



# INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

	<b>Department: ENGLISH</b>	<b>Worksheet No: 10</b>
<b>CLASS VIII</b>	<b>Topic: REBATI (QUESTION BANK)</b>	<b>2021-22</b>

## Match the following words in Table A with their meanings in Table B

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Accumulated	An administrative unit in a state
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### **Question/Answers:**

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

**Ans:** Rebati has a very strong and understanding relationship with her father. She trusts her father and in return, her father supports her. There are many situations in the story which proves this true. Rebati would sing alongside her father every evening and this would bring him 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. It shows that they share a very strong bond.

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

Write your own thoughts on this in the notebook.

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

**Ans:** Grandmother rooted in tradition, was critical about girl's education. There is a conflict in the story: Between grandmother and Rebati (Reasons for this arose due to differences in values about what girls should do).

Instead of studying she wanted her to learn cooking, prepare rice cakes, and do rangolis outside the house. She feared about anything that was related to foreign bilayat which means foreign land.

4. Describe Rebati's house in brief.

**Ans:** The front and the back of the house makes up roughly four acres, a ramshackle wall enclosing a shed and a wooden rice mill and 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?

**Ans:** 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

**Ans: 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)

**Ans: 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 students paid a fees 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 20years, 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.

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS:

1. Where does Rebati live?
  - a) Dholakpur
  - b) Raipur
  - c) Jaipur
  - d) Patapur**
2. What is Shyam Bandhu Mohanty's profession?
  - a) Doctor
  - b) Teacher
  - c) Tax collector**
  - d) None of these
3. What vegetables are grown by Rebati's family?
  - a) Spinach and drumsticks**
  - b) Carrots and drumsticks
  - c) Spinach and carrots
  - d) Carrots and pumpkin
4. What bhajan does Rebati's father sing?
  - a) Krupasindhu**
  - b) Dakshina
  - c) Sampradaya
  - d) Namasankeerthana
5. What is the monthly salary of rebati's father?
  - a) 4 Rs**
  - b) 5 Rs
  - c) 1 Rs
  - d) 10 annas
6. Who translated the story from Oriya to English?
  - a) Fakir Mohan Senapati
  - b) Udayshree Kanungo**
  - c) Shyamabandhu Mohanty
  - d) Jhankaar Patnayak
7. Who is the author?
  - a) Fakir Mohan Senapati**
  - b) Ruskin Bond
  - c) Sarojini Naidu
  - d) Robert Frost
8. How many members were there in Rebati's family?
  - a) Three
  - b) Four**
  - c) Five
  - d) Six
9. On which day Rebati had her first class?
  - a) Holi
  - b) Diwali
  - c) Panchami**
  - d) Ashtami

10. Who was Rebatī's neighbor?

- a) **Jhankaar Patnayak**
- b) Patnayak Jhankaar
- c) Shyam Bandhu
- d) Shyamabandhu Mohanty

**Answer Key to Vocabulary:**

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