

**Q. 1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow :**

In the days preceding my daughter's wedding, the house was upside down with great excitement and confusion. We used to sit discussing for long hour the various details to be fixed.

We just had a month for shopping and organizing everything. Our daughter gave us all a real difficult time deciding about the wedding dress. At one moment she would choose a dress and the next instance she would set her eyes on another. Though the agony of indecision occasioned by the momentous event in her life was understandable, I was beginning to lose my patience and must have shown it too. After one week of hectic, futile shopping, I lay down thinking of my mother and the preparations for my own wedding. Her pleasantly shining face was there before my eyes. I wished she was there to guide and comfort me then and to bless her granddaughter, who was entering a new phase of life after marriage.

I remember how easily mother would create a very pleasant situation whenever she found any of her children looking sad or worried. Her moral support could always wipe the tears and bring smiles to our faces. For us she was a pillar of strength that we could lean upon in times of distress. Remembering those old days I took out my suitcase to gaze at my wedding sarees that had not been worn and were still intact. Being an army officer's wife. I would never think of dressing up in those heavy sarees, which my husband frowned upon.

While showing it to my daughter amidst recollection of my own days. We found tucked inside the layers a lovely chiffon saree, full of beautiful golden zari work. I remembered how my mother had fallen for that, the moment it was shown to her. She at once bought it for me ignoring my protest that it was too bright and heavy for my sober taste.

Suddenly, with a lighting touch, I took it out and gave it to my daughter. She admired it as lovingly as my mother had done. On an impulse I told her it was a gift to her from her maternal grandmother. I could see my mother come alive with a smile on her face, making me feel it was what she had wanted. It was as though through the saree, mother was blessing her granddaughter. I felt wonderful.

My daughter looked at the saree and then at my face. She was surprised to see me look so joyous and excited like a young girl. It was a great moment, a truly blessed one! I cherish it lovingly. Whenever I miss my daughter, I try to relive that beautiful moment which comforted me in my hour of need. For decked up in that saree, as my girl came for her wedding, I saw myself as the bride once again, and there was mother showering her benedictions on two generations.

(Shashi Dutt, adapted)

**Answer the following questions :**

- Why was the house in state of excitement?
- Why was the narrator losing her patience?
- Why did the narrator feel nostalgic?
- Why did the narrator give her saree to her daughter?
- What did the narrator remember about her own mother?
- Why was the moment 'a blessed one'?
- Give a suitable title to the passage.
- Find a word which means the same as 'blessings'.

**Q.2. Meera lost her favourite wrist watch while she had gone for a picnic with her school friends. Being sad and upset, she writes a diary entry to vent out her feelings. Write the diary entry for her in not more than 120-150 words.****Q.3. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word :**

Star gazing is (a) ..... rewarding pastime. One glance (b) ..... the sky on a clear night (c) ..... demonstrate that it offers an infinite source of fascinating (d) ..... useful study.

**Q. 4. In the given passage one word is omitted in each line. Identify the word and write it with the word that comes before and after it :**

Before      Missing      After

People love chocolate of every kind.      a) \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Not only is it tasty treat for many,      b) \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate also boasts certain health  
benefits when consumed moderation.      c) \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_  
d) \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**Q. 5. Answer the following questions in 80 to 100 words:**

a) Tele-books and e-books are need of the hour especially when we have to save trees, paper and other resources.  
Comment taking examples from the lesson "The fun they had".

b) Describe the dilemma in poet's mind in the poem 'The Road not Taken'. How does he resolve it?

c) The child is fascinated to the things in the fair and demands them. He takes interest in the things around. What does it reflect about 'joys of childhood'?

d) Describe author's grand father in the story 'The Adventures of Toto'.