

Class 11

English core

Snapshots Chapter 1

**The Summer of the Beautiful
white horse**

**I.'This was the part that
wouldn't permit me to
believe what I saw. We were
poor .We had no money.Our
whole tribe was poverty
stricken.'**

**1.What 'the part' is the
narrator talking about?**

a. the poverty of their family

b.the honesty of their family

c.the richness of their family

d.non availability of food

2.Who is 'me here?

a. Aram

b.Mourad

c.Uncle khosrove

d.John Byro

3. What was difficult for me

to believe?

a. Cousin Mourad sitting on a

beautiful white horse

**b. Mourad repairing the wings
of a robin bird.**

C John Byro lost his horse

d. Aram riding a horse.

**4. Which tribe is referred to
here?**

a. African

b. Indian

c. Afghani

d. Armenian

II.

III. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow by selecting the right option :

" I would swear it is my horse if I didn't know your parents. The fame of your family for honesty is well known to me. Yet the horse is the twin of my horse . A suspicious man would believe his eyes instead of his heart. Good day, my young friends.

1. Who is ' I ' in the above lines ?

- Zorab
 - Fetvajian
 - uncle khusrove
 - John Byro
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2. What does this line tell us about the speaker ?

- he believed in the honesty of garoghlanian family.
- he was impractical
- he was foolish
- none of the above

3. Why did the horse's owner refuse to believe that the boys had stolen his horse ?

- because he didn't examine the horse carefully
- because their family was known for honesty
- because he was sure that was not his horse
- because his horse had a twin

4. What made the speaker say " I would swear it is my horse " ?

- after he looked into the mouth of the horse
- after studying the horse eagerly
- after knowing the name of the horse
- both a and b

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Q1. Who is the author of "The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse"?

- A. AJ Cronin
- B. William Wordsworth
- C. William Shakespeare
- D. William Saroyan

Q2. What were the hallmarks of the Garoghlanian tribe?

- A. Trust
- B. Honesty
- C. Both (A) and (B)
- D. None of the above

Q3. "The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse" is a story of two _____ boys.

- A. Armenian
- B. Arabian
- C. Assyrian
- D. African

Q4. Mourad enjoyed being _____ more than anybody else.

- A. crazy
- B. alive
- C. funny

V. Answer the following by choosing the correct option.

1. What longing did Aram have?

a. To ride a bike

b. To ride on an elephant

c. To ride on a horse

d. To enjoy a swing ride

2. We were.....first,.....next ,and after that we believed in right and wrong.

a. true, false

b.honest,proud

c.proud, honest

d.rich, poor

3.Aram was sure that Mourad had..... the horse

a. bought

b.stolen

c. borrowed

d. Lent

4.Aram justified Mourad's act saying that **it would not be stealing because**

a.Mourad was crazy about horses

b.they were not selling the horse

c. he was in the habit of taking other's things

d. Both a and b

5.He got up and stalked out of the house.What is the meaning of 'stalked in this context?

a. To follow secretly

b. To walk in an angry or proud way.

c. Rushed out

d. Ran out

Q6. Why couldn't Aram believe when he saw Mourad with the horse?

- A. Because Mourad was crazy
- B. Because they were poor to afford a horse
- C. Because he was sleepy
- D. Because he was dreaming

Q7. Where did Aram live?

- A. In the centre of the town
- B. In the country
- C. Olive Avenue
- D. At the edge of town on Walnut Avenue

Q8. How does Aram describe the horse?

- A. Magnificent & lovely
- B. Beautiful white horse
- C. Both (A) and (B)
- D. None of the above

Q9. No member of the Garoghlanian family could be _____.

- A. poor
- B. rich
- C. a thief
- D. crazy



Q11. How would you describe uncle Khosrove?

- A. Hot tempered
- B. Irritable
- C. Impatient
- D. All of the above

Q12. What did uncle Khosrove do to stop anyone from talking?

- A. By beating them
- B. By walking away
- C. By shouting at them
- D. By ignoring them

Q13. What was uncle Khosrove's customary line?

- A. Ignore it; pay no attention.
- B. Forget it.
- C. It is harmless; ignore it.
- D. It is no harm; pay no attention to it.

Q14. When Aram rode the horse alone, it ran down the road to the _____.

- A. vineyard
- B. irrigation ditch
- C. field
- D. countryside



Q15. Mourad had been hiding the horse

_____.

- A. in a stable
- B. in a barn of a vineyard
- C. at a secret place of his house
- D. None of the above


Q16. What was the behaviour of the horse initially?

- A. It wanted to be trained
- B. It wanted to rest
- C. It wanted to run wild
- D. All of the above

Q17. What sort of an understanding did Mourad mention with the horse?

- A. Mature
- B. Simple and honest
- C. Complicated
- D. Difficult

Q18. John Byro learned to speak Armenian out of _____.

- A. necessity
 - B. fun
 - C. eagerness
 - D. loneliness
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Q19. Who was the true knower of the horse?

- A. John Byro
- B. Fetvajian
- C. Dikran Halabian
- D. Zorab

Q20. For how long did Mourad have the horse before Aram got to know about it?

- A. One day
- B. One year
- C. One month
- A. One week

Q21. At what time did Aram and Mourad ride the horse?

- A. Late night
- B. Early morning
- C. Evening
- D. Afternoon hours

Q22. "I have a way with farmers." Who says it to whom?

- A. Aram to Mourad
- B. Mourad to John Byro
- C. Aram to John Byro
- D. Mourad to Aram



CHAPTER 1

HORNBILL

THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY

QUESTION BANK

- 1. How does the author describe his grandmother?**
 - a. young and pretty**
 - b. old and wrinkled**
 - c. tall and wrinkled**
 - d. short, fat ,wrinkled**

- 2. What thought did the author find 'revolting'?**

a. grandmother being beautiful

b. grandfather who looked Hundred years old in the portrait

c. grandmother being pretty and young

d. grandfather had a wife or children.

3. Why did the author call her grandmother 'beautiful'?

a. her looks made her look so

b. her attire

c.her being religious

d.both b and c

4.What did the author eat for breakfast ?

a.thin fresh chapati

b.bread and butter

c. rice and curd

d.thich stale chapati with butter and sugar on it

5.What did the grandmother do in the temple?

a.meditation

b.read scriptures

c.sang songs

d.taught children

6.What was the turning point of friendship between the grandmother and author?

a.when he became an adult

b.when his parents called them both to the city.

c.when they stopped talking

d.when he left her and came to the city.

II. Read the extract and answer the qs.that follow.

When I went up to University I was given a room of my own. The common link of friendship was snapped .My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation.She rarely left her spinning wheel to talk to anyone. From Sunrise to Sunset she sat by her spinning wheel reciting prayers.Only in the afternoon she relaxed for a while to feed the sparrows.

1.How did the grandmother spent her time in the city?

a.feeding dogs

b.reading scriptures

c.spinning the wheel

d.talking to family members

2.When did the common link of friendship snapped?

a.when the author started going to school.

b.when he shifted to city.

c.when he went to University

d. when he started living in a separate room alone.

3. How did grandmother spend her afternoon everyday?

a. By taking a nap.

b. by talking to the author

c. by feeding the sparrows

d. by going to temple

4. Choose the word which is a synonym for 'rarely'.

a. frequently

b. often

c. Seldom

d.regularly

III.

II. Read the following extract and answer the questions by selecting the right option:

The next morning she was taken ill . It was a mild fever and the doctor told us that it would go. But my grandmother thought differently. She told us that her end was near.

1. Why did grandmother fell ill ?

- she got wet in the rain
 - due to malaria
 - due to overstraining the previous day
 - due to heart ailment
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2. What did the grandmother want to do after she fell ill ?

- sing with neighbours
- beat the drum
- talk to the narrator
- pray and tell her beads

3. What change came in grandmother the previous evening ?

- she sang songs of homecoming of the warriors
- she stopped praying
- She collected the neighborhood women
- All of the above

4. How did the grandmother react to her illness ?

- she said her end was near
- she ignored her health
- she took care of herself
- she got admitted in the hospital

IV.1. Her fingers were busy telling the beads of her rosary. 'telling here means

a. Make something known to someone

b. Count while reciting

c. Be sure

d. Give information to somebody.

2. 'to take ill' phrase has been used in what sense

a.as a habit

b.to suddenly become ill

c.to carry something

d..none of these

3. 'She was like a winter landscape in the

mountains'. Why does the writer say so?

a. She loved cold weather

b. She was cold and indifferent.

c. she breathed peace and contentment.

d. she liked the winter landscape.

12. Where did the author go to study in the city?

- A. English School in motor bus
- B. by walking down to nearby school
- C. Hindi School
- D. Nowhere

13. What made the grandmother unhappy about the author's new English School?

- A. the fact that she could no longer help him with the lessons
- B. Because they were in city
- C. Because she didn't understand English
- D. Because she didn't understand English and could no longer help him with the lessons

14. Why didn't the grandmother like music?

- A. It was the monopoly of harlots and beggars and not meant for gentlefolk
- B. She liked only religious prayers
- C. She liked the traditional folk music
- D. She thought it would distract him from studies

18. What change came in the grandmother's evening schedule?

- A. She collected the women of the neighbourhood
- B. She would go for a walk
- C. She would sleep early
- D. She would talk to his parents

19. What happened when the grandmother didn't pray for the first time?

- A. She fell ill the next day
- B. She made this her routine
- C. She took a break and went to the village
- D. None of the above

20. How did the grandmother react to her illness?

- A. She said her end was near
- B. She ignored her health
- C. She took care of her
- D. She was admitted to the hospital

21. What did the grandmother do in her final hours?

- A. Talked to everyone in the house
- B. worried about everyone
- C. Silently praying and telling her beads
- D. Went to temple

22. How did the grandmother die?

- A. during telling beads laying on the bed
- B. In the hospital
- C. While sleeping
- D. None of the above

23. How did the sparrows express their sorrow at the death of their grandmother?

- A. They didn't come that day
- B. they came and sat silently in the verandah
- C. They ate the bread crumbs
- D. they chirruped a lot

24. What happened when they took the grandmother's corpse away?

- A. Neighbours visited them to pay condolences
- B. they mourned her death in her room
- C. birds flew away quietly
- D. Nothing happened

25. How do you feel about the character of the grandmother in the chapter?

- A. Emotional
- B. Strong
- C. Selfless
- D. Loving