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ANSWER KEY	Topic: Binya's Blue Umbrella (Prose)	Note: English Notebook

Answer the following questions in your English Prose notebooks.

Q1. How had Binya got her blue umbrella?

A1. Binya got the blue umbrella in exchange for her necklace.

Q2. Who was Ram Bharosa? Why would Binya and Bijju visit him?

A2. Ram Bharosa was the keeper of the old tea shop on the Tehri Road. Binya and Bijju visited him to have beverages, sweets and toffees.

Q3. Why was Ram Bharosa astonished?

A3. Ram Bharosa was astonished to hear that Binya had traded her necklace for the blue umbrella.

Q4. What proposal did Ram Bharosa give to Binya? Did Binya accept his proposal?

A4. Ram Bharosa proposed to buy Binya's umbrella for twelve rupees, but Binya did not accept his proposal.

Q5. Why did everyone on the road turn their heads to stare at Binya?

A5. Everybody on the road turned their heads to stare at Binya because of her blue umbrella.

Q6. What happened when Binya dozed off in the shade of a pine tree?

A6. Binya sat down in the shade of a pine tree and the umbrella, still open, lay beside her. While she slept, a wind sprang up and it was joined by other random gusts, rushing over the tops of the mountains. As the wind fanned Binya's cheeks, the umbrella stirred on the grass. It got into the umbrella and began to drag it over the grass. Suddenly, it lifted the umbrella and carried it about six feet away from the sleeping girl.

Q7. Why did Binya have to be careful about not starting a landslide?

A7. Loose stones rumbled down the cliff. Once on their way, stones did not stop until they reached the bottom of the hill; and they took other stones with them, so that there was a cascade of stones, and Binya had to be very careful not to start a landslide.

Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. That's only for memsahibs.

- a. Who said these words?
Ram Bharosa said these words.
- b. What was the speaker talking about and to whom?
The speaker was talking about the blue umbrella to Binya.
- c. Why did the speaker say, 'That's only for memsahibs...'?
The speaker said this because in those days only the grown-up British women would use umbrellas like these.

2. It's worth fifteen...

- a. Who said these words?
Binya said these words.
- b. What was 'worth fifteen'?
The blue umbrella was worth fifteen.
- c. What were the speaker and the listener trying to do?
Binya and Ram Bharosa were trying to negotiate the price of the umbrella.

3. But the most difficult task remained.

- a. What was 'the most difficult task'?
The most difficult task was to get the umbrella out of the tree trunk.
- b. Why was it 'the most difficult task'?
The task was most difficult because it was utterly dangerous and risky.
- c. Who performed 'the most difficult task'?
Binya performed the difficult task.