

RTC – 1

Read the extract and answer the following questions:

“The trouble with him is that he thinks he is a scientist. He loves tinkering with all sorts of electrical gadgets, tools, dynamos, planks of wood, and things like that. And he keeps creating ‘inventions’ that never work out as they are supposed to.”

1. The brother’s habit of experimenting with different objects shows his _____.
 - a) curiosity
 - b) carelessness
 - c) fear
 - d) laziness
2. The word “tinkering” suggests that he enjoys _____.
 - a) repairing or experimenting with things
 - b) avoiding machines
 - c) collecting books
 - d) playing games
3. The quotation marks around ‘inventions’ suggest a _____ tone towards his creations.
 - a) humorous
 - b) serious
 - c) fearful
 - d) sorrowful
4. If one of his inventions fails, the brother is most likely to _____.
 - a) stop experimenting completely
 - b) try another idea
 - c) blame someone else
 - d) avoid all gadgets
5. The extract presents the brother as creative but unsuccessful, which makes his character _____.
 - a) humorous and interesting
 - b) cruel and dangerous
 - c) quiet and timid
 - d) selfish and dishonest

RTC – 2

Read the extract and answer the following questions:

"You silly goose!" I said angrily as soon as the man had gone. "That's your room. He'll come back as mad as mad can be. At least it will give us some time to think of something," Anand said. "He'll take a while to locate the light switch. Let's shout." All of a sudden there was a crash followed by a loud scream."

1. The narrator's words "You silly goose!" express a mixture of _____.

- a) anger and frustration
- b) joy and excitement
- c) fear and sadness
- d) surprise and relief

2. Anand's response shows that he is _____ in a difficult situation.

- a) resourceful
- b) careless
- c) helpless
- d) indifferent

3. The plan to use the time to think of something demonstrates the importance of _____ during a crisis.

- a) quick thinking
- b) physical strength
- c) silence
- d) patience

4. The crash followed by a loud scream creates a sense of _____ in the situation.

- a) suspense
- b) celebration
- c) peace
- d) comfort

5. If Anand had panicked instead of thinking calmly, the situation would most likely have become _____.

- a) more difficult to handle
- b) easier to solve
- c) completely harmless
- d) immediately amusing

SAQs

1. The narrator and Anand share a close sibling bond. Support the statement with an example from the story.
2. Anand's presence of mind helps the children deal with the intruder. Justify.
3. The time machine becomes an important part of the story's humour and adventure. Explain.
4. Anand's invention may not be scientifically successful, but it is valuable as a product of imagination. Discuss.

HOTs

1. The story shows that ordinary childhood experiences can become memorable adventures. Explain how this idea is reflected in the story.
2. If you were Anand's sibling, would you encourage his experiments even when they sometimes caused trouble? Give reasons for your answer.