

Chapter: A Bottle of Dew (Sudha Murthy)

Worksheet Title: Comprehension and Vocabulary Mastery

Time: 90 Minutes | Total Marks: 50

SECTION A: VOCABULARY & MCQs (10 MARKS)

Choose the correct option based on the vocabulary used in the chapter:

1. Rama Natha was a son of a rich landlord. What is the female equivalent of "landlord"?

- a) Landowner
- b) Landlady
- c) Tenant
- d) Queen

2. Rama Natha was obsessed with finding a way to turn metal into gold. "Obsessed" means:

- a) To be very lazy
- b) To think about only one thing
- c) To be very scared
- d) To be happy

3. He spent all his time believing he would find a "magic potion." A "potion" is:

- a) A magic spell
- b) A magic liquid/drink
- c) A magic stick
- d) A heavy box

4. His wife, Madhumati, was worried because he was wasting his wealth. A synonym for "worried" is:

- a) Anxious
- b) Excited
- c) Calm
- d) Greedy

5. The Sage Mahipati lived in a famous temple. Which word means the opposite of "famous"?

- a) Popular
- b) Unknown
- c) Great
- d) Wise

6. The Sage told him to collect dew in a vessel. A "vessel" is:

- a) A boat
- b) A container/pot
- c) A leaf
- d) A cloth

7. Rama Natha became diligent in his work on the plantation. "Diligent" means:

- a) Careless

- b) Hardworking and steady
- c) Fast
- d) Sleepy

8. "I have squandered my father's money." To squander means:

- a) To save
- b) To waste foolishly
- c) To hide
- d) To earn

9. After six years, the copper did not change. Rama Natha was dejected. "Dejected" means:

- a) Very happy
- b) Very sad and disappointed
- c) Confused
- d) Angry

10. The banana plantation was lush and green. "Lush" means:

- a) Growing thick and healthy
- b) Dry and brown
- c) Small
- d) Artificial

SECTION B: REFERENCE TO CONTEXT (16 MARKS)

RTC 1: Read the extract and answer (1x4 = 4 Marks)

> "I have heard of a way to make a magic potion. But it involves a lot of hard work. You must plant banana trees and collect the dew from their leaves."

1. Who spoke these words and to whom?
2. What was the "magic potion" supposed to do?
3. Why did the speaker mention "hard work"?
4. How many liters of dew were required for the potion?

RTC 2: Read the extract and answer (1x4 = 4 Marks)

> "There is no such thing as a magic potion. Your hard work in the plantation is the real magic."

1. When does the speaker say this?
2. What "gold" did Rama Natha actually earn at the end?
3. How did Madhumati help during the six years Rama Natha was collecting dew?
4. What was the Sage's true intention in giving Rama Natha this task?

SECTION C: SHORT ANSWER TYPE (15 MARKS)

Answer in 30–40 words (3 Marks each):

1. Why did Rama Natha neglect his father's vast lands in the beginning?
2. Describe the conditions set by Sage Mahipati for collecting the dew.
3. How did the banana plantation prove to be a blessing for Rama Natha's family?
4. Why did Rama Natha feel "cheated" when he first tried the potion on the copper vessel?
5. How did the Sage prove to Rama Natha that he had actually created "gold"?

SECTION D: HOTS - ANALYTICAL QUESTIONS (10 MARKS)

Answer in 60–80 words (5 Marks each):

1. Character Analysis: Contrast Rama Natha's character at the start of the story with his character at the end. What caused this change?
2. Theme: "Wisdom lies in showing the path, not just giving the answer." How does Sage Mahipati demonstrate this through his "magic potion" tr

ANSWER KEY

Section A: 1.b, 2.b, 3.b, 4.a, 5.b, 6.b, 7.b, 8.b, 9.b, 10.a.

Section B (RTC 1): 1. Sage Mahipati to Rama Natha. 2. Turn any metal into gold. 3. To prepare Rama Natha for the labour required to grow the plantation. 4. Five liters.

Section B (RTC 2): 1. At the end, when the copper didn't turn to gold. 2. The wealth from selling the bananas. 3. She harvested and sold the bananas in the market. 4. To teach Rama Natha the value of hard work.

Section C: 1. He was obsessed with finding a shortcut to wealth through magic. 2. He had to plant the trees himself and collect dew from the leaves in the morning. 3. It produced so many bananas that Madhumati sold them and earned a lot of money. 4. Because the copper didn't change even after 6 years of his effort. 5. He showed him the bags of gold coins earned from the hard work on the plantation.