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Some more questions and it's answers related to the chapter:-

Question 1. What kind of a person was Valli?

Answer: Valli was a curious, keen observer who had strong will power and determination. She was bold, brave and self-respective! She had immense self confidence and wanted to do everything on her own. she was innocent, highly sensitive, intelligent and was a very careful planner.

Question 2. What was Valli's favourite pastime?

Answer: Valli's favourite pastime was to stand in the front doorway of her house and watch the happenings of the street. ,

Question 3. Why did Valli want to ride on the bus?

Answer: Valli used to watch the bus on its hourly rounds through her street everyday. The sight of the bus filled with new passengers every time gave her unending joy. She was curious and wished to ride it once. So, she wanted to ride on the bus to enjoy it.

Question 4. How did Valli plan for her first journey?

Answer: Valli made careful and painstaking plans for her first journey. She saved every penny, cut down on her expenses and resisted all the temptations to save sixty paise for the fare. She gathered the information from the passengers and neighbours. She calculated the time required and chose afternoon, as her mother would take a nap during that time. All this shows that she was a meticulous planner.

Question 5. What did Valli do after she got into the bus?

Answer: She got into the bus and she looked at everything very thoroughly. When she looked outside she found her view cut off by the canvas blind that covered the lower part of her window. So she stood upon the seat and peered over the blind.

Question 6. What did Valli see out of the window on her first journey?

Answer: Valli saw the nature's grandeur out of the bus window. She saw the green bank of a canal with the palm trees and mountains in the background and the blue sky. On the other side, she saw a deep ditch and green fields. She saw other vehicles, a young cow running in front of the bus. She later saw it dead.

Question 7. What did Valli find when she entered her house after the ride from the bus?

Answer: Valli entered her house after the ride from the bus. Her mother was awake and talking to one of her aunts. She was from the South Street and was a real chatterbox. She would never close her mouth once she started talking.

Question 8. How did Valli arrange for her bus fare?

Answer: Valli arranged for her bus fare meticulously. For her first journey outside the village, Valli needed sixty paise to the two way fare of the bus. She needed some knowledge and ample time. She saved the money herself, collected the information from the passengers and utilized the time of her mother's nap for it.

Question 9. What did Valli's mother say about the things happening without her knowledge?

Answer: Valli's mother said that so many things happen amidst us and in the world outside. We cannot know everything. When we know about something we often cannot understand it completely.

Question 10. What was Valli's favourite pastime?

Answer: Valli was a Tamil girl. She had no playmates. It was her favourite pastime to stand in the doorway of her house. Thus she was able to watch all that was going on there. In a way she had attained too many unusual experiences.

Question 11. What was a source of unending joy for Valli? What was her strongest desire?

Answer: Valli was deeply attracted towards the bus. She had the strongest desire to ride in it. It travelled between her village and the nearest town at an interval of an hour. The sight of the bus and passengers had been the source of unending joy for her.

Question 12. What did Valli find out about the bus journey? How did she find out these details?

Answer: Valli used to look at the faces of the daily travellers of the bus. Very often she listened to the conversations held between her neighbours and the passengers. Sometimes she also asked questions from them.

Question 13. What do you think Valli was planning to do?

Answer: Valli was a clever girl. She was planning to travel in the bus. She was calculating the time needed for the trip. The trip of the town took forty five minutes. It came to her mind to take the afternoon bus of one o'clock. She would return by two forty five.

Question 14. Why does the conductor call Valli 'madam'?

Answer: The conductor was a jolly sort of fellow. He was much fond of joking. He had judged the temperament of this small child. It was only to please her, he called her Valli 'madam'.

Question 15. Why does Valli stand up on the seat? What does she see now?

Answer: Valli stands up on her seat. She has a keen desire to see everything with her own eyes. So she starts to look outside. She sees that the bus is going along the bank of a canal. The road is very narrow. Beyond it were the palm trees, mountains and fields etc.

Question 16. What does Valli tell the elderly man when he calls her a child?

Answer: Valli was a very smart girl. She had a superiority complex in her mind. She did not want herself to be called a child. On hearing herself as a child, she answered that there was no child. She had paid thirty paise like everyone else.

Question 17. Why didn't Valli want to make friends with the elderly woman?

Answer: Valli was a girl of superior nature. She greatly disliked the elderly woman for her big holes in the ears. 'The earrings was very ugly. She was chewing the betel-nut. Its juice could fall at any moment. She was putting irrelevant questions to Valli.

Question 18. How did Valli save up money for her first journey? Was it easy for her?

Answer: Valli was a very wise girl. She saved her every penny to have a ride in the bus. She resisted every temptation to buy balloons, toys, peppermints and so on. She even controlled herself to have a ride on the merry-go-round at the village fair. It was rather troublesome for her.

Question 19. What did Valli see on her way that made her laugh?

Answer: By chance there came a young cow right in front of the running bus. The driver slowed it down. He sounded the horn very loudly time and again. But the more he honked, the more the cow was frightened and galloped faster. This made Valli laugh.

Question 20. Why didn't she get off the bus at the bus station?

Answer: When the bus terminated at the bus station, Valli did not get off. The conductor asked her to get off. She replied that she would turn back by the same bus. She even refused to see the sights and the cold drink. She was afraid to move alone.

Question 21. Why didn't Valli want to go to the stall and have a drink? What does this tell you about her?

Answer: Valli did not want to go to the stall and have a drink because she was afraid. She was alone. She had money only for the ticket. This tells that Valli was a very wise girl. She could control her feelings.

Multiple Choice Questions :

1.How old was valli?

- (a) 8 years
- (b) 12 years
- (c) 11 years
- (d) 13 years

Q.2 What was Valli's favourite passtime?

- (a) play with other children
- (b) visiting the town
- (c) standing at her front doorway.
- (d) all of the above

Q.3 : How far was the town from Valli's village?

- (a) five miles
- (b) six miles
- (c) eight miles
- (d) nine miles

Q.4 :Who did Valli live with?

- (a) her father
- (b) her mother
- (c) her aunt
- (d) all of the above

Q.5 What type of man was the bus conductor?

- (a) jolly
- (b) fun loving
- (c) wise
- (d) all of the above

Q.6 Valli had the strongest desire of.....

- (a) buying candies
- (b) riding on the bus
- (c) playing
- (d) dancing

Q.7 How much time does the bus take from her village to town?

- (a) forty five minutes
- (b) one hour
- (c) an hour and a half
- (d) thirty minutes

Q.8 The conductor called Valli as.....

- (a) child
- (b) madam
- (c) baby
- (d) aunt

Q.9 Who did Valli find in her home when she returned from the town ?

- (a) her friend
- (b) her teacher
- (c) her aunt
- (d) all of the above

Q.10 What did Valli buy from the town ?

- (a) a set of bangles
- (b) cold drinks
- (c) a frock
- (d) nothing

Q.11 'Madam Rides the Bus 'is an interesting story written by....., whose pseudonym is 'Vallikkannan'.

- (a) R.S. Krishnaswamy
- (b) Balakumaran
- (c) R.P. Setu Pillai
- (d) none of the above

Q.12 :What is the story of the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus'?

- (a) about travelling by bus
- (b) about the first journey of an 8 years old girl
- (c) about travel etiquettes
- (d) all of the above

Q. 13 :What is the name of 8 year old girl in the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus'?

- (a) Veena
- (b) Shivani
- (c) Malli
- (d) Valli

Q. 14 : How was Valli by nature ?

- (a) inquisitive
- (b) curious
- (c) analytical
- (d) all of the above

Q. 15 : Do you think Valli's first bus ride was a fruitful one ?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

Q. 16 : What did Valli do to fulfil her desire?

- (a) she ran away from home one day
- (b) she saved money
- (c) she contacted a driver
- (d) all of the above

Q. 17 :When does Valli board the bus?

- (a) when the driver gave her green signal
- (b) when she collected money for the ticket
- (c) when she received a call from the driver
- (d) none of the above

Q. 18 : '*She* enjoys her first bus journey' .Who does the italic word refer to in the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus'?

- (a) Valli
- (b) river
- (c) conductor
- (d) none of the above

Q. 19 :Does Valli get down from the bus in the town?

- (a) yes
- (b) no

Q. 20 : How much money does Valli spend to get back home?

- (a) 60 Paise
- (b) 40Paise
- (c) 30Paise
- (d) 80Paise

Q. 21 :What words are used to describe Valli from the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus' by the author ?

- (a) mature
- (b) practical
- (c) clever and self respecting
- (d) all of the above

Q. 22 : Which animal did valli see run in front of the bus ?

- (a) deer (b) dog (c) cow (d)elephant

Q. 23 : What makes you think Valli was a great planner?

- (a) she saved every penny for bus ride
- (b) she planned school picnics
- (c) she planned parties and events
- (d) all of the above

Q. 24 : Valli thriftily saved every penny that came her way for

- (a) her school picnic
- (b) her first bus journey
- (c) her journey back home
- (d) none of the above

Q. 25 What were Valli's feeling during her first bus journey as per the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus'?

- (a) excited
- (b) enthusiastic
- (c) enthralled
- (d) all of the above

Q. 26 Which sites did Valli enjoy from the bus?

- (a) landscapes and canals
- (b) trees
- (c) distant mountains and green fields
- (d) all of the above

Q. 27 :Valli reactedwhen she was called 'a child' or 'madam' .

- (a) strongly
- (b) shyly
- (c) happily
- (d) excitedly

Q. 28 : Why did Valli of the story 'Madam Rides the Bus' refuse to accept a free cold drink offered by the bus conductor?

- (a) because she did not believe strangers
- (b) because she was a self respected girl.
- (c) because she had tonsils
- (c) all of the above

Q. 29 :When did Valli plan her bus journey ?

- (a) during her mother's nap hours
- (b) during her school hours
- (c) at night before sleeping
- (d) all of the above

Q. 30 : Could Valli's mother ever know about her bus journey?

- (a) no
- (b) yes
- (c) may be
- (d) may not be

Q. 31was also called Valli for short in the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus'.

- (a) Villemma
- (b) Valliammai
- (c) Valleri
- (d) none of the above

Q. 32 : This is a story about the first bus journey of an eight year old girl. Which story is this ?

- (a) Valli
- (b) Valliammai
- (c) the bus ride
- (d) Madam Rides the Bus

Q. 33 :What was the most fascinating thing for Valli?

- (a) the bus that passed through the street each hour
- (b) the people passing by
- (c) the hawkers and the vendors
- (d) none of the above

Q.34 : What was the source of unending joy for Valli?

- (a) the sight of the bus
- (b) new set of passengers
- (c) the sight of people
- (d) both a and b

Q.35 : How did Valli learn about small details of the journey?

- (a) she carefully listened to the conversations of regular travellers of the bus.
- (b) she asked some casual questions to the regular travellers of the bus
- (c) both a & b
- (d) none of the above

Q. 36 : “Valli *devoured* everything with her eyes”- What does the italic word mean?

- (a) looked attentively
- (b) missed
- (c) enjoyed
- (d) all of the above

Q. 37 : “One could keep sitting on the bus and return to the village by paying another thirty paise” this line is

from the chapter ?

- (a) The little girl
- (b) the bus ride
- (c) the fare
- (d) Madam Rides the Bus

Q. 38 : Was it Valli’s first journey out of the village, as mentioned in the chapter?

- (a) yes
- (b) no

Q. 39 : Valli decided to board the bus at one o’clock so that she could be back by two forty five, because.....

- (a) it was lunch time.
- (b) it was her mother’s nap time
- (c) it was scheduled time of the bus
- (d)all of the above

Q. 40 : Why did the conductor allow Valli to board the bus?

- (a) because she had paid full fare
- (b) because of her confidence
- (c) because she was big enough
- (d) because she wouldn’t listen.

Q. 41 : What did the conductor understand about Valli from the story 'Madam rides the bus'?

- (a) that Valli spoke with pride
- (b) that Valli had sneaked out of her home
- (c) that Valli had enough money for the fare
- (d) none of the above

Q. 42 : 'It was the *slack time* of the day' - What does the italic phrase mean?

- (a) lazy time
- (b) when there is not much work
- (c) peak time
- (d) none of the above

Q. 43 : The bus ,of the chapter, 'Madam Rides the Bus' had.....

- (a) a fine painting of green stripes on the white
- (b) it had soft and comfortable seats
- (c) it had a beautiful clock above the windscreen.
- (d) all of the above

Q. 44 :Why did Valli stand on the bus seat?

- (a) because she had no place to sit
- (b) because the curtain obstructed her view.
- (c) to enjoy the outside scene
- (d) both b and c

Q. 45 : What did the elderly man who called Valli a child, warn her off?

- (a) not to stand on seat
- (b) Valli could fall
- (c) Valli could get hurt
- (d) all of the above

Q. 46 : What was Valli's reply to the elderly man in the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus'?

- (a) she told him proudly that she was not a child
- (b) she had paid the full fare like the others
- (c) she doesn't care about getting hurt
- (d) both a & b

Q. 47 :The conductor told the man that Valli was

- (a) a little baby
- (b) a grown up madam
- (c) a madam
- (d) none of the above

Q. 48 :How was the woman who sat next to Valli?

- (a) she looked repulsive
- (b) she had ugly earrings
- (c) she was chewing betel
- (d) all of the above

Q. 49 : Valli clapped her hands with joy because.....

- (a) a cow was running in the middle of the road in front of the bus.
- (b) the bus was taking sharp turns which Valli enjoyed
- (c) both a & b
- (d) none of the above

Q. 50 :Everybody got off the bus except.....

- (a) Valli
- (b) the conductor
- (c) the woman
- (d) the elderly man

Q. 51 : Who haunted Valli on her way back home?

- (a) her mother's anger
- (b) the memory of dead cow
- (c) the site of woman
- (d) all of the above

Q.52 :‘He’ told Valli that whenever she felt like riding the bus she could come and join them-Who is ‘he’referred to in the chapter ‘Madam Rides the Bus’?

- (a) the conductor
- (b) the elderly man
- (c) the driver
- (d) the woman

Q. 53 Valli's aunt called her a chit of a girl, because

- (a) she took an interest in things which did not concern her.
- (b) she behaved as if she were a grown up lady
- (c) both a & b
- (d) none of the above

Q. 54 What did Valli find when she returned home?

- (a) her mother was awake
- (b) her mother was talking to her aunt
- (c) her mother was waiting for Valli
- (d) both a & b

Q 55 : What was the elderly woman chewing ?

(a) betel nut (b) toffee (c) rubber ball (d) none of the above

Q : 56 : What was the real name/ full name of Valli ?

(a) valliamma (b) Valliammai (c) valli kumari (d) none of these

Answer key

1. (a) 8 years old
2. (c) standing at her door
3. (b) six miles
4. (b) her mother
5. (d) all of the above
6. (b) Riding on the bus
7. (a) forty five minutes
8. (b) madam
9. (c) her aunt
10. (d) nothing
11. (a) R.S. Krishnaswamy
12. (b) about the first journey of an 8 year old girl
13. (d) Valli
14. (d) all of the above
15. (b) yes
16. (b) she saved money
17. (b) when she collected money for the ticket
18. (a) Valli
19. (b) no
20. (c) 30 Paisa
21. (d) all of the above
22. (c) cow
23. (a) she thriftly saved every penny
24. (b) her first bus journey
25. (d) all of the above
26. (d) all of the above
27. (a) strongly
28. (b) because she was a self respected girl
29. (a) during her mother's nap hours
30. (a) no
31. (b) Valliammai
32. (d) Madam Rides the Bus
33. (a) the bus that passed through the street each hour.

34. (d) both a and b

35. (c) both a and b
36. (a) looked attentively
37. (d) Madam Rides the Bus
38. (a) yes
39. (b) it was her mother's nap time

40. (b) because of her confidence
41. (a) that Valli spoke with pride
42. (b) when there is not much work
43. (d) all of the above
44. (d) both b and c
45. (d) all of the above
46. (d) both a and b
47. (b) a grown up madam
48. (d) all of the above
49. (a) a cow was running in the middle of the road,
in front of the bus
50. (a) Valli
51. (b) the memory of dead cow
52. (a) the conductor
53. (c) both a & b
54. (d) both a & b

55. (a) betel nut

56. (b) Valliammai