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**VALUE BASED QUESTIONS**  
**FOR SA2**

**FIRST FLIGHT (PROSE)**

Lesson – 7  
A Baker from Goa

- Q.1 The author of 'A Baker from Goa', Lucio Rodrigues cherishes the traditional practices in Goa ; making of 'bol' cakes and bolinhas putting on kabai by bakers etc. Do you think our traditions- heritage, values and practices are the roots that nourish us? Why/why not?
- Q.2 Instead of enjoying their childhood the children today are keen to enter adulthood. After reading about all the joys that the author Lucio Rodrigues had in his childhood do you think such a keenness on the part of children is desirable ?

II Coorg

- Q.3 The Coorgies are thousands of miles away from their origin ; Greece & Arab. Yet they carry on their unique values, customs and practices. Does this make them appreciable to you ?

Lesson – 8 Mijbil the Otter

- Q.4 Ingenuity, originality and being inventive, make one lovable admirable and adorable. The author Gavin Maxwell and Mijbil, the otter win our heart for being original and inventive. Comment
- Q.5 In the name of rules and regulations basic values are ignored but, people like the airhostess in Mijbil, the otter are a ray of hope. What virtues do we find in the airhostess ?

Lesson – 9 Madam Rides the Bus

- Q.6 Day in and Day out people are becoming more and more callous and insensitive to the joys and sufferings of the people around them. On the other hand Valli grieves the accidental death of the young cow. How does this make Valli a beacon of light for the society today ?

- Q.7 The people and surroundings are a great book to learn. Valli in the lesson 'Madam Rides The Bus' learns a lot from others. Mention the traits of her character which help her to learn from her surroundings.
- Q.8 Age is not a barrier when it comes to doing something different and great. Which characteristics of Valli help her achieve the wonder of visiting the city at such a tender age ?

### The Sermon at Benaras

- Q.9 Journeys are a great addition to our experience of life. Valli's journey to city added to her vision of life. Comment.
- Q.10 Personal Losses are a part and parcel of life. Instead of wailing on them, we should move on in life. This message of Gautam Buddha has become more relevant in modern times. Do you agree ? Why / Why not ?
- Q. 11 A Little help and guidance to those who are experiencing grief may help them understand and overcome grief. It is a big relief for the grieving person if support and care are extended to them. Explain citing examples from the chapter 'The Sermon at Benaras'
- Q.12 The teachings of great persons enable us to face even the most challenging problems of life. How does the lesson 'The Sermon at Benaras' supports this.

### The Proposal

- Q.13 The principle 'forgive and forget', helps a lot in maintaining cordial relations with our neighbors. Do you think Anton Chekov conveys this message in the play 'The Proposal' ?
- Q.14 The characters Natalya and Lomov lose their temper on trivial issues. It shows their poor skills at anger management. Suggest some ways that help you in maintaining cordial relationship with people around you.
- Q.15 It is a common observance that more attention is paid to unimportant issues at the cost of important ones. The play 'The Proposal' beautifully portrays this fact. Suggest some steps how we can avoid this unhealthy practice.

## POEMS

### AMANDA

Q.16 Amanda loves to live in a dream world and does not appreciate any interference. Parents try to bring her back to the real world. Therefore there is always a conflict going on. Elaborate.

### ANIMALS

Q.17 It is not complaining but accepting a situation, is the key to happiness in life. Elaborate in context of the poem 'Animals'

Q.18 The Poet in the poem 'Animals' laments the loss of certain values on the part of human beings, whereas animals seem to have retained them and are self contented. Analyze the cause of degeneration of values in today's hard times.

### THE TREES

Q.19 The trees in the poem stretch out their branches, break barriers and struggle hard to move out in open in their natural environs. Analyze the efforts one puts in to break away captivity and strive for freedom.

Q.20 A conflict between Man and Nature is going on. In this civilization pursuit men are disregarding the natural growth of plants and trees. In total confinement, nature also rebels against civilization and becomes destructive. Elaborate.

### THE TALE OF CUSTARD THE DRAGON

Q.21 The dragon custard was considered a coward The humble dragon proved his bravery in adversity. Analyze that certain qualities like bravery and courage are situational and spontaneous. Express your views with reference to the poem.

### FOG

Q.22 Difficulties come but they are not to stay forever. They come and go. Comment referring to the poem 'Fog'

For Anne Gregory

Q.23 The poet in the poem 'For Anne' Gregory conveys that we should give importance to the inner beauty and not the physical appearance. Elaborate with reference to the poem.

### **FOOT PRINTS WITHOUT FEET**

#### L-6 The making of a scientist

Q.24 Although Richard does not win anything at the science fair but it was a stepping stone for his success. In the light of above statement, give your comments, whether competitions are for winning sake or to give your best at work.

Q.25 Besides curiosity a number of other values are required to become a successful scientist. Comment in reference to the chapter, 'The Making of a Scientist'

#### L-7 The Necklace

Q.26 A little confession would have changed the life of Matilda. Should we confess our mistakes courageously. Write your opinion.

Q.27 Our inability to accept our circumstances may lead to an unhappy life. Analyze with reference to the story 'The Necklace'.

#### L-8 'The Hack Driver'

Q.28 A person may appear humble but in actual he may not be so. Appearance can be deceptive. Explain in context of story 'The Hack Driver'.

#### L-9 'Bholi'

Q.29 'Dowry is negation of the girl's dignity'. Discuss with reference to the story 'Bholi'

Q.30 A 'previously known dumb cow' raised her voice against the social evils of dowry in the society. Discuss the transformation of Bholi from a submissive to a bold, courageous girl, referring to the teacher's role in her life.

Q.31 Bholi chose a dignified life of service rather than surrendering herself to a greedy old man for the rest of her life. Education provides her the required stimulus to overcome her personal barrier. Explain the role of education in shaping the personality of the child with respect to the lesson 'Bholi'.

Q.32 Sending Bholi to school was a 'blessing in disguise'. Explain this in context to the chapter 'Bholi'.

Q.33 Bholi's mother was least interested in sending girls to school. The chapter highlights the discrimination against the girl child. Analyze and write your opinion.

L-10 'The Book that saved the Earth'

Q.34 Half knowledge leads to disaster. Explain this with reference to the play 'The Book That Saved The Earth'.

Q.35 Rushing to conclusion without going into details may lead to chaos and failure. Elaborate this with reference to Martian invasion in the chapter 'The Book That Saved The Earth'.

1. Hints/ Value Points —————>

- Tradition and values shape our personality, provide emotional support
- enable us to deal with difficult situation by making us part of strong system
- influence our behavioural pattern

2. Hints/ Value Points

- need for children to maintain their childhood innocence
- should not knowingly try to rush into adulthood
- enjoy childhood and cherish memories later on

3. Hints /Value Points

- should not forget our roots
- values and customs support as anchors in our life
- our value system shape up our personality.

4. Hints/ Value Points

- Maxwell's love and care for the otter
- The author invented games for his pet.
- Company of a pet brings happiness
- The way you take care of a person / pet, brings out the best qualities in you.

5. Hints/ Value Points

- Discipline and rules should have space for love and compassion as well.
- Kind hearted airhostess, considerate
- Handled the situation calmly, without causing any harm to fellow passengers.

6. Hints/ Value Points

- Valli, a sensitive girl, good observer . . . , . excited and joyous in her journey . . .  
the death of the cow brings her a peep into life and death simultaneously . . .  
learns that many things happen without our knowledge
- We learn that life and death are common to all.
- Should be sensitive to our surroundings, fellow creatures and other human beings.

7. Hints/ Value Points

- Meeting different kind of people . . . orientation to life
- Facing situations confidently
- Joys and sorrows are part and parcel of life.
- pursuing the passion.

8. Hints/ Value Points

- confidence
- planning
- understanding

- being a good observer
- one can learn at any age.

#### 9. Hints/ Value Points

- Learning new things through life
- Exposure to life and death
- Things happen at times without our knowledge
- Bright and dark sides of life

#### 10.Hints/ Value Points

- No use crying over the loss
- Maintain calm, compose yourself, face the truth and move on
- modern times --- hard and testing time . . . stress damaging . . . learn to be strong and overcome the difficult situation.

#### 11.Hints/ Value Points

- Gautam Buddha helped Kisa Gotami to understand that grief and sorrows are with everyone
- death is inevitable and common to all
- He, who seeks peace, should draw out the arrow of lamentation, complaint and grief

#### 12.Hints/ Value Points

- Through Gautam Buddha's teaching we learn that the world is afflicted with death and decay . . . no use lamenting and grieving
- learn the lesson to maintain our composure and face the situations calmly
- joys and sorrows go hand in hand
- acceptance is the way to acquire peace.

#### 13.Hints/ Value Points

- Yes, important to have patience to run the machinery of life
- Forgive and forget should be the principle to maintain happy relationships
- Accept others with weaknesses

#### 14.Hints/ Value Points

- follow the principle 'forgive and forget'
- being understanding and helpful
- have empathy
- being courteous
- should not complain and blame

#### 15.Hints/ Value Points

- Let's set our priorities right
- ignore unimportant issues

- not to pay too much attention on trivialities.
- save energy for useful activities

#### 16.Hints/ Value Points

- conflict between parents and children, parents ignoring unrealistic demands of their children
- behavioral problems
- expectations from each other
- attitude problem

#### 17.Hints/ Value Points

- stop complaining, learn to face a situation
- adjustment and contentment key to happiness
- learn tolerance, respect and co-operation from fellow beings

#### 18.Hints/ Value Points

- man has become selfish and self centred
- ignoring others, indifferent attitude
- man uncaring, has become cruel, losing tolerance and patience
- animal do not fight over religion or rituals, satisfied with their lot, uncomplaining.
- modern times – complex and hard, loss of values related to struggle for survival, and cut throat competition every man faces.
- should learn certain values from parents.

#### 19.Hints/ Value Points

- growth not possible in confinement
- Nature takes its own course, trees cannot grow in enclosures, they need to stretch and expand.
- Trees, birds, animal can be happy only in their natural habitat

#### 20.Hints/ Value Points

- Trees can grow only in open, natural environment, need to stretch and expand
- Conferring them, taking them away from their natural habitat, can cause imbalance in nature
- Nature rebels in form of natural calamities.

#### 21.Hints/ Value Points

- Custard, the dragon, the so called coward proved his mettle in adversity
- Custard confronted the pirate while others ran away in fear
- noone is born a coward or brave, one acts as per situation and demand
- one acts and rise up to save the life of his loved ones.
- Great people do not boast of their qualities.

## 22.Hints/ Value Points

- Life has ups and downs
- Problems are part of life,
- Face them, stand up to solve them
- Good or bad, time waits for none, it will pass.

## 23.Hints/ Value Points

- should not accept things at their face value
- try to peep through the superficiality and discover the inner beauty, though it is difficult
- accept the person with his positive and negative qualities.

## 24.Hints/ Value Points

- Participation is more important than winning
- should work hard and try your level best.
- not to get disheartened by failure and learn from mistakes.
- Experimentation and learning are stepping stones to our success.
- Competition provide a healthy environment for learning.

## 25.Hints/ Value Points

- Aptitude and right guidance are required to become successful in any field.
- Richard had curiosity, aptitude enthusiasm willingness to acquire more knowledge.
- Richard worked on suggestions given by senior scientists.
- Hard work, parental guidance keen observation motivation are important to excel.

## 26.Hints/ Value Points

- Yes
- If Matilda had confessed that she had lost the necklace in front of her friend, her life could have been different.
- Confession can bring peace of mind.
- One would not have to go through unnecessary troubles/ tensions
- Admit the mistake, learn from it & move on.

## 27.Hints/ Value Points

- We should accept life as it comes to us.
- No use cribbing about unhappy circumstances.
- Try to be happy and work for solution
- Nothing bad in being ambitious but there is no short route to success and happiness.

## 28.Hints/ Value Points

- Oliver Lutkin, the hack driver on first appearance seemed to be a simple country man ready to help.
- The lawyer realized very soon that hack driver was the person he had been looking for.
- A city person that too a lawyer was befooled by a simple country man.
- Don't be hasty in judging a person.

#### 29.Hints/ Value Points

- After seeing Bholi's pock-marks the bride groom Bishamber Nath demanded Rs. 5000/- as dowry from the father.
- He himself was lame, widower and yet was not ready to accept Bholi without dowry.
- He insulted Bholi's father which was a great blow/set back to her dignity
- Dowry is a social evil, It should be neither taken nor given - only Education can eradicate this.

#### 30.Hints/ Value Points

- Education is must.
- Education gives you confidence and equips you to face life. A teacher is an artist who can transform and change a person for better.
- Teacher plays a major role in transformation of Bholi from stammering little girl to a confident woman.

#### 31.Hints Value Points

- Education takes us purpose of life
- Education helps us to distinguish between right and wrong.
- Education gives courage and confidence to live life differently and meaning fully
- Bholi overcame her personal barrier with teacher's help.
- She stood up at the time of marriage threw away her veil and decided to look after her parents instead of marrying a greedy old man.

#### 32.Hints/ Value Poits

- Bholi – a slow learner, her face marred by pock marks, stammering child was sent to school
- Mother thought that there was little chance of her getting married as she had ugly face and she decided to send her school – 'let the teacher worry about her'.
- Education transformed Bholi completely she grew up confident, bold humble woman.

#### 33.Hints/ Value Points

- According to Bholi's mother – the sole purpose of the girl's life is to get married and do house hold chores. For her sending girl to a school is just a waste of time, money.
- Girls in India generally have to face discrimination they are ill-treated, ill-fed & overworked due to prevalent practice. Only education can help to change the present scenario.

#### 34.Hints/ Value Points

- Martians had to abandon the mission to invade earth as they misinterpreted the nursery rhyme book.
- Similarly half knowledge can lead to disaster every where
- Half knowledge is dangerous. It never helps to achieve success.
- Only knowledge can bring self contentment and success.

#### 35.Hints/ Value Points

- Martians failed to gather complete information about earthlings
- were overconfident & thought themselves superior.
- they misinterpreted the signals received from Earthlings' book of nursery rhyme & fled away
- Rash decision, & rushing to conclusions made them to abandon their mission.
- through knowledge, perseverance, consistent efforts help us to achieve the aim, always bring success.