

MODEL QUESTION 8

Unit: 5, lesson: 1

Read the following passage and answer the questions following it

Meherjan lives in a slum on the Sirajgonj Town Protection Embankment. Her polythene roofed shelter looks like a cage. She is nearly 45 but looks more than her age. In front of her shelter, she is trying to make a fire to cook the day's only meal. Her weak hands tremble as she adds some fallen leaves and straw to the fire. The whispering wind from the river Jamuna makes the fire unsteady. The dancing of the flames reminds Meherjan of the turmoil in her life.

Not long ago Meherjan had everything--- a family, cultivable land and cattle. The erosion of the Jamuna consumed gradually all her landed property. It finally claimed her last shelter during the last monsoon. It took the river only a day to demolish Meher's house, trees, vegetable garden and the bamboo bush. She had a happy family once. Over the years, she lost her husband and her family to diseases that cruel hunger and poverty brought to the family. Now, she is the only one left to live on with the loss and the pain. The greedy Jamuna has shattered her dreams and happiness.

There are thousand others waiting to share the same fate with Meherjan. Bangladesh is a land of rivers that affect its people. Erosion is a harsh reality for the people living along the river banks. During each monsoon many more villages are threatened by the roaring of rivers like the Jamuna, the Padma and the Meghna. It is estimated that river erosion makes at least 100,000 people homeless every year in Bangladesh. In fact, river erosion is one of the main dangers caused by climate change. If we can't take prompt actions to adapt to climate change, there will be thousands of more Meherjans in our towns and villages every year.

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

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- (a) The word '**turmoil**' refers to _____
(i) pacific (ii) tranquility (iii) calm (iv) combustion
- (b) Meherjan's dreams and happiness _____ by the greedy river of Jamuna.
i) destroyed ii) boosted iii) flourished iv) mixed
- (c) The phrase "**whispering wind**" means _____.
i) wind that blows in summer. ii) wind that blows with a hissing sound.
iii) wind that helps to make fire. iv) wind that blows from across the river.
- (d) The greedy Jamuna took only _____ to demolish everything of Meherjan.
(i) a week (ii) a day (iii) a month (iv) an hour
- (e) Which of the following statement is true?
i) in the past days Meherjan lead an impoverished life.
ii) imbalanced environment is responsible for Meherjan's lot.



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- iii) Meherjan leads an aristocrat life.
iv) none of them
- (f) The phrase “dancing of the flame” means _____.
i) a traditional form of folk dance. ii) a flame made by people to remember their past.
iii) a flame that is made unstable by the blast of air. iv) a flame that makes people dance around it.
- (g) Meherjan looks aged because of _____.
i) illness ii) her age iii) deprivation iv) malnutrition
- (h) The phrase “roaring rivers” means _____.
i) rivers that flow strongly making wild sounds ii) rivers having many rowing boats in them
iii) rivers that make people cry out iv) rivers that have noisy fishes
- (i) The phrase “landed property” means _____.
i) a rented piece of land ii) property used only as an agricultural farm
iii) property in the form a source of income to its owner iv) a piece of land on the bank of a river
- (j) The word “harsh” is a/an _____.
i) noun ii) adjective iii) adverb iv) verb
- k) Meherjan tries to make fire to _____.
i) warm herself ii) cook day’s meal iii) make tea iv) make night’s meal
- l) _____ has made Meherjan’s life miserable.
i) old age ii) sickness iii) river erosion iv) frustration
- m) **Demolish** means _____.
i) build ii) preserve iii) destroy iv) support
- n) What is the dangerous result of climate change?
i) cruel hunger ii) river erosion iii) landed property iv) the course of nature
- o) Meherjan’s hands are trembling because _____.
i) she is exhausted ii) she is tired iii) she is feeble iv) she is frightened
- p) What does the expression ‘the turmoil in her life’ mean?
i) the pleasure of life ii) the thunderstorm in her life

- iii) the pangs and pains of her life iv) the dreams of her life
- q) Once Meherjan was _____
- i) solvent ii) insolvent iii) poor iv) impoverishment
- r) What is the main purpose of the author of the passage?
- i) to explain the importance of river ii) to describe the impact of monsoon
- iii) to describe the fate of woman iv) to describe the effect of river erosion
- s) River erosion has _____
- i) cruel impact on people ii) natural beauty iii) benefits iv) adverse effect on wild life
- t) What should we do to check river erosion?
- i) we must take actions ii) we should change climate change
- iii) we can take prompt actions iv) we can't but take prompt actions to adapt to climate change
- u) The phrase **mighty rivers** means _____
- i) rivers that make people cry out
- ii) rivers that have huge volume of water and very strong currents
- iii) rivers having many rowing boats in them
- iv) rivers that have strong banks
- v) The river finally claimed Meher's last shelter during _____
- i) winter season ii) rainy season iii) autumn season iv) spring season
- w) **Consumed** means _____
- i) utilized ii) devoured iii) ravaged iv) spoiled
- x) **Shattered** means _____
- i) exterminated ii) faced iii) confronted iv) magnified
- y) **Devour** means _____
- i) destroy ii) mar iii) confuse iv) to pull or knock down something
- z) **Over the years** means _____
- i) eventually ii) over the passage of time iii) consequently iv) slowly

2. Answer the following questions.

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- a) According to the passage what do you understand by river erosion?
- b) Give a short description about Meherjan's ill-fated life.



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- c) What is river erosion caused by and when it takes a devastating turn?
- d) Describe the past life of Meherjan.
- e) What should we do to save the lives like Meherjan?

Air pollution comes from a wide variety of sources. In Bangladesh poisonous exhaust from industrial plants, brick kilns, old or poorly-serviced vehicles and dust from roads and construction sites are some of the major sources of air pollution. We can reduce this type of pollution by making less use of motor vehicles and avoiding the use of vehicles older than 20 years. We may also use proper lubricants to lessen the level of emission and pollutants. We can encourage people to use Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) for fuelling their cars. The government may relocate hazardous industries like brick kilns to areas away from human habitations.

3. Fill in the blanks with suitable words

1x5=5

Air is an important (a)_____ of our environment and our air is polluted by smoke. Man makes fires to cook food, make bricks, (b)_____ tar for road construction and to do many other things. Fires create smoke and (c)_____ the air. Mills and factories also (d)_____ a lot of smoke. All kinds of (e)_____ pollute the air.

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