

A. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. 5

1. And oh, there was a glad sense of relief when she heard the noise of the carriage growing fainter and fainter down the long road!

- a. What did Kezia's father do before he left in the morning?
 - i. He gave her a set of instructions for activities for the day.
 - ii. He had breakfast with his wife and daughter.

- iii. He ignored her completely after wishing her 'Good morning.'
- iv. He came into her room and gave her a casual kiss.
- b. For what reasons did Kezia feel a 'glad sense of relief' when her father left the house?
- c. Fill in the blank with one word only.
Kezia's _____ showed every time she was in her father's presence.
- d. Which is the best term for Kezia's father?
 - i. Authoritarian
 - ii. Neglectful
 - iii. Disciplinarian
 - iv. Bully
- e. Select the option that correctly uses the word 'relief' in the same way as used in the extract.
 - i. He gave a sigh of relief when he saw the turning to his house.
 - ii. The relief reached the stranded passengers only after two days.
 - iii. My father has had no relief at all from the pressures of work.
 - iv. I need some relief from this continuous cycle of studying.

Answers

- a. iv.
 - b. The little girl was frightened of her father as he was rather stern and critical with her. Therefore, she felt relief when he left the house.
 - c. anxiety/nervousness
 - d. i.
 - e. i.
2. Laboriously with a double cotton, the little girl stitched three sides.
- a. Why did the grandmother suggest the little girl stitch the pin-cushion?
 - i. To keep her busy on a rainy day so she wouldn't get bored.
 - ii. To help her pass the time when kept indoors with a cold.
 - iii. To encourage her to do little things for her father.
 - iv. To train her in domestic chores like other girls.
 - b. For what reason was Kezia stitching the cushion 'laboriously'?
 - c. Fill in the blank with one word only.
The grandmother used to make efforts to help Kezia _____ with her father.
 - d. Why do you think Kezia was always at home?
 - i. Girls were not educated in those days.
 - ii. Her parents were never there to take her out.

- iii. She was too young to be sent to school.
- iv. She was a sickly child who stayed indoors.
- e. Select the option that does not use a synonym of the word 'little' from the extract.
 - i. There was a miniature painting of a girl on the bookshelf.
 - ii. This compact car has plenty of space to seat four passengers.
 - iii. The poor man asked her for a few coins to buy some food.
 - iv. There was a tiny brown mouse hiding in the corner of the room.

Answers

- a. ii.
- b. Kezia was just a little girl who had little experience with needle-craft. Therefore, making it was a big effort for her.
- c. bond
- d. iii.
- e. iii.

e. iii.
4. And she was dragged down to where Father was pacing to and fro, hands behind his back.

a. Why was Father pacing to and fro?

Select the incorrect option.

i. He was angry. ii. He was worried.

iii. He was pondering. iv. He was agitated.

b. In which way was Kezia punished by her father for what she had done?

c. Fill in the blank with one word only.

Despite Kezia's crying and explanation, her father showed no

d. What was Kezia initially ordered to do by her father?

i. To bring down the torn paper ii. Apologise to him instantly

iii. Go to bed immediately iv. To tear the pin cushion

e. Select the option that does not reflect the meaning of 'to and fro' from the extract.

i. The manager kept going back and forth with the workers about the raise in their pay.

ii. She shook her head from side to side at intervals to show her disapproval.

iii. In this dance you have to go backwards and forwards according to the beat.

iv. He was late but up and out of the door in just a few minutes to catch the bus.

Answers

a. iii.

b. Kezia was forced to sit with her hands held out while her father hit her little palms with a ruler.

c. remorse

d. iii.

e. iv.

5. "Sit up," he ordered, "and hold out your hands. You must be taught once and for all not to touch what does not belong to you."

a. What had Kezia touched which did not belong to her?

i. The papers which her father needed for his important meeting.

- ii. The notebook in which her father had made notes for his speech.
 - iii. The papers on which her father's important speech was written.
 - iv. The notebook in which his company's financial records were noted.
- b. Mention one way how this incident further affected Kezia's relationship with her father?
- c. Fill in the blank with one word only.
Kezia was absolutely to think of Mr Macdonald as the 'right' kind of father.
- d. What did Kezia do whenever she saw her father after this incident?
- i. She involuntarily put both her hands behind her back.
 - ii. She clenched her fists very hard on her sides.
 - iii. She started to tremble and become cold.
 - iv. She bit her lips till they bled and controlled her tears.
- e. Select the option that best reflects the meaning of the word 'ordered' from the extract.
- i. The young lady requested the receptionist to help her with the form.
 - ii. The sergeant commanded the tired troops to march up the hill.
 - iii. The thief pleaded with the king to grant him pardon for his crime.
 - iv. The poor man begged the authorities to show him some mercy.

Answers

- a. iii.
 - b. Her father's harsh treatment made Kezia wonder why God had made fathers, as she had become even more fearful of him.
 - c. justified
 - d. i.
 - e. ii.
6. Then the dark did not matter; she lay still. "Here, rub your feet against my legs and get them warm," said Father. Tired out, he slept before the little girl. A funny feeling came over her.
- a. The dark did not matter because
- i. Father had switched on the lights.
 - ii. Father had taken her to sleep with him.
 - iii. Alice had tucked her in comfortably.
 - iv. Kezia had snuggled up to her father.
- b. What was the 'funny feeling' that came over Kezia?

c. Fill in the blank with one word only.

It was the first time that Kezia felt the love of a child towards her parent.

d. How did Kezia's nightmare make her feel?

i. Tired

ii. Confused

iii. Traumatized

iv. Depressed

e. Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word 'still' as used in the extract.

i. The teacher raised her hand to still the protests of the students.

ii. The still waters of the lake reflected the colours of the sunset.

iii. The lion was still but suddenly he attacked the hapless deer.

iv. He is watching the film stills instead of watching the video.

Answers

a. iv.

b. The 'funny feeling' she had was her change in perspective about how she viewed her father from that moment on.

c. natural/tender

d. iii.

e. iii.