



Name of the Student _____

1.2 Odd One In - Answers

Passage1: page 3:

“How was the first.....” Rima and her friend had decided to do just that.

1. What were Rima's parents enquiring about with her?

Ans: Rima's parents were enquiring about her first day of school.

2. Who was the new girl in school?. Why did Rima find her funny?

Ans: Malti, because she couldn't speak much English.

3. How according to Mr. Sen are the children from the other state?

Ans: Supposed to be clever and specially good at Maths.

4. Why did Rima not agree with her father? Or how did Rima decide whether or not Malti was smart?

Ans: Rima did not find Malti to be smart because she had oily hair, wore a bindi on her forehead and did not pronounce the word 'Good Morning, Teacher' instead she said "Gud morning, Teechurr"

5. What did Rima's parents' advise her? Or How did Rima's parents' hope she and her friends would not do?

Ans: Rima's parents hoped that she and her friends would not make life difficult for Malti.

6. What had Rima and her gang decided to do?

Ans: Rima and her friends had decided to make life difficult for Malti.

Passage 2 page 3 & 4:

Next morning, the minute Malti..... quite a little snob!" said Mr. Sen sadly.

1. What competition was coming up? When?

Ans: The Inter-house singing competition was coming up on the following Saturday.

2. Under which category was Rima participating in?

Ans: Rima was participating under the English song category.

3. What was Rima surprised to see?

Ans: Rima was surprised to see Malti's name in the list of participants for the Hindi song category.

4. Did Rima and Clare pass good remarks about Malti?

What were they?

Ans: No, Rima snidely said "Oily plaits sings also," and Clare giggled and said "Croaks, you mean,"

5. How did Malti prove Rima and Clare wrong?

Ans: Malti sang beautifully. She had a melodious and well trained voice.

6. What had Rima and her gang decided to do while Malti sang?

Why didn't they do it?

Ans: They had decided to jeer Malti when she sang. But when Malti sang beautifully with a melodious and a well trained voice.

There was absolute silence. So they did not dare to jeer Malti as they were sure they would be caught.

7. How did the everyone react when Malti finished singing?

Ans: When Malti finished singing the Principal was the first one to start clapping, followed by the teachers and students.

*8) Why did Rima feel no joy even though she came first in her category?

Ans: Even though Rima came first in her category, she felt no joy because Malti sang beautifully with a melodious and well trained voice. While she sang there was absolute silence. And when she finished, the Principal was the first one to start clapping, followed by the teachers and students. Also, Malti won the first prize in her category.

Passage 3: page 5:

“As the term progressed..... Particularlly at her English”

1. List down Malti's qualities or

As the term progressed, what qualities of Malti became abundantly clear to all?

Ans: As the term progressed, it was abundantly clear to all that Malti was a bright child. She was quiet, studious and intelligent. She fared well in sports as well as in studies. Her forte was mathematics. Her simple appearance belied a sharp and nimble brain.

2. In what subject did many of girls seek Malti's help? Why?

Ans: Many of the girls began seeking Malti's help in mathematics as her forte was mathematics.

3. What makes it clear that Malti was very helpful?

Ans: Whenever girls came to her help, Malti readily and cheerfully helped them.

4. Why had teachers liked Malti?

Ans: Teachers liked Malti because she was a respectful and intelligent girl right from the beginning.

5. Who all befriended Malti and who all did not?

Ans: The girls from her class befriended Malti except for Rima and her clique.

6. Why didn't Rima and her clique like Malti?

Ans: Rima and her clique disliked Malti because they were stylish and Malti was not their type.

7. How did Rima and her clique behave with Malti?

Ans: Rima and her clique never lost a chance to poke fun at her, particularly her English.

Passage 4 : pages 5 & 6:

"Malti felt bad... even to herself.

1. What did Malti feel bad about?

Ans: Malti felt bad about Rima's and her friends' behavior of poking fun at her, particularly her English.

2. Why was Malti on the verge of tears?

Ans: Malti was on the verge of tears when Rima mocked her mercilessly because she said "aks" instead of "ask".

3. What help did Malti seek from Rima? Why?

Ans: Malti asked Rima to help her improve her English because Malti knew her English was weak where as Rima's English was good.

4. Did Rima help Malti? Why?

Ans: No, Rima said she wouldn't be able to help Malti because Rima felt that speaking proper English isn't easy for countrified types like Malti.

5. What does the phrase 'turned red' means?

Ans: The phrase 'turned red' means to be very angry.

6. What was Malti's reaction to Rima's curt (rude) reply?

Ans: When Rima curtly replied that she wouldn't be able to help Malti, Malti was red with anger. Though Malti wanted to retort but she could not find the right words she burst into tears and ran off.

7. Name the friends in Rima's clique?

Ans: The friends in Rima's clique were Shahnaz, Neha and Clare.

8. What did Rima's clique feel about her curt reply to Malti?

Ans: Rima's clique felt that it was horrid behavior on her part towards Malti.

9. Why was Rima shocked?

Ans: Rima was shocked because her own friends had turned against her.

10. Why did Rima walk off in a huff?

Ans: Rima walked off in a huff because she was shocked that her own friends had turned against her.

11. How did Rima feel or reflect about her behavior with Malti?

Ans: Rima was filled with remorse; she knew that she had behaved very badly. But she was too proud to admit it, even to herself.