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Question Bank & Answer Key	Topic: The Boy with a Catapult	Note: English Notebook

QI. Unscramble these words using the meanings provided as clues. Then write these in your notebook as part of the Word Bank.

1. SNTICA- funny, playful tricks
2. DLDOISDGE-removed or forced out from a position
3. IRLA-the resting place of an animal
4. TACLATPU- a device that is used to hurl stones or pebbles
5. SLOLAUC- insensitive
6. OICSLUYCIV- in a violent and cruel manner
7. ORTSSATNEM- mixed collection

Q II. 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 quarrelled 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 realized 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 the 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.

A3. Answer these questions with reference to context

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

a. Who said these words and to whom?

A. Bodh Raj said these words to the narrator.

b. What aspect of the speaker's character is reflected by these lines?

A. That the speaker knows a lot about birds, is reflected here.

c. Do you think the speaker knew a good deal about birds? Support your answer with examples from the story.

A. 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. Who said these words and to whom?

A. The narrator said these words to Bodh Raj.

b. What do these lines tell you about the speaker?

A. These lines show that the speaker was scared.

c. Did the kite attack the speaker and his partner? What happened next?

A. 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 the 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. Who said these words and to whom?

A. Bodh Raj said these words to the narrator.

b. Was the speaker really concerned about the chicks? Give reasons for your answer.

A. Yes, he was actually worried about the birds. He had just saved them from the kite.

c. Was the speaker kind to the birds earlier? What made him have a change of heart?

A. 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.

A4. Fill in the blanks with words from the text

1. It was an old- style bungalow on the _____ of the city.
2. Some pigeons _____ up and down a beam cooing to one another.
3. Gazing down at us _____ was a large kite with its wings _____.
4. The kite left the ventilator and _____ on a _____.
5. Both the chicks, beaks open, were _____. Both Raj fed them with drops of water.

ANSWERS:

A1. 1. Antics 2. Dislodged 3. Lair 4. Catapult 5. Callous 6. Viciously 7. Assortment

A4. 1. Outskirts 2. Strutted 3. Menacingly, outstretched 4. Perched, rafter 5. panting