



## INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

<b>Class: VII</b>	<b>Department: ENGLISH</b>	<b>Date of Submission: December 2020</b>
<b>ANSWER KEY</b>	<b>Topic: The Boy with a Catapult (Prose)</b>	<b>Note: To be written in English Notebook</b>

### A1. Answer these questions.

Q1. What kind of a boy was Bodh Raj? Pick out words from the text that describe him.

**Ans: Bodh Raj was the oddest boy in the school. He was callous. He would catch a wasp with his bare fingers, pull out its sting, tie a thread round it and fly it like a kite. He was vindictive and took pleasure in hurting others. Everyone was afraid of him. If Bodh Raj quarreled with anyone, he would charge at him head-on like a bull or viciously kick and bite him.**

Q2. Why did the narrator's new home appeal to Bodh Raj?

**Ans: The narrator's new home appealed to Bodh Raj because he found it a good hunting ground.**

Q3. Why did the narrator's mother tolerate his friendship with Bodh Raj?

**Ans: The narrator's mother tolerated his friendship with Bodh Raj because she realised that the narrator was lonely and needed company.**

Q4. Why was the narrator afraid of taking Bodh Raj to the storeroom in his new house? Did his fears come true?

**Ans: The narrator was afraid of taking Bodh Raj to the storeroom in his new house because he thought that Bodh Raj might kill the birds. No, his fears did not come true.**

Q5. What change did the narrator notice in Bodh Raj while the latter was hunting the mynah chicks?

**Ans: The narrator noticed a change of heart in Bodh Raj. Instead of harming the mynah chicks, he saved their lives from the kite.**

Q6. How did Bodh Raj save the mynah chicks?

**Ans: Bodh Raj saved the Mynah chicks by continuously distracting the kite by aiming at it with his catapult. He then asked narrator to do the same, while he arranged a table and a broken chair, stood on it and brought the nest down and placed it safely in the garage, where the kite could not enter.**

### A2. Answer these questions with reference to context.

Q1. Must have gone in search of food. They should be back soon.

a. Bodh Raj said these words to the narrator.

- b. That the speaker knows a lot about birds, is reflected here.
- c. Yes, the speaker knew a good deal about birds. For example, he continuously kept on talking about the habits of the Mynahs.

**Q2. Don't hit the kite. It will attack you.**

- a. The narrator said these words to Bodh Raj.
- b. These lines show that the speaker was scared.
- c. No, the kite spread its wings wide and peered down. When Bodh Raj aimed again. The kite left the rafter and spreading its wings, flew in a semicircle and alighted on a beam. Bodh Raj asked narrator to aim at the kite, while he arranged a table and a broken chair, stood on it and brought the nest down and placed it safely in the garage, where the kite could not enter.

**Q3. Bring some water, the chicks are thirsty.**

- a. Bodh Raj said these words to the narrator.
- b. Yes, he was actually worried about the birds. He had just saved them from the kite.
- c. No, the speaker was not kind to the birds earlier. Seeing the birds getting attacked by another bird and the realization of the severity of the situation changed his heart.