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Worksheet No:	Topic: REBATI (QUESTION BANK)	Note: English Notebook

1. What was the relationship between father and daughter like? Was it different from the usual one? How?

- Rebati would sing alongside her father every evening and this would bring him a brimming joy!
- Rebati's father wanted to educate her 'with all that he could'.
- When Rebati's grandmother opposed the decision to send her to school, Rebati started crying and was consoled and reassured by her father.
- If it wasn't for her father, Basu would not begin his teaching lessons with Rebati.

2. What kind of a woman Rebati would grow up to become? Give Reasons

3. Why do you think the grandmother opposed Rebati's education? What did she want her to do instead?

- Grandmother rooted in tradition, critical about girl's education
- Conflict in the story: Between grandmother and Rebati (Reasons for this arose due to differences in values about what girls should do)
- -Learn cooking, prepare rice cakes
- -Do rangolis outside the house
- -Fear about anything foreign "Bilayat"
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4. Describe in brief Rebati's house

- 'The front and the back of the house makes up roughly four acres, a ramshackle wall enclosing a shed and a wooden rice mill, a well in the centre of the courtyard.
- The front door of the house opens into the veranda, and the back door into the backyard.
- The ample, spacious room beyond the front door is frequented by visitors, and the other people who come to pay the taxes.'

5. Why was the courtyard a special place in her house?

- It was frequented by visitors and other people who came to pay taxes
- The family grew rows of spinach and drumsticks there
- The house had 2 cows who were also housed in the large courtyard
- In the evening, Rebati's father would sing aloud 'Krupasindhu bhajan' and sometimes also the Bhagvad Gita
- Other people from the village would also gather here in the evening to listen to the bhajans.

6. Give a brief character sketch of Rebati's father

Shyamabandhu Mohanty (Rebati's father)

- He was the village tax collector, on behalf of the zamindar
- Got a salary of Rs 2 per month and squeezed out a couple of paise from here and there. So his total income was not more Rs 4 per month.
- Kind-hearted man, respected by all, who would leave everyone happy.
- Never took taxes unjustly from anyone~ in fact would arrange for money from his own pocket if falling short!
- He had a special fondness for Rebati and would feel proud when she would sing some bhajans in the evening.

7. Character sketch of Basudeb (Teacher)

Basudeb- Village teacher

- The teacher was a recently graduated student from Cuttack Normal school, whose name was Basudeb.
- His salary was Rs 4 per month from the government. Apart from this, each student paid a fee of one anna every month.
- As was the name, so was the person- the young lad had a handsome face and graceful nature.
- Well-mannered- never looked straight-ahead at anyone while walking through the village.
- Ages around 20 years, carried a pleasing countenance as if shaped from a single grain of rice!
- He had grown up, not with his parents, but with an uncle.