

# Important Questions Class 7 English An Alien Hand

## Chapter 5

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### **Question 1. Corporal Punishment should be planned. Comment.**

**Answer:** It is assumed that punishment is bad, and one individual should be given counselling for their wrongdoing. However, the popular proverb emphasises corporal punishment. It states, “spare the rod spoil the child”. Contrary to this opinion, psychologists emphasise representing exemplary behaviour. According to them, the innate qualities of a child should be groomed. Each child is born with a unique quality and can be raised as a good human being with love and compassion.

### **Question 2. How should we behave with our pets?**

**Answer:** We should behave very sensitively with our pets similar to how we behave with other human beings. Pets also have emotions and they understand that they are being loved and cared for when someone pampers them. We should also protect them and trust them. In the story, the woman very brutally punished the second bear that she kept as her pet. She kept punishing the bear unless she got to know the truth from the cook. So we see that pets are speechless, so we should not beat them and treat them badly as they are not able to speak up and explain their positions.

### **Question 3. What did the bear have for their meal and what not?**

**Answer:** The dogs’ food was consumed by the bear as well. He received turnips, cabbages, potatoes, bread, and porridge. The apple was his favourite. He wasn’t allowed to climb the apple tree and nip the beehives.

### **Question 4. The bear was chained, but for what reason and when?**

**Answer:** The bear was regularly chained at night and usually on Sunday when the lady visited her sister. It was the only option because it was unsafe for the people outside and not good for him to wander around in the forest. He has been put in chains for the safety of both people and the bear.

### **Question 5. What happened one Sunday while the woman went to her sister’s home? How did the woman act?**

**Answer:** The woman noticed a bear travelling at full speed one Sunday as she was heading to her sister’s house. The lady was enraged, thinking he was her pet. She ordered him to go back because he was already late for lunch. Even his new collar had disappeared, as she could see. She became further enraged and struck him with her parasol on the nose. The umbrella split in half. The bear repeatedly opened his mouth as if he were going to say something before turning around and continuing on his journey.

**Question 6. Why did the bear appear depressed in the evening?**

**Answer:** The bear felt sorry for himself because one fine day, he had been chained for the whole Sunday afternoon. He was searching for his mistress. The cook was upset because the mistress used to reprimand the bear for no apparent reason when he was sitting quietly on his haunches.

**Question 7. Write an introduction of the lady and how she found a bear.**

**Answer:** The lady who resided on the edge of a sizable woodland in her old manor house. She was fond of pets and adored keeping animals. One day, she encountered a bear amidst the jungle, nearly starving to death. The lady and her old cook brought her home when he was still quite little and defenceless. He had grown into a large bear because they looked after him well.

**Question 8. Give the character sketch of the bear.**

**Answer:** The bear used to live with an old lady in a manor house on the outskirts of the coastline. She liked the bear and was very fond of him. She found the bear in the forest, almost helpless and hungry. . Therefore, the lady and her cook brought some food for the bear. On the other hand, the bear was very calm and well-behaved and did not harm anyone. Children liked to play with the little bear, and also, three dogs loved to play all sorts of games. He ate only vegetarian food and was given vegetables, apples, and honey to eat.

**Question 9. Why does the bear never get to taste meat or flesh?**

**Answer:** Bears are like primary vegetables unless someone feeds them with flesh. Therefore, the bear consumed some of the food provided to the dogs and occasionally consumed food from the mistress's dish. He was raised on a vegetarian diet and was fed items like bread, porridge, potatoes, cabbage, and turnips because he had a good appetite. The woman and her cook treated him at par with the other dogs at home.

**Question 10. Why was the mistress angry?**

**Answer:** The lady usually visits her married sister's residence in the afternoon. Her sister lived in a detached house on the other side of the mountain lake. It usually took an hour to walk through the dark forest, and the lady used to chain the bear on Sundays. However, one fine day she heard the cracking sound of the branch of a tree behind her. She discovered that one bear was following her, which made the lady very angry. She did not have to take the little bear back home.

**Question 11. Why did the cook rush out of the kitchen?**

**Answer:** As soon as the lady got home, she immediately started berating her bear for disobeying her because she was still upset with him. The woman informed us that the bear would remain on the chain for two more days. Because the bear remained in his kennel the entire day, this infuriated the elderly cook, who hurried out of the kitchen.

**Question 12. How was the parasol broken into pieces?**

**Answer:** The mistress was eventually late for lunch, and she wanted the bear to go home. Later, she noticed that he had lost his new collar; she hit him hard on the nose with her parasol. So the parasol broke into two pieces.

**Question 13. What was the reaction of the bear towards her behaviour?**

**Answer:** The woman acted aggressively because she thought the bear was her pet. The bear, however, was taken aback by what happened. He was sad and dejected. He expected her to free her from the chains but she reprimanded him for following her into the woods.

**Question 14. What did the chef do to the woman?**

**Answer:** The cook told her that the bear had been waiting for her eagerly while sitting peacefully like an angel.

**Question 15. How amiable was the bear?**

**Answer:** He died without ever having intended to hurt anyone, not even another animal like other wild creatures. He used to like watching the cattle in the field as they grazed while sitting outside his kennel. The kids used to ride on his back and play.

**Question 16. How was the bear being punished?**

**Answer:** The bear was punished for plucking the beehives and he was chained for two days with a bleeding nose. After being punished, he never repeated the offence.

**Question 17. What made the woman strike her parasol?**

**Answer:** Because he followed her through the forest, the lady was very angry with him. The bear kept sniffing at her despite her requests for him to go back home. Later, she struck him so hard with her parasol and nose that it split in half.