

## 1. Read the given extracts and answer the questions :

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Grandpa hated the noise and bustle of city life and when they were on their own, he often spoke longingly of his small brick house in town. "Such a wonderful place...! With that big mango tree in the garden! It is so quiet that at dusk you can even hear a leaf fall!" But then Grandpa had slipped and fallen in the garden late one evening while he was pottering around and lain outside all night because there was no one at home to help him up.

I. Choose the emotion displayed by the Grandfather.

- A. regretful B. apologetic  
C. nostalgic D. wistful

II. Complete the following sentence with a reason. Grandpa hated the busy and noisy city life because \_\_\_\_\_ .

III. Why did Grandpa come to the city despite his dislike for city life?

IV. Choose an expression similar in meaning to, 'you can even hear a leaf fall'.

- A. end of one's life  
B. arrival of autumn  
C. sign of good luck  
D. pin drop silence

V. State one advantage and one disadvantage of the Grandfather living in the house in town.

**Ans. :** 1. C. nostalgic

2. Grandpa hated the busy and noisy city life because he preferred the peaceful and quiet environment of his small house in town.

3. Grandpa came to the city because he had slipped and fallen in his garden and had to lie outside all night with no one to help him, so his daughter brought him to live with her for safety.

4. D. pin drop silence

5. **Advantage:** He could enjoy a peaceful and quiet life in his own home.

**Disadvantage:** There was no one around to help him if he faced an accident or emergency.

"I had a quiet morning, but I don't know about Ravi. He just disappeared instead of staying at home to look after me like you told him to," answered Grandpa coolly, while Ravi just looked confused and embarrassed. Grandpa had another surprise for Ravi. A gift-wrapped parcel!

"But, Papa, Ravi's birthday was three months ago. Have you forgotten?" exclaimed Ravi's mother, impatiently.

VI. Choose the option that displays the tone of the Grandfather's response.

- A. apologetic B. hurtful C. calm D. puzzled



VII. Why was Ravi confused and embarrassed?

VIII. Complete the sentence with a suitable reason. Ravi's mother was impatient because \_\_\_\_\_ .

IX. State whether the following sentence is true or false.

Grandfather forgot that Ravi's birthday was three months ago.

X. Why did Grandpa say he didn't know what kind of morning Ravi might have had?

**Ans. :** 1. C. calm

2. Ravi was confused and embarrassed because Grandpa said that Ravi had disappeared instead of looking after him. Ravi knew he had actually been secretly following Grandpa outside, so he felt awkward and guilty.

3. Ravi's mother was impatient because she thought Grandpa had forgotten that Ravi's birthday had already passed three months earlier.

4. False

5. Grandpa said he did not know what kind of morning Ravi had because Ravi had secretly followed him and was not at home, so Grandpa humorously pretended that Ravi had disappeared instead of taking care of him.

2. Answer the following six questions in about 40- 50 words each :

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I. Why did Grandpa dislike living in the city with his daughter? In the chapter "Vitamin-M".

**Ans. :** Grandpa disliked living in the city because he found it noisy, crowded, and uncomfortable. He missed his quiet brick house in the town, where there was a big mango tree in the garden and peaceful surroundings. In the city flat, he felt restricted and unhappy, as he preferred the calm and independence he had in his own home.

II. Why did Vidya not want her father to go out alone?

**Ans. :** Vidya did not want her father to go out alone because she was worried about his safety. Earlier, he had accidentally taken a double dose of his medicine and once got lost while returning from a walk. He had also slipped and fallen in his garden and remained outside all night without help. These incidents made her fear that he might get hurt or lose his way again.

III. Was Ravi in favour of his mother treating Grandpa like a child? How can you say so?

**Ans. :** No, Ravi was not in favour of his mother treating Grandpa like a child. He felt uncomfortable when his mother spoke to Grandpa in an over-loud tone as if he could not understand. Ravi respected his grandfather and felt that he should be treated normally. This shows that Ravi believed Grandpa deserved respect and independence instead of being treated like a helpless child.



IV. Would Ravi be able to keep up his promise to his mother?

**Ans. :** No, Ravi was not fully able to keep his promise to his mother. His mother had told him not to let Grandpa go out alone, but Ravi allowed him to leave because he did not want to hurt his feelings. Instead, Ravi secretly followed Grandpa to make sure he was safe, trying to balance his promise with respect for his grandfather.

V. Was Grandpa lost as feared by Ravi's mother?

**Ans. :** No, Grandpa was not lost as Ravi's mother feared. Although Ravi became worried when he could not find him at the park or the barber shop, Grandpa had already returned home safely. When Ravi reached home, he found his grandfather peacefully sleeping in his room, which relieved him greatly.

VI. How would Ravi feel after seeing Grandpa?

**Ans. :** After seeing Grandpa safe at home, Ravi felt extremely relieved and happy. He had been very worried while searching for him. Seeing his grandfather sleeping peacefully filled him with affection and respect for him.

VII. Do you think Ravi's mother will get to know about what had happened?

**Ans. :** Ravi's mother will probably not get to know what had happened. Ravi does not tell her that he secretly followed Grandpa outside, because he does not want to reveal that he disobeyed her instructions. Grandpa also keeps quiet about it and even says that Ravi had disappeared instead of looking after him. However, the gift of a detective storybook and the twinkle in Grandpa's eye suggest that he knew Ravi was following him but chose not to reveal it.

VIII. Describe how Ravi's emotional reaction upon finding Grandpa safe at home reveals his feelings towards his grandfather.

**Ans. :** Ravi's emotional reaction when he finds Grandpa safe at home shows his deep love and concern for him. After searching for Grandpa everywhere and worrying that he might be lost, Ravi feels great relief on seeing him sleeping peacefully. He kneels beside the bed, touches his grandfather's face, and hugs him gently. This moment shows that Ravi truly cares about Grandpa's safety and well-being. His worry, relief, and affection clearly reveal the strong bond between them and how important Grandpa is to him.

IX. What might be the significance of Grandpa's habit of giving gifts to everyone on his birthday rather than receiving them? In the chapter "Vitamin-M".

**Ans. :** Grandpa's habit of giving gifts to everyone on his birthday instead of receiving them shows his generous and loving nature. He enjoys making others happy and still considers his family members as his "children." This gesture also shows that he has a good memory and thoughtful personality. By giving gifts, he expresses affection and strengthens the emotional bond within the family.



X. Grandpa is portrayed as a person with failing memory in the beginning of the story. Give two evidences to disprove the statement. In the chapter "Vitamin-M"

**Ans. :** Although Grandpa is initially described as forgetful, several incidents prove that his memory and awareness are still strong. First, Grandpa remembers many famous chess matches and players such as Karpov, Bobby Fischer, and Spassky. He even points out mistakes and strategies during the game while playing with Ravi. Remembering such detailed information shows that his memory is still sharp. Second, Grandpa clearly remembers his birthday tradition of giving gifts to every member of the family. When Ravi's mother assumes he has forgotten Ravi's birthday, Grandpa reminds her that he always gives gifts to others on his own birthday. This shows that he has not forgotten important family traditions. In addition, Grandpa's clever hint about detective stories suggests that he may have been aware that Ravi was secretly following him. These examples show that Grandpa's memory is not as weak as his family believes.

XI. Why was Ravi worried about what Grandfather had at the tea stall?

**Ans. :** Ravi was worried because Grandpa ate several things at the tea stall that were not allowed at home. He drank sugary tea, ate bananas, and even had ice cream. Ravi knew that his mother had forbidden Grandpa from eating such items because they might affect his health. Thinking about how upset his mother would be if she found out made Ravi feel anxious and uncomfortable.

XII. Do you think it was easy for Ravi to follow his Grandfather? If yes, why? If no, why not?

**Ans. :** No, it was not easy for Ravi to follow his grandfather. While trying to hide and observe him secretly, Ravi faced several embarrassing situations. People in the park and vendors near the tea stall became suspicious of him and questioned his behaviour. At one point he was even chased away from a place where he was hiding. These incidents made his task difficult and uncomfortable.

XIII. 'Ravi is a good detective'. Give one argument in favour of and against the given statement. In the chapter "Vitamin-M".

**Ans. :** In favour, Ravi shows determination and alertness while following Grandpa. He carefully watches his movements and even boards a bus to continue tracking him. This shows his effort and observation skills.

Against the statement, Ravi often gets into awkward situations and fails to remain unnoticed. People easily notice him hiding behind bushes, trees, and cars, which shows that he is not a very skilled detective.

XIV. Was Grandfather aware that Ravi was following him? How do you know?

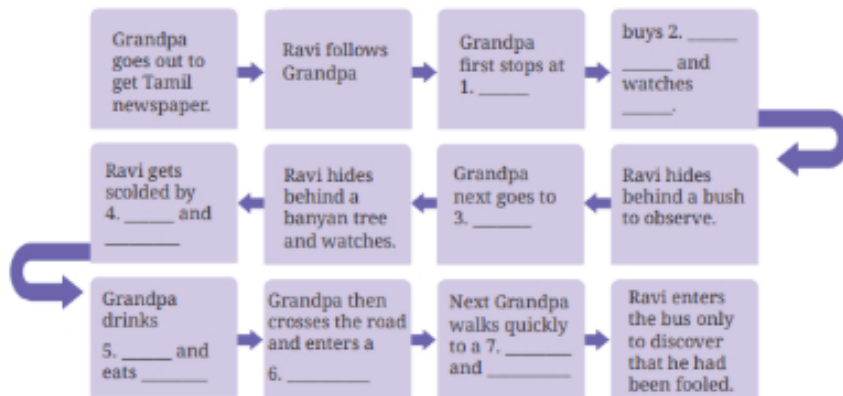
**Ans. :** It seems likely that Grandpa was aware that Ravi was following him. The biggest clue is the gift he gives Ravi at the end of the story—a book of detective stories. He also comments about learning how not to get fooled when trailing a

suspect. This humorous remark suggests that Grandpa knew Ravi had been trying to secretly follow him.

3. Answer the following six questions in about 100- 120 words each :

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I. Complete the flow chart by describing Grandpa's day out.



Ans. : 1. Children's park

2. peanuts children playing

3. tea stall

4. the little boy's mother and the vendors

5. tea and bananas

6. barber shop

7. bus stop and bus

II. Why do you think Grandpa gave Ravi a detective story book as a gift? What might this suggest about Grandpa's awareness of Ravi's actions earlier in the day?

Ans. : Grandpa gave Ravi a detective storybook as a gift to humorously hint at the events that had taken place earlier in the day. Ravi had secretly followed his grandfather to make sure he was safe, trying to act like a detective while keeping an eye on him. However, Ravi's attempts were not very successful, and he faced several awkward and embarrassing situations while hiding behind bushes, trees, and cars. By giving Ravi a book of detective stories and mentioning that it would teach him "how to avoid getting fooled when one is trailing a suspect," Grandpa playfully referred to Ravi's efforts to spy on him.

This gift suggests that Grandpa was probably aware that Ravi had been following him. Even though Ravi believed he was secretly observing his grandfather, Grandpa might have noticed him at different places during his outing. Instead of scolding Ravi, Grandpa chose to respond in a light-hearted and humorous way. This also shows that Grandpa was clever, observant, and had a good sense of humour. It further proves that his memory and awareness were sharper than his family believed.

III. Give two characteristic traits of each of the following characters.

i. Grandfather

ii. Ravi

iii. Ravi's mother

**Ans. :** i. Grandfather

A. Independent and self-respecting - he prefers to manage his life and go out alone.

B. Clever and observant - he notices Ravi following him and shows his intelligence with a sense of humour.

ii. Ravi

A. Caring and responsible - he looks after Grandpa and tries to keep him safe.

B. Curious and determined - he watches Grandpa carefully and persists despite difficulties.

iii. Ravi's mother

A. Protective and concerned - she worries about Grandpa's safety and wants to prevent accidents.

B. Impatient and overprotective - she treats Grandpa like a child, often speaking loudly or assuming he cannot remember things.

IV. In your opinion, who needs Vitamin-M? And why?

**Ans. :** In my opinion, Ravi's mother is the one who needs Vitamin-M. At the beginning of the story, she assumes that Grandpa's memory has become very weak because of his age. She worries constantly about him and even speaks to him loudly as if he cannot understand properly. However, several incidents show that Grandpa's memory is still quite sharp. He remembers famous chess games and players while playing with Ravi. He also remembers the family tradition of giving gifts to everyone on his birthday. In fact, it is Ravi's mother who forgets about this tradition and thinks that Grandpa has forgotten Ravi's birthday. By the end of the story, Grandpa humorously remarks that his daughter needs Vitamin-M for her memory. This suggests that sometimes younger people wrongly assume that older people are forgetful. Therefore, the story cleverly shows that Ravi's mother might need the memory vitamin more than Grandpa.

V. Some people believe society shows bias based on age (being young or old). Give an example where you might have experienced or observed such discrimination, when opinions were disregarded because of age.

**Ans. :** Age-based bias happens when people ignore someone's opinions because they think that person is too young or too old. One example can be seen in many families where children's ideas are not taken seriously simply because they are young. For instance, a child might suggest a useful solution to a problem, but adults may ignore it without considering it properly. Similarly, older people are sometimes treated as if they cannot think clearly or make decisions, even though they have a lot of life experience. In the story, Ravi's mother assumes that Grandpa has a poor memory and cannot take care of himself, which shows a form of age bias against elderly people. However, Grandpa proves that he is still intelligent, observant, and



capable. This example shows that people of any age can have valuable ideas and abilities, and they should be respected and listened to.

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