

Prose -2 "There's a girl by the tracks"

Multiple choice questions

- 1) Roma Talreja was a
a) marketing executive b) call centre executive c) unemployed d) house wife
- 2) "There's a girl by the tracks" These were the voices of
a) Dinesh Talreja b) Baleshwar Mishra c) People in the opposite train d) station master
- 3) When Roma met with an accident, The callous behavior was exhibited by
a) Dinesh Talreja b) the People watching the accident c) Baleshwar Mishra d) tempo truck driver
- 4) When Roma met with an accident no one volunteered because
a) they were afraid of getting involved in courts or police b) They were strangers to Roma
c) they were busy in their works d) they were callous
- 5) When Roma fell on the tracks no one was ready to save her except
a) Dinesh Talreja b) Baleshwar Mishra c) People in the opposite train d) station master
- 6) The incident of Roma's accident happened on
a) December 10, 2010 b) January 26, 2012 c) August 20, 2001 d) July 23, 2012
- 7) Roma's fiancé was
a) Dinesh Talreja b) Baleshwar Mishra c) Call centre executive d) Vijay
- 8) Baleshwar Mishra was an unemployed because
a) He was from U.P. b) He was a high-school dropout
c) he was looking for good jobs d) he had to look after his parents at home
- 9) When Baleshwar pleaded for help from the motorists, nobody helped him except the
a) railway guard b) doctor c) tempo-truck driver d) on duty Physician
- 10) "Take the girl to Airoli", suggested the cop. But Baleshwar did not agree with him. Because
a) There was no good hospital. b) It was 10 kilometers away
c) There were no equipments. d) he did not like Airoli
- 11) The physician in the small hospital gave only first aid to Roma because
a) She was very serious b) she could not pay her medical expenses
c) There were no personnel and equipment d) There were no nurses
- 12) The only person who volunteered to help Baleshwar was
a) railway guard b) doctor c) tempo-truck driver d) on duty Physician
- 13) Baleshwar had a good Memory. The line which suggests this statement is
a) He memorized Dinesh's cell phone number b) He remembered the nearest hospital
c) He asked her relatives phone number d) He brought Roma to the hospital in time
- 14) Roma's brother Dinesh Talreja was a
a) software engineer b) doctor c) marketing executive d) shop keeper
- 15) Finally Roma was given treatment in the
a) Small hospital b) Airoli Hospital
c) government hospital d) Divine Multi-Speciality Hospital, Ghansoli
- 16) The doctor at Divine hospital admitted Roma without any paper work because
a) She was injured seriously b) he was a good doctor
c) It was a private hospital d) he feared that she may die
- 17) Baleshwar could not thank the tempo truck driver because
a) it was just his duty to help him b) Roma was his relative
c) Baleshwar did not know how to thank him d) he slipped away with his truck after having done all the help
- 18) Baleshwar revisited the spot where Roma had fallen to
a) complain the railway police b) look for his belongings
c) look for Roma's belongings d) inspect how the accident happened

19) Roma said "I think it's astonishing".what was astonishing?

- a) she was survived **b) a stranger Baleshwar jumped off a train and risked his life for her**
c) she could never thank Baleshwar d) The doctor had done a miracle by saving her

20) According to Baleshwar the people of Mumbai could help at the time of accidents because

- a) They were very busy. b) they were callous to others
c) They were afraid of getting trapped in courts or with the police d) They don't help strangers.

21) The tempo-truck driver who helped Baleshwar was

- a) young and speaking Tamil **b) middle-aged and speaking Gujarati**
c) handsome d) dark skinned

Answer the following in two or three sentences (2 marks questions)

1) "It is a regular scene." Where was regular about the scene? What the line suggest?

Ans: The scene of commuters getting out and into the train coaches in a rush is a regular scene in India's most populated metropolis. The line suggests that the people in cities are busy.

2) "Roma Talreja tried to settle into a corner near the door in the train." Was she right in doing this? What would you have done, if you were there?

Ans: No, She was not right in doing this. She lost her tenuous foothold and panicked. If I were there, I would have settled in the safe place in the coach.

3) "Behanji, aap theek hai?" But there was no response and no help in sight. Why was it so?

Ans; Because she was by the tracks senseless.(unconscious)There was a large wound behind her head and blood was flowing out. So there was no response from her.

4) Give the details about Roma Talreja.

Ans: Rama Talreja was a B.Com., graduate from Pune. She was working as a call centre executive. She loved her job, talking and connecting to customers, and making new friends there. Her brother was Dinesh Talreja And she was engaged to her fiancé Vijay.

5) Give the details about Baleshwar Mishra.

Ans: Ans: Baleshwar Mishra was an unemployed high-school dropout recently came to Mumbai for job. He was from Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh.

6) why didn't the on-duty physician give only first aid to Roma and not the treatment?

Ans: The on-duty physician could only give the basic first aid to Roma as the facility lacked personnel and equipment.

7)"Oh, I couldn't thank him," Baleshwar thought. Who do you think he couldn't thank?

Ans; Baleshwar couldn't thank the tempo-truck driver who helped Baleshwar to carry Roma to the hospital. He slipped away from the hospital having done all the help.

8) Why did Baleshwar revisit the spot where Roma had fallen?

Ans: Baleshwar revisited the spot where Roma had fallen to look for Roma's belongings. Her brother dinesh Talreja had said that her cell phone and hand bag were missing.

9) Baleshwar got some assurance from a railway employee. What was that?

Ans: Baleshwar got some assurance from a railway employee that some of Roma's belongings had been found. He revisited the spot to look for her belongings.

10) Roma said, "I think it's astonishing". what was astonishing?

Ans: According to Roma it was astonishing that a stranger would jump off a train and risk his life for her.

11) "Take the girl to Airoli," suggested the cop. But Baleshwar disagreed. Why did he do so?

Ans: Baleshwar disagreed to take Roma to Airoli, because Airoli was atleast 10 kilometers away. Baleshwar thought that he had to go to the nearest hospital for the treatment of Roma.

12) Was Baleshwar right in asking Roma her name while she lay in a critical condition? Justify your answer.

Ans: Yes, Baleshwar was right in asking Roma her name in the critical condition. It helped him to inform her relatives about her condition.

13) "Baleshwar had a good memory." Do you agree with this? Give examples to support your view.

Ans: Yes, Baleshwar had a good memory. He memorized Dinesh's cell phone number.

14) The doctor at the Divine Multi-Speciality hospital admitted Roma without any formalities.What made him do so?

Ans: The doctor Anil Agarwal admitted Roma to the ICU at the Divine Multy-Speciality hospital without formalities, because she was injured seriously.

15) If Baleshwar had not come forward to help Roma, what would have happened to her?

Ans: If Baleshwar had not come to help Roma, she would have bled to death.

16) How did the truck driver help Baleshwar?

Ans: The truck driver helped Baleshwar to carry Roma to the small hospital and the Divine Multy Speciality Hospital in quick time. He also gave his cell phone to Roma's brother Dinesh.

17)Baleshwar felt that people of Mumbai were afraid,What were they afraid if,according to his opinion?

Ans: Baleshwar felt that people of Mumbai were afraid of getting trapped in the courts or with the police. So they were callous to the strangers even at the time of accidents.

Extracts(3 marks)

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:-

1)"it's a regular scene"

a) Which is the regular scene referred here?

Ans: The people swarming into the train and getting down hurriedly in populated Metropolis.

b) Where can one find this regular scene?

Ans: In populated Metropolis.

c) Do you think is this necessary? If not why?

Ans: No, It is not necessary. If the people rush like that, the children, women or aged or handicapped may fall down on the tracks.

2)"There is a girl by the tracks" the voices cried out.

a) Who is the girl mentioned here?

Ans: Roma Talreja is the girl referred here.

b) Whose voices were these?

Ans: These were the voices of the people in the opposite train.

c) Why did the voices cry out?

Ans: The people saw Roma Talreja falling from the train on the tracks.

3)"Behanji ,aap theek hai? he asked . But there was no response and no help in sight."

a) Who does behanji refer to here?

Ans: Behanji refers to Roma Talreja

b) Why was there no response ?

Ans: Because Roma was injured seriously and fell on the tracks unconsciously.

c) who took her to hospital?

Ans : Baleshwar Mishra

4) "My sister is injured, Please help me take her to a hospital."But no one stopped.

a) Who does 'sister' refer to here?

Ans: "sister" refers to Roma Talreja

b) Who requested here so?

Ans: Baleshwar Mishra

c) Who does 'no one' refers to here?

Ans: 'No one' refers to the motorists on the road.

d) Why was she taken to a hospital ?

Ans: She fell down on the tracks and seriously injured.

5)" Take the girl to Airoli,"

a) who suggested it?

Ans : The cop

b) Who is the girl here?

Ans: Roma Talreja.

c) Why did Baleshwar disagree to his suggestion?

Ans: Because Airoli was at least 10 kilometers away and he knew a nearer hospital than that.

6) "Oh, I couldn't thank him," Baleshwar thought.

a) Who was not thanked?

Ans: The tempo-truck driver was not thanked.

b) Why should he thank him?

Ans: Because the tempo-truck driver helped Baleshwar to take Roma Talreja to the hospital when nobody was ready to help him.

c) Why couldn't he thank him?

Ans: Because the tempo-truck driver slipped from the hospital having done all he could.

7) "I can't imagine what would have happened if Baleshwar hadn't been there,"

a) Who does 'I' and 'she' refer to here?

Ans: Roma Talreja

b) Who rescued her?

Ans: Baleshwar Mishra

c) What would have happened if Baleshwar Mishra had not been there?

Ans: If Baleshwar Mishra had not been there, she would have bled to death on the tracks alone.

8) "I think it's astonishing that a stranger would jump off a train and risk his life for me. I can never repay Baleshwar."

a) Who is the stranger here?

Ans: Baleshwar Mishra

b) What was astonishing for the speaker?

Ans: The stranger Baleshwar jumped off a moving train and risked his life for Roma Talreja. This was astonishing for Roma.

c) Why couldn't she repay him?

Ans: Because if Baleshwar had not rescued her in time, she would have bled to death on the tracks alone.

9) "I'm new to Mumbai, but I've noticed that people here are afraid."

a) Who is the speaker of this statement?

Ans: Baleshwar Mishra

b) What did they fear about?

Ans: Because they feared about getting involved in courts or with the police.

c) What is the effect of that on the life of the people of Mumbai?

Ans: The effect of that on the life of the people of Mumbai is that nobody is helping one another at the time of rescuing anybody.

Long answer type questions (4 marks)

1) Explain how Roma Talreja met with an accident?

Ans: Roma was returning home. She boarded the train at the Mumbai suburban Railway station. She managed to squeeze herself into a ladies' compartment. She tried to settle into a corner near the door. The train hurtled ahead and Roma was jammed between other women. She got pushed and lost her tenuous foothold and panicked. Roma was thrown out of the coach. She fell on the tracks, bleeding all alone. She was seriously injured behind her head.

2) Describe briefly how a stranger Baleshwar risked his life for Roma Talreja?

Ans: Baleshwar Mishra saw Roma bleeding alone on the tracks. But nobody was ready to rescue her. He jumped off the moving train and ran to rescue her. He prayed silently and took her in his hands and walked through the shrubbery and he reached the road. He was helped by the tempo truck driver and they took her to a small hospital where she was given only the basic first aid. Again they took her to the Divine Hospital and there Dr. Anil Agarwal treated her in the ICU. Though there was not lasting damage, she needed deep wound sutures. If Baleshwar had not helped her to admit to the hospital, she would have died bleeding alone on the tracks. Thus the stranger Baleshwar rescued Roma by taking risk to his life.

3) After Roma made a full recovery, Baleshwar met her. Briefly describe how Roma thanked him, and what Baleshwar said in reply.

Ans: In a few days, Roma made a full recovery. She said she could not imagine what would have happened if Baleshwar had not been there. She was amazed to learn how she was rescued. She felt that it was astonishing that a stranger would jump off a moving train and risk his life for her. She said that she could never repay Baleshwar. Baleshwar replied that He was new to Mumbai and he had noticed that people there were afraid and that they feared getting involved in the courts or with the police. He accepted that he helped her only because she needed help. That day it was Roma who met with an accident, the other day it could be himself or someone else on the tracks bleeding alone.