the funniest thing' because it likes to grow in its own way.

Sometimes it shoots up taller like an India rubber ball. Sometimes it gets so little that there's none of it could be seen.

Question 3.

Why do you think that the shadow of the poet did not accompany him before the sunrise ?

Explain.

Answer:

The shadow of a person grows according to the light. Before sunrise there is dark. In darkness the shadow can't grow. So, the shadow of the poet did not accompany him before the sunrise.

Question 4.

What do you like most about the poem ?

Answer:

I like the presentation of the shadow in the poem. The way it grows taller and the way it grows, smaller and disappears at all, amuses me.

C. Word Study

Look at these words

- funny – funnier – funniest
- little – more – most
- shining – more
- shining – most shining

Fill in the blanks with suitable degree of adjectives:

1. slow, slower, _____
2. _____, earlier, _____
3. fast, _____, _____
4. lovely, _____, _____
5. beautiful, _____, _____

Answer:

1. slow, slower, slowest
2. early, earlier, earliest
3. fast, faster, fastest
4. lovely, lovelier, loveliest
5. beautiful, more beautiful, most beautiful

D. 1. Grammar

Prepositions:

Read the following sentences:

- There is some water in the bottle.
- He is fond of his daughter.
- He fell off the ladder.

In sentence 1, the word in shows the relation between two things – water and bottle. In sentence 2. the word of shows the relation between the adjective fond and the noun daughter. In sentence 3, the word off shows the relation between the verb fell and the noun ladder.

These words which are used before a noun or a pronoun to show its relationship with another word in the sentence are called prepositions. The noun or pronoun which follows a preposition is called its object. Note that pronouns used after a preposition should be in the objective case.

He is fond of her. (NOT He is fond of she)

A preposition may have two or more objects; e.g.,
Between you and me there are few secrets. (Here the pro-nouns you and me are the objects of the preposition between.)

Prepositions show various kind of relations. The most important among them are the following:

Place:

- She ran across the street.
- The boy fell among the thorns.
- We were at the foot of the hill.
- The thief was hiding behind the cupboard.

Time:

- I have a meeting in the afternoon.
- You must return before sunset.
- Wait till tomorrow.
- We waited for hours

Method and manner:

- The letter came by post,
- He cut the cake with a knife.
- They fought with courage.
- They succeeded by hard work.

Reason and Purpose:

- She died of malaria.
- He trembled with anger.

- Smoking is injurious to health.

Possession:

- He is a man of principles,
- Mumbai is the financial capital of India.
- I saw a boy with red hair.

Direction and Motion:

- He fell into the well.
- He climbed up the tree.
- She walked towards the market.
- The moon moves round the sun.

Prepositions – Time:

| Preposition | Usage | Example |
|---------------|--|--|
| on | days of the week | on Monday |
| in | months/seasons/time of day/year/after a certain period of time (when ?) | in August/in winter/in the morning/in 2006/in an hour |
| at | for night/for weekend/ a certain point of time (when ?) | at night/at the weekend/at half past nine |
| since | from a certain point of time (past till now) | since 1980 |
| for | over a certain period of time (past till now) | for 2 years |
| ago | a certain time in the past | 2 years ago |
| before | earlier than a certain point of time | before 2004 |
| to | telling the time | ten to six (5 : 50) |
| past | telling the time | ten past six (6 : 10) |
| to/till/until | marking the beginning and end of a period of time in the sense of <i>how long something is going to last</i> | from Monday to/till Friday |
| till/until | | He is on holiday until Friday. |
| by | in the sense of <i>at the latest</i> up to a certain time | I will be back by 6 o'clock. By 11 o'clock. I had read five pages. |

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Preposition – Place (Position and Direction)

| Prepositions | Position | Example |
|--------------|---|--|
| in | room, building, street, town, country, book, paper etc., car, taxi picture, world | in the kitchen, in Motihari in the book, in the car, in a taxi, in the picture, in the world. |
| at | meaning <i>next to, by an object</i> , for <i>table</i> , for events, place where you are to do something typical (watch a film, study, work) | at the door, at the station, at the table, at a concert, at the party, at the cinema, at school, at work |
| on | attached, for a place with a river, being on a surface, for a certain side (left, right) for a floor in a | the picture on the wall, Patna lies on the Ganges, on the table, on the left, on the first floor, on the |

| | | |
|---------------------|--|---|
| | house, for public transport, bus, on a plane on TV. on for <i>television, radio.</i> | the radio. |
| by, next to, beside | left or right of somebody or something | Sabiha is standing by/ next to/beside the car. the bag is under the table. |
| under | on the ground, lower than or covered by something else | |
| below | lower than something else but above ground. | the fish are below the surface |
| | covered by something else meaning <i>more than</i> | put a jacket over your shirt |
| over | getting to the other side (also <i>across</i>) | over 16 years of age walk over the bridge climb over the wall |
| | overcoming an obstacle | |
| above | higher than something else, but not directly over it | a path above the lake |
| across | getting to the other side (also <i>over</i>) | walk across the bridge swim across the lake |
| through | getting to the other side something with limits on top, bottom and the side | drive through the tunnel |
| to | movement to person or building | go to the cinema go to Ranchi/Delhi go to bed |
| Prepositions | Position | Example |
| into | enter a room/a building | go into the kitchen/the house |
| toward | movement in the direction of something (but not directly to it) | go 5 steps towards the house |
| onto | movement to the top of something | jump onto the table |
| from | in the sense of <i>where from</i> | a flower from the garden |

Other important Prepositions:

| Prepositions | Usages | Examples |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| from | who gave it | a present from Zubair |
| of | who/what does it belong to | a page of the book |
| | what does it show | the picture of a palace |
| by | who made it | a book by Premchand |
| on | walking or riding on | on foot, on horseback |
| | horseback | get on the bus |
| | entering a public transport vehicle | |
| in | entering a car/taxi | get in the car |
| off | leaving a public transport vehicle | get off the train |
| out of | leaving a car/taxi | get out of the taxi |
| | rise or fall of something | prices have risen by 10 percent |
| by | travelling (other than walking or horse riding) | by car, by bus |
| at | for age | she learned Urdu at 10 |
| about | for topics, meaning <i>what about</i> | we were talking about you |

I. Write prepositions in the blanks.

- The railway station is _____ Hajipur Road, the _____ river.
- They live _____ the same roof.
- I have not set in _____ last Wednesday.
- I have known him _____ a long time.
- The robbers jumped _____ the train while it was still moving.
- Turn _____ the light! I have to sleep.
- This is a matter _____ great importance.
- He has not yet recovered _____ his illness.
- They were arguing _____ who was the first one to see the tiger.
- Please take _____ your boots. They're very dirty.
- I put my hands _____ my eyes because I couldn't bear to see the crocodiles fight.
- I took us _____ ten minutes to finish the big bowl popcorn.
- Is there a toilet _____ there ?
- We paddled quickly downstream as our boat was _____ crocodiles and hippopotamuses.
- He jumped out _____ the car just before it fell ahill.
- He took an hour to choose _____ a white dress and a black dress.
- They decided to take legal action _____ him for driving the influence of alcohol.
- _____ six years, the hospital is still construction.
- The lorry was moving _____ full speed when the load of duck's eggs fell

20. It won't fall _____ because I have twisted the wire that post to keep it position.
21. _____ the 1990s. he lived alone an island the coast of Africa.
22. This week she has to work _____ midnight Monday _____ Friday.
23. Could 1 talk to you _____ a few minutes ?
24. Her room is _____ the corridor the left.
25. Police want to know' all _____ it and are calling for witnesses.
26. He blew _____ the lamp and lay down the ground.
27. Suddenly, the tiger appeared _____ him. I pounced _____ him _____ warning.
28. The force _____ the spring threw him away _____ the tiger, and he jumped his feet, ready _____ face his enemy.
29. We have not met _____ last October.
30. Books were scattered _____ the room.
31. Fire-crackers are set _____ to Trighten the evil spirits.
32. Luckily, the wind died down and the fire began to bum itself _____
33. I lived in Delhi _____ six years.
34. The referee ordered two players _____ the field.

Answer:

1. The railway station is on Hajipur road, beside the river.
2. They live under the same roof.
3. I have not seen him since last Wednesday.
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17. They decided to take legal action against him for driving in the influence of alcohol.
18. For six years, the hospital is still under construction.
19. The lorry was moving at full speed when the load of duck's eggs fell off.

20. It won't fall down because I have twisted the wire with that post to keep it within position.
21. In the 1990s, he lived alone on an island along the coast of Africa.
22. This week she has to work till midnight Monday to Friday.
23. Could I talk to you for a few minutes ?
24. Her room is by the corridor to the left.
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D. 2. Rhyme Time

Example:

Me in the poem rhymes with 'see'. Pick out some other rhyming words from the poem.

Question 1.

Add two more rhyming words to the following:

1. heel, feel, _____, _____
2. lazy, hazy, _____, _____
3. sun, bun, _____, _____
4. shoot, boot, _____, _____
5. slow, blow, _____, _____
6. thin, ring, _____, _____
7. ball, hall, _____, _____
8. cup, up, _____, _____
9. bed, red, _____, _____
10. pick, lick, _____, _____

Answer:

1. heel, feel, kneel, reel
2. lazy, hazy, crazy, daisy
3. sun, bun, nun, ton
4. shoot, boot, hoot, jute

5. slow, blow, glow, flow
6. thing, ring, sing, king
7. ball, hall, call, mall
8. cup, up, pup, sup
9. bed, red, head, said
10. pick, lick, tick, chick

E. Let's Talk

Question 1.

All of you should look at your shadow at different times of the day and note how different it looks every time and why. Discuss whether your shadow behaves differently from the shadows of others.

Answer:

Prakash: Very early morning, our shadow is not seen when the sun is not up.

Neha: With the rise of the sun, our shadow grows taller.

Rakesh: In noon, the sun being at the top of our head our shadow is not seen.

Harsh: After the noon, till evening again our shadow grows taller.

Moni: After evening, with the fall of night, till morning again our shadow gets disappeared.

F. Composition

Question 1.

Write a paragraph on 'What I like and dislike about my shadow'?

Answer:

I like my shadow growing taller. I like my shadow going with me and following me. I like to play with my shadow. I like to run and amuse with it. When my shadow is very taller than me I don't like it. I also don't like my shadow going between my heels. And the most annoying thing about my shadow that I dislike is, when my shadow disappears at all at night.