

* Select the most appropriate options as answers and complete the following sentences : [8]

1. The mahout laughed because
(A) Gajaraj splashed water on the dog
(B) dog fell into the pond
(C) Gajaraj gave Buntree a ride on his back
(D) Buntree scared Gajaraj

Ans. : self

2. When the farmer found the dog to be sad, he
(A) gave him more food
(B) took him for a walk
(C) thought he was unwell
(D) let him go to the stables

Ans. : self

3. When the mahout found that Gajaraj did not eat, he
(A) gave him bananas
(B) checked his tummy
(C) took him to the pond
(D) pushed him to eat food

Ans. : self

4. Who was very fond of Gajaraj?
(A) The king
(B) The mahout
(C) The farmer
(D) The soldiers

Ans.: (A) The king

5. Who was the mahout?
(A) The caretaker
(B) The soldier
(C) The elephant trainer
(D) Both (a) and (c)

Ans. : (D) Both (a) and (c)

6. What did Gajaraj feel in the stable?
(A) Happy
(B) Lonely
(C) Comforted
(D) Rich

Ans. : (B) Lonely

7. Why did the dog bark at Gajaraj?
(A) Because it was angry
(B) Because it hated water
(C) Because it hated baths
(D) Because it was sad

Ans. : (B) Because it hated water

8. The mahout was worried that Gajaraj was ill due to ____ .
(A) a disease
(B) indigestion
(C) loneliness
(D) flu



Ans. : (B) indigestion

* Say whether the following sentences are true or false :

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9. Gajaraj was a happy elephant with many friends.

Ans. : self

10. Buntree was a stray dog who wandered into the royal stables.

Ans. : self

11. The farmer was angry when he found Buntree with Gajaraj.

Ans. : self

12. Gajaraj stopped eating when Buntree was taken away.

Ans. : True

13. The mahout understood that Gajaraj was sad because of Buntree.

Ans. : True

14. Buntree licked the farmer's hand to show gratitude.

Ans. : True

15. The king was unhappy about the friendship between Gajaraj and Buntree.

Ans. : False

16. The story teaches us that friendship knows no boundaries.

Ans. : True

* Select the most appropriate words from the box and fill in the blanks in the text given below :

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17. The dog _____ was to get a ride on the elephant's back.

Ans. : self

18. The mahout was _____ when Gajaraj did not eat his food.

Ans. : self

19. The elephant picked up the dog with his trunk and gave him a _____.

Ans. : self

20. Gajaraj, the elephant, lived in the best _____ .

Ans. : booth of the royal stables

21. In spite of royal _____ Gajaraj was sad because he had no _____ .

Ans. : comforts, friends

22. One morning, the mahout found a _____ in the elephant's stable.

Ans. : stray dog



23. When the elephant went out for a bath, the dog _____ his friend.

Ans. : accompanied

24. The elephant took a trunkful of water and playfully _____ the water on his friend.

Ans. : splashed

*** Answer The Following Questions In One Sentence.[1 Marks Each]**

[9]

25. What is the main theme of the story?

Ans. : self

26. How did Gajaraj react to the dog's absence?

Ans. : self

27. What was the dog's reaction to being taken away?

Ans. : self

28. How would you describe Gajaraj's personality?

Ans. : Gajaraj was kind, gentle, and longed for a good friend.

29. How did Buntree feel when he first met Gajaraj?

Ans. : Buntree felt grateful and happy to find food and shelter along with his new friend Gajaraj.

30. Why was the mahout surprised to see Gajaraj and Buntree together?

Ans. : The mahout was surprised because an elephant and a dog are unlikely friends.

31. How did the farmer feel when he found Buntree with Gajaraj?

Ans. : The farmer felt relieved and happy to see Buntree safe.

32. What do you think was the most important quality in the friendship between Gajaraj and Buntree?

Ans. : Acceptance and kindness were important qualities in the friendship between Gajaraj and Buntree.

33. How does the story use the relationship between the mahout and the farmer to reinforce its message?

Ans. : The relationship between the mahout and the farmer reinforces the message of friendship.

It shows that bonds can form between different individuals through shared experiences.

*** VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

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34. How does the story show that friendship can overcome differences? Discuss with examples.



Ans. : self

35. What happens when the farmer recognises the dog?

Ans. : self

36. Why do you think the author chose the title 'The Unlikely Best-friends' for this story?

Ans. : The author chose the title 'The Unlikely Best Friends' for this story as the friends the dog and the elephant, two very different animals become friends. A dog is very different from an elephant in all aspects. However, in the story we see that they play together, eat together and overcome their differences. Even though it is very 'unlikely' or unexpected, the dog and the elephant still become best-friends.

37. Describe the activities Gajaraj and Buntree do together.

Ans. : Gajaraj and the Buntree spend time together, with the Buntree even accompanying Gajaraj for his bath. Gajaraj playfully splashes water on the Buntree and they enjoy each other's company. They eat together and Gajaraj even gives Buntree a ride on his back.

*** Answer The Following Questions In Short.[3 Marks Each]**

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38. How did the mahout react to Gajaraj's sadness after Buntree was taken away? What steps did he take to help Gajaraj?

Ans. : self

39. Describe the first meeting between Gajaraj and Buntree. How did their friendship develop?

Ans. : The first meeting between Gajaraj and Buntree was nothing abnormal. Gajaraj was a royal elephant who lived in the royal stable along. One day, Buntree, a stray dog, wandered into the royal stables. Noticing that the dog was tired and hungry, Gajaraj offered him some of his food, which instantly formed a bond between him and Buntree. Despite their differences, Gajaraj was drawn to Buntree's friendliness. They both began playing together, going to the pond for the bath together, sharing food and spending time in each other's company. This is how their bond grew stronger and they became unlikely bestfriends.

*** Answer The Following Questions In Brief.[5 Marks Each]**

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40. Explain the role of the farmer in the story. How did his actions contribute to the development of the friendship between Gajaraj and Buntree?

Ans. : The farmer is introduced to us as Buntree, the dog's owner. He initially took Buntree away from Gajaraj as the dog was his pet and he had been looking for the dog for some time.

However, when the farmer noticed that Buntree's sadness was due to the absence of his friend, the farmer showed compassion and allowed Buntree to visit Gajaraj. This



act of kindness ultimately helped make the friendship between the elephant and the dog stronger.

41. The story teaches us that friendship can blossom between the most unlikely individuals. Give examples from the story to support this statement.

Ans. : The story of Gajaraj and Buntree beautifully shows that friendship can blossom between the most unlikely individuals.

Despite their differences in size, species, and needs the elephant and the dog formed a deep bond of friendship. They could not speak, but only show their kindness and happiness to each other.

Gajaraj showed his kindness by sharing his food with Buntree. Buntree showed his love for Gajaraj by accompanying him everywhere. They enjoyed each other's company, played together, and cared for each other's well being. This unlikely friendship highlights the power of love and acceptance, showing that true friendship goes beyond outward appearances.

*** Case based questions.**

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The next morning, the mahout found the stray dog in the stable. He did not mind the dog. He also noticed that Gajaraj seemed to like the company. So, he threw some crumbs to the dog, which the animal accepted wagging his tail.

42. Complete with one word. Gajaraj : kind : Buntree : _____
43. Mahout did not mind the dog because _____ was enjoying his company.
44. What does 'accepted wagging his tail' indicate?
45. Who found the dog in the stable?

- (a) Mahout
(b) Farmer
(c) King
(d) Gajaraj

Ans. : self

Only when the farmer pulled the rope did the dog realise that he was being taken away from his friend. He yelped, the elephant winced, but neither the farmer nor the mahout noticed that the two friends were in tears.

46. Why were the two friends in tears?
47. The simple past tense of the word 'pull' is _____.

48. The words 'yelped' and 'wincing' show that the elephant and the dog were
(a) delighted
(b) content
(c) angry
(d) sad



49. State whether the following sentence is True or False

The farmer and the mahout did not like Buntree and Gajaraj's friendship.

Ans. : (i) The two friends, dog and the elephant, were in tears because they were being separated from each other.

(ii) pulled

(iii) (d) sad

(iv) False

By then the farmer who had followed the dog, joined him. The two of them watched with satisfaction the two friends eating food. "It's not only Gajaraj who has found a friend," said the mahout hugging the farmer, "I've also found one."

50. Where was the dog going when the farmer followed him?

51. Find the opposite of the word 'satisfaction' from the given options

(a) Fulfillment

(b) Happiness

(c) Kindness

(d) Gratitude

52. State whether the statement is True or False. The farmer became friends with Gajaraj by the end of the story.

53. Why did the farmer and the mahout feel satisfied watching the elephant and the dog eat together?

Ans. : (i) The dog was going towards Gajaraj's stable when the farmer followed him.

(ii) (a) Fulfillment

(iii) False

(iv) The farmer and the mahout felt satisfied watching the elephant and the dog eat together because they had not been eating anything earlier.

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