

Class 10th English

Lesson- 7

Bodo Medium

Amanda! आमाण्डा

Textual Questions

Every child feels that she/he is controlled and instructed not to do one thing or another. You too may feel that your freedom is curtailed.

Write down some of the things you want to do, but your parents/elders do not allow you to. To read the poem aloud, form pairs, each reading alternate stanzas. You are in for a surprise.

(साफ्रोमबो गथ'आ सानोदि बियो सासन खालामजादों आरो
बेखौ-बिखौ मावनाडा होनना बाथायजादों। नोंबो साननो हागौदि नोंनि
उदांसिखौ खमायनाय जादों। नों मावनो लुबैनाय नाथाय
नोममा-नोमफा / गेदेरफोरा नोंखौ मावनो होयि मोननैसो
खामानिफोरखौ लिर। खनथायखौ गोबारै फरायनो थाखाय हानजा
दा, साफ्रोमबो गुबुन खोलोबफोरखौ फराय। नों सोमोनांदों ?)

Ans: Yes, my parents always asks me to do this or that much to my annoyance. For example, they forbade me to eat sweets, to play with dust, to swim in the deep water, or to watch TV. They ask me to wear woollens even in less severe winter, to read on holidays and to keep late hours at night.

Thinking About the poem

1. How old do you think Amanda is? How do you know this?

(आमाण्डाया बेसेबां बैसोनि होनना नों सानो ? नों बेखै माबोरै मिथिखो ?)

Ans: I think Amanda is a school going girl of around 12 or 13. It is evident from the acnes that Amanda suffers from. It is seen that boys or girls at this age have acnes especially on the face and neck.

2. Who do you think is speaking to her?

(सोरखौ नों बिजों रायज्जायदों होनना सानो ?)

Ans: I think her parents are speaking to her.

3. Why are stanzas 2, 4 and 6 given in parenthesis?

(2, 4 आरो 6 खनथाय खलबखौ मानो बेनदोंनि गेजेराव होनाय जादों?)

Ans: They are answers to the other stanzas so given in parentheses. They could be suitable answers to the questions put to them.

4. Who is the speaker in Stanzas 2, 4 and 6? Do you think this speaker is listening to the speaker in stanzas 1, 3, 5 and 7? (खनथाय खोलोब 2, 4 आरो 6 नि बुंगिरिया सोर

जाखो ? नों सानो नामादि बे बुंगिरिया 1, 3, 5 आरो 7 खनथाय
खोलोबाव खोनासंग्रा नामा ?)

Ans: Mermaid is the speaker in stanza 2. In stanza 4, it is an orphan and in stanza 6. the speaker is Rapunzel. no, the speaker is not listening in stanza 1, 3, 5 and 7.

5. What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?
(सासे लैथोनि राफोदाय जानायमोनब्ला आमाण्डाया मा मावनो
हागौमोन ?)

Ans: If she were a mermaid Amanda could drift in the emerald sea blissfully.

6. Is Amanda an orphan? Why does she say so?
(आमाण्डाया सासे मावरिया नामा ? बियो मानो बिब्दि बुंखो ?)

Ans: Yes, Amanda is an orphan roaming the streets. She says so because in stanza 3 references are to a girl who is not an orphan.

7. Do you know the story of Rapunzel? Why does she want to be Rapunzel?
(रापुनजेलनि सल 'खौ नों मिथिगौना ? बियो मानो रापुनजेल जानो
लुबैयो ?)

Ans: Rapunzel is an imaginary beautiful looking vegetation. used in lettuce or can be lettuce itself. As per a folklore it was a sweet and beautiful looking vegetation

which was very much liked by a fairy who wanted to have it.

The girl wants to be a Rapunzel to her parents who however rebuke her on one or the other pretext.

8. What does the girl yearn for? What does this poem tell you about Amanda?

(हिनजावसाया मा हास्थायदों ? बे खनथाया Amanda नि सोमोनदै मा खोनथायो ?)

Ans: The girl yearns for freedom in every respect and wants to lead her life according to her sweet will. In fact

Additional Question Answer

1 Mark Questions Answer

1. Who is the poet of the poem 'Amanda' ?

(आमाण्डा खनथाइनि खनथाइगिरिया सोर ?)

Ans: Robin Klein is the poet of the poem Amanda.

2. Who is talking to Amanda?

(आमाण्डाजों सोर रायज्जायदों ?)

Ans: Her father or mother is talking to Amanda.

3. What is the sea mentioned in the poem?

(खनथाइयाव मुंख 'नाय लैथोआ मा ?)

Ans: The sea mentioned in the poem 'Amanda' is the Green sea.

4. How does Amanda make designs?
(आमाण्डाया माबोरै महर बानायो ?)

Ans: Amanda makes designs with her bare feet.

5. Why should Amanda not eat chocolate?
(आमाण्डाया मानो सक्लेट जानाया मौजां ना ?)

Ans: Amanda should not eat chocolate because she has acene.

6. What is Rapunzel?
(रापुनजेल्ला मा ?)

Ans: Rapunzel is a beautiful vegetation.

7. Where is life tranquil and rare?
(जिवा बबेयाव निजोम आरो मोननो थांबाडै ?)

Ans: Life is tranquil and rare in a tower.

8. What is so bad about her?
(बिनि सोमोनदै एसेबां गाज्रिया मा ?)

Ans: She bits her nails, raises her shoulders and sits awkwardly.

9. Where is Amanda's place of living?
(आमाण्डानि थानाय जायगाया बबेयाव ?)

Ans: Amanda's place of living is the Green sea.

10. Why is Amanda advised not to eat chocolates?
(आमाण्डाखौ सक्लेट जानाडा होनना मानो बोसोन होनाय जादों ?)

Ans: Amanda is advised not to eat chocolates because these produce acnes.

11. Where do you think is Rapunzel found?
(रापुन्जेलखौ बबेयाव मोनो होनना नों सानो ?)

Ans: Rapunzel is found in a distant land

12. What kind of life is Rapunzel living?
(रापुन्जेला मा रोखोमनि जिव खुंदों ?)

Ans: Rapunzel is living a peaceful yet uncommon life.

13. Stop that sulking at once Amanda ! You're always so moody, Amanda!

Anyone would think that I nagged at you.

Who is the speaker of these lines?

(बे सारिफोरनि बुंगिरिया सोर ?)

Ans: Amanda's father or mother is the speaker of these lines.

14. Did the speaker rebuke her?
(बुंगिरिया बिखौ रायदोंना ?)

Ans: The speaker didn't rebuke her but pointed out her certain habits.

15. In which stage of life can Amanda be now?
(आमाण्डाया दा बबे थाखोआव थानो हागौ ?)

Ans: Now Amanda is adolescence.

Short type Question Answer

1. What is the central idea of the poem?
(खनथाइनि गुबै रावा मा ?)

Ans: The central idea of the poem is that children possess certain undesirable habits. Their parents teach them to mend those habits for the benefits of their children.

Children have these habits because they want freedom. They want to feel naturally at home in them. Amanda has also certain habits. So. she is Politely asked to mend those.

2. How does Amanda describe her life?
(आमाण्डाया गावनि जिवखौ माबोरै बिजिरदों ?)

Ans: Amanda says that she is an orphan. She wonders about the streets. She makes patterns on the soft dust with her bare feet. She loves both freedom and silence. To her, silence is golden and freedom is sweet.

3. How does Amanda reply to the 'nagging' of the speaker in the first stanza?

Or

How does the mermaid describe her life?
(लैथो जिबिया गावनि जिवखौ माबोरै बिजिरदों ?)

Ans: The speaker 'nags' Amanda by strange questions to which Amanda replies in her own carefree way. She says that she is a mermaid and lives in the peaceful green sea. She is the only inhabitant there and moves there blissfully.

4. What questions does the speaker ask Amanda?
(मा सोंथिफोरखौ बुंगिरिया आमाण्डाखौ सोंदों ?)

Ans: The speaker asked Amanda if she had finished her home work and if she had tidied her room. He also expected her to clean the shoes.

5. What does Amanda do? What does the speaker ask her to do?

(आमाण्डाया मा मावो ? बुंगिरिया बिखौ मा मावनो थोनखो ?)

Ans: Amanda is sitting not in a normal way and biting her nails. She is raising her shoulders. These postures are not normal. The speaker does not like these at all. So, Amanda is asked to behave properly.

6. What does Amanda want to prove by saying "I am Rapunzel"? What does she promise not to do?

("आं सासे रापुन्जेल" बिब्दि बुंनानै आमाण्डाया मा फोरमान खालामनो नागिरदों ?)

Ans: By saying "I am Rapunzel" Amanda wants to prove that she is actually living like Rapunzel. She has a carefree life. She lives in a tower. There life is peaceful and rare. She promises never to allow her hair fall down. She would be a good person.

7. What did the poet ask Amanda to do that are expected of a school going child?

(खनथाइगिरिया आमाण्डाखौ मा मावनो थिनदों जायखौ सासे फरायसालियाव थांनाय गथ 'निफ्राय आसा खालामनो हागौ ?)

Ans: The poet asked her whether she had finished her home work. He also asked her if she had tidied her room

or had she cleaned her shoes? These are the things which are expected of a school going child.

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