

**Read the following extracts and then answer the questions that follow.**

**Extract A: Judging Unwisely**

Not many years ago a man rented a store upon a street appropriately named Market Street. While very busy getting barrels, boxes, and other things inside, he happened to see a boy of eleven years standing by, and called to him, "See here, boy, if you'll help me today, I'll pay you well." The boy looked at him but made no answer. "Don't you want to work?" The boy made some sort of gesture, but remained silent. "Oh! you're some idler, I guess. Well, if you won't work or even speak, just pass along about your business." He thought the boy's lounging attitude and continued silence meant disrespect and defiance, and soon began to feel irritated over it

"Some young thief, I guess, watching his chance to steal something and run," thought he. Presently he advanced toward the boy with a threatening look, when, to his amazement, the offender performed some peculiar gesture, and strange play of features, as he retreated backward. "I'll teach you how to make faces and mock me; you've acted the nuisance long enough." And without further delay he raised his hand, when the boy, instead of running off, started, and fell in a heap upon the sidewalk. Several persons hastened to the spot and inquired what was the matter. "Why! that lazy fellow refused work when I offered him pay and hung around even when I ordered him off, and finally made faces and disrespectful gestures at me; so, I was going to slap him and he dropped like that. He is not hurt enough to even cry about it." "Sir, that is poor Danny, a deaf mute and cripple, perfectly inoffensive when you know him. We all humour him and let him stay around as long as he pleases, for his eyes are the chief blessings he possesses, and they can't injure anything." When they lifted Danny, they found a bruise upon his forehead, and tears were slowly creeping down his cheeks. He was carried into a store, and one of his friends who understood how to communicate with him, explained the merchant's mistake. You may be sure the man was heartily ashamed, and so anxious to prove his repentance that he did all in his power to relieve poor Danny's adversity and affliction.

The merchant said, "If I had only known the truth, had not been so hasty in judgement, I might have done as much good without having done any injury."

**Extract B: Do Not Come to A Conclusion Hastily**

Minu, the seven-year-old girl, went to the market with her grandmother. Minu purchased a fruit basket at the market. The basket had all varieties of fruits, but it had only one fruit of each variety. However, there were two apples. Minu loved apples and so she was happy! Minu reached home. She said she got two apples in the fruit basket. Minu's mom said she is a lucky girl. Minu asked her mom, 'Mommy, I'm tired and hungry. Can I eat some apples now?' Mommy said, 'Yes sweetheart! Please. I'll just wash the apples and give it to you.' She washed the apples and gave two apples to Minu. The apples were somewhat big and Minu could not eat two full apples.

Realising the apples were too big for her, Minu's mother asked her, 'Minu, can you please give me one apple? I'm hungry too!'

Minu replied, 'But mamma, I'm hungry and I love apples. Why don't you eat some other fruit?'

Mother replied, 'Minu, even I too love apples the most. See, the fruit basket surprisingly had two apples. So, why don't you give me one apple? Moreover, these apples are big, and you cannot eat both apples. You will waste it. Please, darling, can you give me an apple?'

Minu thought for a while. She bites one apple and also bites the other one quickly!

Minu's mamma was smiling and her smile froze on seeing what Minu did! She could not tolerate what had happened. Minu had always listened to her mother's words. Her attitude shocked her mother very much.

Then, Minu with a beautiful smile on her face gave one apple to her mother. 'Mommy, please take this apple. This is the sweeter one!' Minu's mother was extremely shocked and felt ashamed of what she thought about her daughter.

**Read the questions carefully and choose the letter of the best answer.**

**1 What is the general moral of the two stories?**

- A Always listen and obey your elders.
- B Do not judge other people so easily.
- C Always ask other people about their intentions.
- D Give people a chance to explain themselves first.

**2 Which extract contains a scenario in which a character was triggered because of an unintentional action?**

- A Extract A
- B Extract b
- C Both
- D None

**3 In extract A, the merchant accused Danny of**

- A standing idly
- B watching him
- C being disrespectful
- D being a thief

**4 In extract B, Minu's true intention was**

- A to eat all the apples for herself
- B to taste which apple is sweeter and give a less sweet one to her mamma

- C to eat all apples because she was really hungry
- D to give her mom the best apple

**Read the poem below and then answer the questions that follow.**

**“I Don’t Look Like I Was a Bad Boy”**

“Go into the parlor, naughty boy.  
 Sit there, and think of what you've done.'  
 What was it? Nothing very bad,  
 Only his mischief and his fun;  
 A spool unraveled, just to see  
 How long it would keep coming off;  
 A pepper-box all sifted out,  
 That made the kitty sneeze and cough;

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The baby's doll in a slipper fine  
 With grandma's letter for a sail,  
 Tied to a slender stick for mast,  
 His boat afloat in the water pail;  
 Not tall enough to watch his play,  
 He stood upon my newest book  
 'Twas this I found, when his clear laugh  
 Caused me to stop my work and look.

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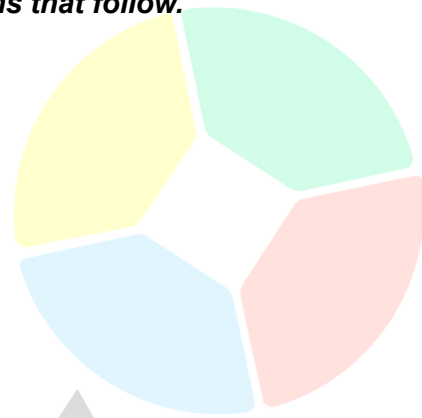
The parlor door stood just ajar;  
 The silence grew too much for me;  
 I turned about to catch a glimpse  
 Of what his penitence might be;  
 And, seated in his tiny chair,  
 Gone from his pretty face its joy,  
 He murmured to the mirror's truth,  
 "I don't look like I was a bad boy."

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O precious boy! to think those words  
 Could cause thy tender heart to grieve;  
 Not even angels, when they heard  
 The hasty utterance, could believe.  
 Forever be thy faults as small,  
 And but the fruit of thoughtless joy;  
 Let me kiss back thy smiles again,  
 Mother's own precious, dear, good boy!

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**Choose the letter of the best answer below.**

**5**      **Lines 27 and 28 means**

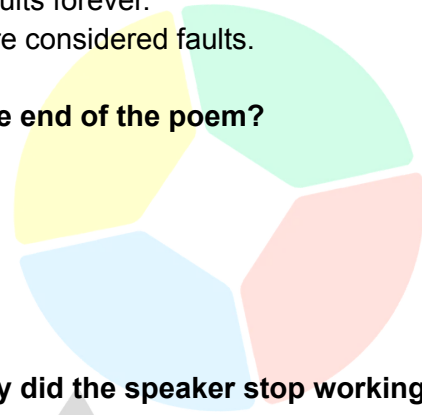
- A**      Forever is a small fault.
- B**      Children will believe hurtful things you said and will remember it forever.
- C**      Hasty utterances are to be believed as faults forever.
- D**      Do not utter hasty things because they are considered faults.

**6**      **What are the tones of the speaker towards the end of the poem?**

- A**      Regret and Love
- B**      Anger and Annoyance
- C**      Happiness and Regret
- D**      Love and Anger

**7**      **In the last two lines of the second stanza, why did the speaker stop working?**

- A**      The speaker saw that the spool was unravelled.
- B**      The speaker heard the boy's laugh and saw that his boat was floating on the pail.
- C**      The speaker saw his/her notebook floating on the pail.
- D**      The speaker heard the boy's laugh and saw that he was standing on his/her new book



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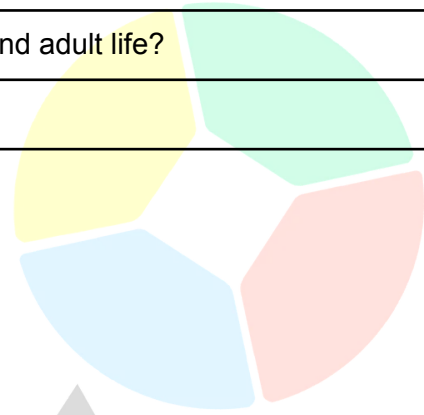
**Read the different extracts carefully and then answer the questions that follow.**

<p><b>A.</b></p>	<p>Childhood memories are very important in our lives. It makes us remember the best times of our lives. They shape our thinking and future. When one has good childhood memories, they grow up to be happy individuals. However, if one has traumatic childhood memories, it affects their adult life gravely.</p> <p>Most importantly, childhood memories keep the inner child alive. No matter how old we get, there is always a child within each one of us. He/She comes out at different times.</p>	<p><b>B.</b></p>	<p>Innocence is the lack of corruption, it is purity. One of the things that come to mind when you think of innocence is children. Children are unaware of the horrors of the world and they are still pure in mind and spirit. As kids in America, we were very lucky to be able to have our innocence for as long as we can.</p>
<p><b>C.</b></p>	<p>I believe that everyone should look at the world through the eyes of children. The world as a whole could use some innocence and simplicity. Just think, what if solving world problems was as simple as saying sorry, and a Band-Aid really could fix anything.</p> <p>I don't believe in the Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, and the Tooth Fairy anymore, but I do believe in the power of a child's innocence and the dreaming of the impossible.</p>	<p><b>D.</b></p>	<p>Childhood is the best and sweetest of all these periods. A man can enjoy the real freedom of life in his childhood. He can taste the pleasure of life with a free mind. He can lead a pure, simple, and carefree life. He remains free from the pangs of a day-to-day hard life. This is why this age is called the golden period of life. In contrast, a grown-up man becomes burdened with the boundless duties and responsibilities of life. The stern reality of life always keeps him occupied with hundreds and thousands of cares and anxieties. This is why he feels inclined to look back on the sweet memories of his childhood.</p>

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Which extract...

<b>8</b>	talks about the power of a child's innocence in the world?
<b>9</b>	talks about the difference between childhood and adult life?
<b>10</b>	talks about innocence in children?



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