

First Flight
Chapter 9
Madam Rides the Bus

Multiple Choice Questions

Q1- Who is the author of the lesson "Madam rides the Bus"?

- A) Gavin Maxwell
- B) Vallikkannan
- C) Paulo Coelho
- D) Arup Kumar Dutta

Q2- What was Valli's full name?

- A) Vallikkannan
- B) Valliammai
- C) Valliannai
- D) Vallikannam

Q3- What was Valli's age?

- A) 7
- B) 8
- C) 9
- D) None of these

Q4- What was her favourite pastime?

- A) Watching the street outside
- B) Playing outside
- C) Travelling the bus
- D) Reading books

Q5- How many times did the bus cross her street per hour?

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 4
- D) 6

Q6- What was her overwhelming desire?

- A) To have friends
- B) To travel by bus
- C) To top the class
- D) None of the above

Q7- "Valli would stare wistfully at the people who got on or off the bus." What is the meaning of wistfully?

- A) Fearfully
- B) Carefully
- C) Willingly
- D) Longingly

Q8- What would make Valli jealous?

- A) Strangers travelling by bus
- B) Hearing stories of her friend's bus journey
- C) Her mother travelling the bus
- D) All of the above

Q9- How did she pick up small details about the bus journey?

- A) Listening to conversations of neighbours
- B) Asking a few discreet questions
- C) All of the above
- D) None of the above

Q10- Why did Valli stand up?

- A) She wanted to enjoy the ride
- B) She wasn't able to look outside properly
- C) She liked standing
- D) She was tired of sitting

Q11- What did the old man say to Valli that annoyed her?

- A) He shouted at her
- B) He asked why she's alone
- C) He merely asked her to sit
- D) None of the above

Q12- "Valli found the woman absolutely repulsive". What do you mean by "repulsive"?

- A) Causing strong dislike
- B) Showing displeasure
- C) Extremely attractive
- D) Admirable

Q13- Why did Valli find the woman repulsive?

- A) She had large piercings in her ears
- B) She wore ugly earrings
- C) She was chewing betel nut which could spill out any moment
- D) All of the above

Q14- Why did the old lady ask Valli so many questions?

- A) She was bothered about Valli
- B) She liked Valli
- C) She was poking her nose
- D) She was bored

Q15- What did she have to resist on Village Fair Day to save for the ride?

- A) Balloons
- B) Merry go round
- C) Toys
- D) Peppermint

Q16- What was the next challenge once she'd saved enough money?

- A) Tell her mom about it
- B) Know about the timings
- C) Buy a ticket
- D) To sneak out of the house

Q17- What made her laugh on her journey?

- A) The sight of a running cow
- B) The old woman's earrings
- C) The old man
- D) None of the above

Q18- Why did Valli not get off the bus for sight-seeing?

- A) She was afraid
- B) She didn't want to
- C) She didn't have the time
- D) She didn't like the city

Q19- What does it tell you about Valli when she refused to accept the conductor's treat?

- A) Responsible
- B) Stubborn
- C) Rude
- D) Disrespectful

Q20- Who was a "real chatterbox"?

- A) Valli
- B) Conductor
- C) Her aunt
- D) All of the above

Q21- What saddened Valli?

- A) The dead cow
- B) Car accident
- C) The handicapped passenger
- D) All of the above

Q22- What was the one way fare from the village to the town?

- A) One rupee
- B) 50 paise
- C) 40 paise
- D) 30 paise

Q23- What was the timing of the afternoon nap taken by Valli's mother?

- A) 1 to 3 pm
- B) 1 to 4 pm
- C) 2 to 4 pm
- D) 2 to 3 pm

Q24- How does the conductor address Valli?

- A) As Valli
- B) As Madam
- C) As kiddo
- D) None of the above

Q25- What can you tell about the conductor from the text?

- A) He was funny
- B) He was grumpy
- C) He was quiet
- D) All of the above