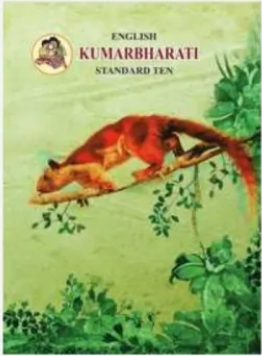


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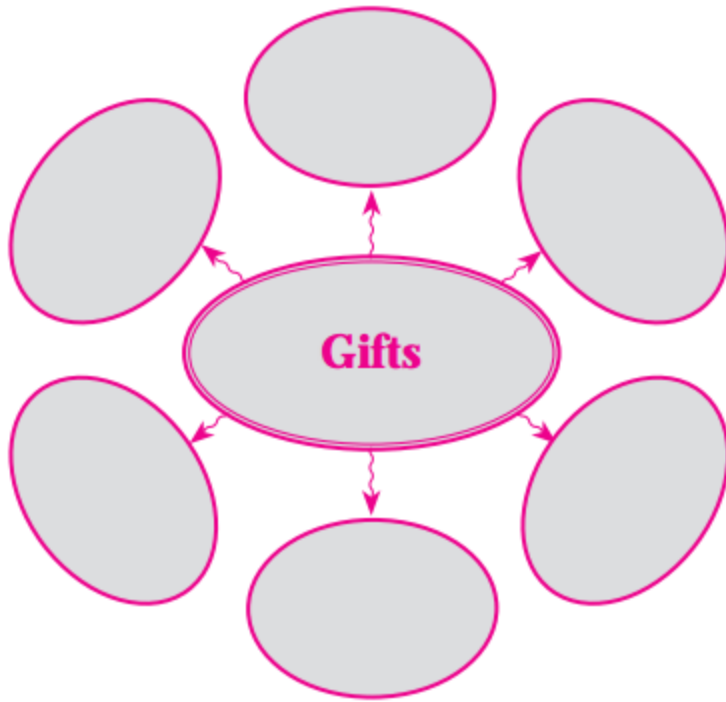
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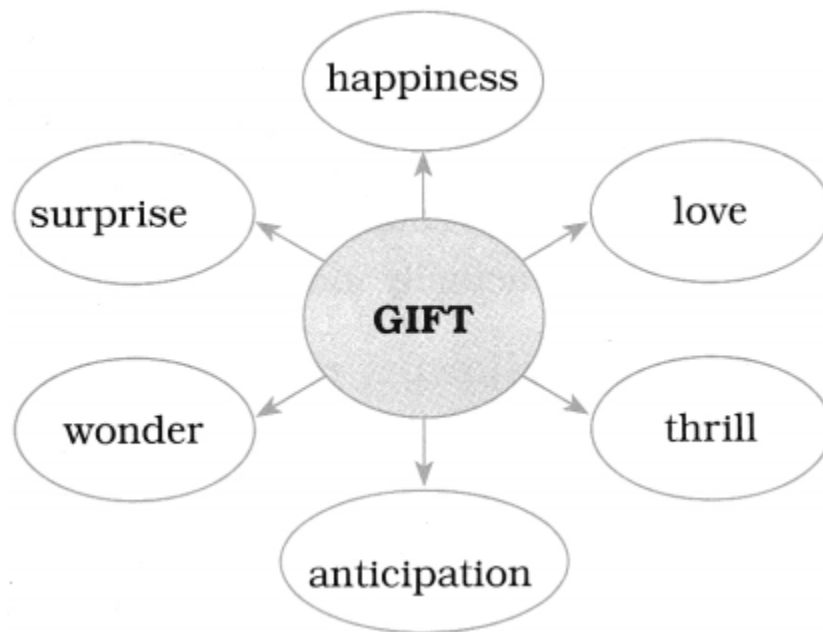
### Question 1.

The moment you hear the word 'Gift', what feelings do you experience? Complete the web with those feelings.

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Answer:



Question 2.

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**‘Gifts’ need not be material gifts. They can be abstract and yet priceless. For example, favours, kindness, help in times of need etc.**

**Think of and enlist such unforgettable gifts given to you by :**

(1) Parents/ Grand parents : .....

(2) Siblings/ relatives : .....

(3) Friends : .....

(4) Strangers : .....

**Answer:**

(1) love, kindness, etc.

(2) support, empathy, etc.

(3) loyalty, sympathy, etc.

(4) courtesy, help, etc.

**Question 3.**

**Say whether the words underlined are infinitives/ participles or gerunds.**

**(1) The athletes wanted to take part in the running race.**

(a) .....

(b) .....

**Answer:**

(a) to take – infinitive:

(b) running – participle

**(2) Would you like to eat at the dinning table?**

(a) .....

(b) .....

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**Answer:**

(a) to eat – infinitive;

(b) dining – participle

**(3) Reading is good for the mind and soul. So take up reading books.**

(a) .....

(b) .....

**Answer:**

(a) Reading – gerund;

(b) reading – gerund

**(4) I like to eat fruits rather than eating sweets.**

(a) .....

(b) .....

**Answer:**

(a) to eat – infinitive;

(b) eating – gerund

**(5) Listening and speaking sharpen your language skills.**

(a) .....

(b) .....

**Answer:**

(a) Listening – gerund;

(b) speaking-gerund

**Question 1.**

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**Complete the following.**

- (a) Della had saved .....
- (b) Della wanted to buy .....
- (c) Della's beautiful hair tell about .....

**Answer:**

- (a) one dollar and eighty-seven cents.
- (b) a Christmas present for Jim
- (c) her rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters.

**Question 2.**

**Answer the following questions:**

- (a) How much did Della save for Christmas ? What does it show ?
- (b) Why did Della take pride in the beauty of her hair?
- (c) Why and how did Della sell her hair? Do you think she did well ?
- (d) Why did Jim sell his gold watch? Do you think he did well ?
- (e) Why did Jim and Della want to present the gifts?
- (f) Why did Della feel sad on losing her hair?
- (g) What did Jim bring out from his coat? Describe the scene.
- (h) How beautiful was the gold watch chain? Would you have liked to own it?
- (i) How did the Magi want to celebrate their Christmas (OR) Who were the first people to give Christmas gifts ?
- (j) What is the moral of the story?

**Answer:**

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- (a) Della saved one dollar and eighty-seven cents for Christmas. It shows that she was very poor.
- (b) because Jim thought that she was pretty because of her hair.
- (c) Della sold her lovely long hair to get money to buy a Christmas present for Jim.
- (d) She sold it to a woman who dealt in hair goods of all kinds. Yes, she did it willingly even though it was her prized possession.
- (e) it was Christmas Eve, a time for giving gifts.
- (f) it was very beautiful and her prized possession.
- (g) Jim brought out a package from his coat.
- (h) The watch chain was very beautiful. It was made of platinum, and simple and chaste in design. No, I would not have liked to own it, because I do not carry a watch that needs a chain. It is old-fashioned.
- (i) The Magi wanted to celebrate their Christmas by exchanging gifts. They were the first people to give Christmas gifts.
- (j) The moral of the story is that unselfish love is the greatest of all gifts, and those who realize this fact are the wisest.

### Question 3.

**Complete the following activity :**

**Map the problems and solutions in “The Gift of the Magi” on the diagram below. Two problems have already been filled in.**

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Problem : Della doesn't have enough money to buy Jim a present for Christmas.

Problem : Jim doesn't have enough money to buy a Christmas gift for Della.

1. Her solution :

2. His solution :

3. Their new problem :

4. Their new solution :

**Answer:**

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**Problem :** Della doesn't have enough money to buy Jim a present for Christmas.

**Problem :** Jim doesn't have enough money to buy a Christmas gift for Della.

**1. Her solution :** She sells her hair and buys a fob chain for Jim.

**2. His solution :** He sells his watch and buys tortoise shell combs for Della.

**3. Their new problem :** Della doesn't have long hair to use the combs. Jim doesn't have a watch for the fob chain.

**4. Their new solution :** They put away their Christmas presents for a while and continue with their normal life.

**Question 4.**

**Read the following and answer.**

**(A) Say WHAT**

- (a) ..... troubled Della on Christmas Eve?
- (b) ..... was the current family income?
- (c) ..... could have outshone Queen of Sheba's jewels?
- (d) ..... was the cost of the fob chain?

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(e) ..... sent Jim into a trance, on his return?

**Answer:**

(a) The next day was Christmas Day and Della had only one dollar and eighty-seven cents with which to buy Jim a present. She had spent a lot of time thinking about a good present for him. but with the money she had saved she would not get anything worthy of him. Hence, she was feeling disturbed.

(b) \$20 per week.

(c) Della's beautiful hair

(d) twenty-one dollars.

(e) Jim saw that Della had cut off her beautiful hair. It was seeing this that sent him into a trance.B) Say WHY

(a) ..... did Della sell her lovely long hair ?

(b) ..... was Della a bit apprehensive after she had sold her hair ?

(c) ..... did Jim avoid checking the time in his gold watch, in a public place?

(d) ..... did Della's scream of joy change to loud wails ?

(e) ..... in the end, did Jim ask Della to put the chops on?

**Answer:**

(a) to get money to buy a Christmas present for Jim.

(b) she was afraid of Jim's reaction.

(c) the leather strap he used in place of a chain was old.

(d) Jim's gift to Della was the set of tortoise shell combs that she had adored. She had craved and yearned for them, so that they could adorn her beautiful hair. When she opened the package and saw them, she was first ecstatic with joy that she had got what she had coveted; but her scream of joy turned to wails when she remembered that the beautiful hair they would have adorned was now cut off. The gift was hence useless.

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(e) Jim knew that neither of them could use their Christmas gifts for the time being. Hence, he wanted to put them away and keep them for some time. He wanted to get back to daily life. Hence, he asked Della to put the chops on. (C) Say WHEN

- (a) ..... had Jim added 'Dillingham' as his middle name ?
- (b) ..... did a tear or two drop on the old red carpet ?
- (c) ..... did Della go through goods in the stores ?
- (d) ..... did Della say a silent prayer to God ?
- (e) ..... did Jim try to divert their attention for ten seconds, at least?

**Answer:**

- (a) a former period of prosperity, when he was earning \$30 per week.
- (b) Della made up her mind to cut off her beautiful hair.
- (c) she was searching for a suitable present for Jim.
- (d) she heard Jim's step on the stairway down on the first flight.
- (e) Jim realized that Della was afraid of his reaction to her short hair. In order to console her, he probably hugged her and the narrator tries to divert our attention to something else, to give them privacy. It could also mean that the narrator is asking us to think about the importance of riches-how important is it to happiness.

**Question 5.**

**Complete Use the chart below to explain situational irony in 'The Gift of the Magi'. For each character, identify what is expected to happen and what actually happens.**

**SITUATIONAL IRONY**

What Della plans :                      What actually happens

What Jim plans :                      What actually happens  
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**Answer:**

### SITUATIONAL IRONY

What Della plans : To give Jim a wonderful Christmas gift in the form of a fob chain.

What actually happens : Jim cannot use Della's gift of a fob chain for his watch because he has sold his watch to get her gift.

What Jim plans : To give Della a wonderful Christmas gift in the form of a set of tortoise shell combs.

What actually happens : Della cannot use Jim's gift of combs because she has cut and sold her hair to get him his gift.

### Question 6.

**Complete the following activity.**

**Word List :**

**agile, cascade, coveted, instigate, prudence, assertion, chronicle, inconsequential, predominating, subside, gobbling.**

**Fill in each set of blanks with the correct word from the word list. The boxed letters will spell out something that Della receives.**

1. A small waterfall
2. You wished greedily for something.
3. This describes something important.
4. You hope a loud siren will do this.
5. Troublemakers do this.

**Answer:**

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(1) A small waterfall

(2) You wished greedily for something C[O]VETED

(3) This describes something important PREDO[M]INATING

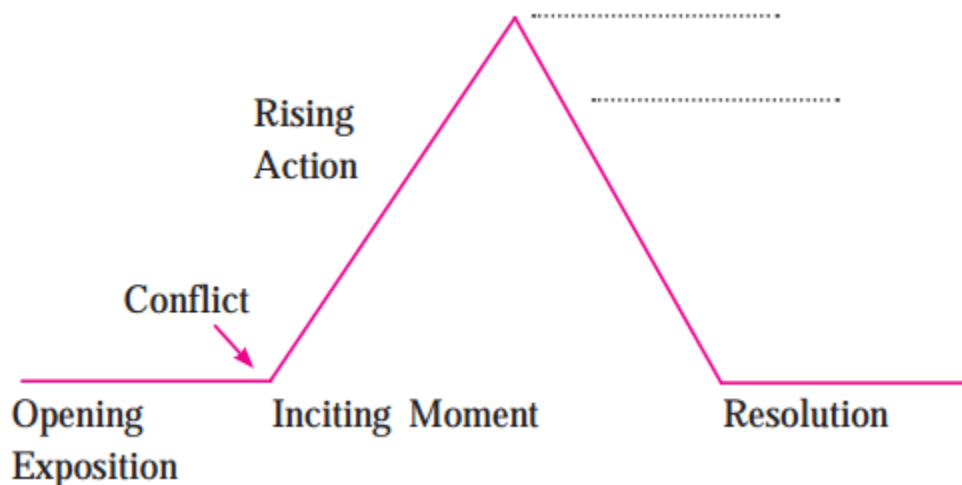
(4) You hope a loud siren, will do this SU[B]SIDE

(5) Troublemakers do this IN[S]TIGATE

COMBS

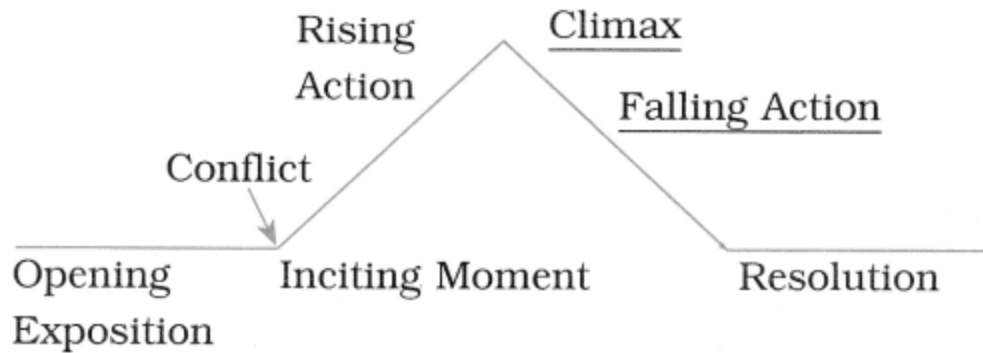
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**Complete the following basic plot diagram :**



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**Question 8.**

**Pick out from the story words that mean the following.**

**Against each consumer write (N) if it is a Noun (V) for Verb and (Adj) for Adjective.**

- (1) reluctance to spend money ..... ( )
- (2) relating to ..... ( )
- (3) urge ..... ( )
- (4) reduce in value ..... ( )
- (5) wisdom ..... ( )
- (6) very huge ..... ( )
- (7) foolishness ..... ( )

**Answer:**

- (1) reluctance to spend money ..... ( )
- (2) relating to ..... ( )
- (3) urge ..... ( )
- (4) reduce in value – depreciate ( Verb )
- (5) wisdom – prudence ( Noun )

(6) very huge – mammoth ( Adjective )

(7) foolishness – idiocy (Noun)

**Question 9.**

**Think and answer on your own in a few sentences, in your notebook.**

**(a) What would you do if you ran short of money, to buy a birthday gift for one of your parents/siblings?**

**Answer:**

If I ran short of money to buy a gift for one of my parents/siblings, I would borrow from someone else close to me. For example, if I wanted to buy a bag for my sister and fell short of money, I would ask my mother to lend it to me. If I wanted to buy something for Mom and did not have the money for it, I would borrow from dad.

**(b) Think of two alternatives that could have prevented Della as well as Jim from selling their most precious possessions.**

**Answer:**

Both knew that they were poor and couldn't afford expensive gifts. So they could have just given each other small token gifts of flowers or cards. This would have prevented them from selling their most precious possessions.

**(c) Justify the title of the story, 'The Gift of the Magi'.**

**Answer:**

The Magi were three wise men who brought gifts for baby Jesus during Christmas. They knew how to give and gave unique gifts with special emphasis. In the same way, Della and Jim gave each other unique gifts. The author compares their giving to the gifts the Magi gave to baby Jesus, he calls them the 'Magi' because of their wisdom in realizing that unselfish love is the greatest of all gifts.

**(d) Gifts that you buy have fixed prices/ rates. How can the buyer increase the value of a gift bought for someone very dear in the family?**

**Answer:**

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The buyer can increase the value of a gift bought for someone very dear in the family by giving it with words of love and gratitude. He /She can also write something loving on a card and attach it to the gift.

**(e) What situation is the climax of the story ? How does it end up as an Anticlimax?**

**Answer:**

The climax should have been the happiness and joy on the faces of Jim and Della when they see their gifts. It ends up as an anti-climax because though they had got what they coveted, neither of them could now use the gifts.

**(f) If you share this story with some friends in a junior class, how would they react in the end?**

**Answer:**

They would probably just feel that all the sacrifice was wasted. They would not have realized the deeper meaning of the story.

**(g) Who were the very first people to give Christmas gifts? What had inspired them to do so?**

**Answer:**

The Magi visited Jesus after his birth to give gifts to honour him. The Magi wanted to celebrate their Christmas by exchanging gifts. They were the first people to give Christmas gifts.

**(h) At the end of the story, O Henry remarks that of all who give gifts, Della and Jim were the wisest. Think and explain this paradoxical remark.**

**Answer:**

Jim and Della were initially foolish enough to believe that they needed to give material gifts in order to show their love for one another and that they had to sacrifice their most precious possessions to do so. However, they were also wise enough to know later that unselfish love is the greatest of all gifts.

**Question 10.**

**Pick out and rewrite the exact sentence which indirectly imply the following :**

**(a) Della was not too happy about bargaining for grocery etc.**

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**Answer:**

Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned.

**(b) The flat was in a dilapidated condition.**

.....

**Answer:**

It did not actually beggar description, but certainly had that word on the look out for the mendicancy squad.

**(c) King Solomon would express his jealousy of Jim.**

.....

**Answer:**

Had King Solomon been the janitor, with all his treasures piled up in the basement, Jim would have pulled out his watch every time he passed, just to see him pluck at his beard with envy.

**(d) Della spent a joyful time, for two hours.**

.....

**Answer:**

The next two hours tripped by on rosy wings.

**(e) Della's elated mood underwent a change as she opened her gift.**

.....

**Answer:**

An ecstatic scream of joy; and then alas! A quick feminine change to hysterical tears and wails.

**(f) The weekly income amount does not matter.**

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**Answer:**

Whenever Mr. James Dillingham Young came home and reached his flat above he was called 'Jim' and greatly hugged by Mrs. James Dillingham Young.

**Question 11.**

**Frame wh-questions to get the underlined answers.**

**(1) Life is made up of sobs, sniffles and smiles.**

.....

**Answer:**

What is life made up of?

**(2) Many a happy hour she had spent planning for something nice for him.**

.....

**Answer:**

Who had spent many a happy hour planning something nice for him?

**(3) Her hair reached below her knee.**

.....

**Answer:**

Where did her hair reach?

**(4) She was ransacking the stores for Jim's present.**

.....

**Answer:**

She has been ransacking the stores for Jim's present.

**(5) At 7 o'clock the coffee was made.**

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**Answer:**

When was the coffee made?

**(6) The magi were wise men.**

.....

**Answer:**

Who were the magi?

**Question 12.**

**(A) Add appropriate question tags.**

- (1) Della leaped up, .....?
- (2) You'll have to look at the time, .....?
- (3) They were expensive combs, .....?
- (4) I just had to do it, .....?
- (5) I am still pretty, .....?
- (6) Give it to me quick, .....?
- (7) There was clearly nothing to do,.....?
- (8) My hair grows so fast, .....?
- (9) Let's put our Christmas presents away, .....?
- (10) She had a habit for saying a silent prayer, ..... ?

**Answer:**

- (1) Della leaped up, didn't she?
- (2) You'll have to look at the time, won't you?

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- (3) They were expensive combs, weren't they?
- (4) I just had to do it, didn't I?
- (5) I am still pretty, aren't I?
- (6) Give it to me quick, won't you?
- (7) There was clearly nothing to do, was there?
- (8) My hair grows so fast, doesn't it?
- (9) Let's put our Christmas presents away, shall we?
- (10) of saying a little silent prayer about the simplest everyday things.

**(B) Supply short answers (Pronoun + Auxiliary Verb)**

**Questions – Answers**

- (1) Don't you like me ? Yes, .....
- (2) Have you cut off your hair ? Yes, .....
- (3) Shall I put the chops on ? Yes, .....
- (4) Isn't it a dandy ? Yes, .....
- (5) Does it make difference ? No, .....
- (6) Will you buy my hair ? No, .....
- (7) Can you afford it ? No, .....
- (8) Are you fooling me ? No, .....

**Answer:**

- (1) Yes, I do.
- (2) Yes, I have.
- (3) Yes, you shall/can.

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- (4) Yes, it is.
- (5) No, It doesn't.
- (6) No, I won't.
- (7) No, I can't.
- (8) No, I'm not.

**Question 13.**

**Pick out the infinitives/ gerunds/ participles from the following sentences and state what each one is.**

- (1) I want to see how it looks.

.....

- (2) I don't like frightening stories.

.....

- (3) We decided to settle in Pune.

.....

- (4) Playing sitar is Arjun's hobby.

.....

- (5) It was a horrifying experience for all of us.**

.....

**Answer:**

- (1) to see – infinitive
- (2) frightening – participle
- (3) to settle – infinitive
- (4) playing – gerund

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(5) horrifying – participle

**Question 14.**

**List the signs that indicate that Della was very poor.**

**Answer:**

The following things show us that Della was very poor:

- (i) The house was a poorly furnished flat at \$8 per week.
- (ii) The couch was small and shabby.
- (iii) In the vestibule below was a letter-box and an electric bell, both of which were not functioning.
- (iv) The current family income was \$20 per week.
- (v) After a lot of bargaining and penny-pinching, Della had saved only one dollar and eighty-seven cents for Christmas.

**Question 15.**

**Pick out from the passage words that mean the following, and state if it is a Noun, Verb or Adjective: (The answers are given directly and underline.)**

**Answer:**

| Phrase                        | Word From the passage | Part of Speech |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| (1) Reluctance to spend money | parsimony             | Noun           |
| (2) Relating to               | appertaining          | Verb           |
| (3) Urge                      | coax                  | Verb           |
| (4) provokes                  | instigates            | Verb           |

**Question 16.**

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**Rearrange the letters given below to form sensible words:**

- (i) stedoih
- (ii) eilpmid
- (iii) teccirle
- (iv) ectubrh.

**Answer:**

- (i) stedom – modest
- (ii) teccirle – electric
- (iii) eilpmid – implied
- (iv) ectubrh – butcher

**Question 17.**

**Della counted the money thrice. Explain what you think the reason for this may be.**

**Answer:**

Della had struggled and bargained a lot to save money. She had hoped that she had saved enough money to buy Jim a proper Christmas present. She could not believe that it was only 1 dollar and 87 cents. She probably counted the money thrice in the hope that it was actually more than that.

**Question 18.**

**Write whether the following statements are True or False:**

- (1) Della wanted to buy a Christmas present for Jim.
- (2) There was a pier glass between the windows of the room.
- (3) Jim now earned \$30 per week.
- (4) It was Christmas Eve.

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**Answer:**

(1) True

(2) True

(3) False

(4) True

**Question 19.**

(1) Write the part of speech of each of the words given below:

(1) fairly accurate conception.

(ii) very agile person.

**Answer:**

(i) fairly-adverb

accurate – adjective

conception – noun

(ii) very-adverb

agile-adjective

person-noun

**Question 20.**

**Find from the passage the antonyms of the following words:**

(1) common

(2) slow

(3) spending

(4) dully

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**Answer:**

- (1) common x rare
- (2) slow x agile
- (3) spending X saving
- (4) dully x brilliantly

**Question 21.**

**Rewrite the following sentence as an interrogative sentence: Twenty dollars a week doesn't go far.**

**Answer:**

Does twenty dollars a week go far?

**Question 22.**

**Rewrite the following sentence beginning 'Though ': Her eyes were shining brilliantly, but her face had lost its colour.**

**Answer:**

Though her eyes were shining brilliantly, her face had lost its colour.

**Question 23.**

**Complete the following:**

- (1) The couple's prized possessions were .....
- (2) Della's beautiful hair fell about .....
- (3) Della felt sad on losing her hair because .....

**Answer:**

- (1) Jim's gold watch and Della's beautiful hair.
- (2) her rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters.

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(3) it was very beautiful and her prized possession.

**Question 24.**

**Write the adjective forms of the following words and pick out those that are participles:**

(1) possessions

(2) treasures

(3) envy

(4) sparkle

**Answer:**

(1) possessions – possessive

(2) treasures – treasured (past participle)

(3) envy – envious

(4) sparkle – sparkling (present participle)

**Question 25.**

**Complete the following:**

**(a) The gift Della bought for Jim was .....**

**Answer:**

(a) a platinum fob chain.

**Question 26.**

**Explain why Della looked at her reflection critically.**

**Answer:**

Della had cut off her beautiful hair, which Jim had loved. She was worried about his reaction to her short hair, and to make it look better she had curled her newly-cut hair. She looked at her reflection critically hoping that Jim would like it.

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**Question 27.**

**Pick out 4 adverbs of manner from the passage.**

**Answer:**

properly, wonderfully, carefully, critically.

**Question 28.**

**Frame a Wh-question to get the underlined part as the answer: She was ransacking the store for Jim's present.**

**Answer:**

Why was she ransacking the store?

**Question 29.**

**Rewrite the following sentence using 'No sooner., than..': As soon as she saw it she knew that it must be Jim's.**

**Answer:**

No sooner did she see it, than she knew that it must be Jim's.

**Question 30.**

**Complete the following: (The answers are given directly and underlined.)**

(a) Jim stared at Della .....

(b) Della took pride in the beauty of her hair .....

**Answer:**

(a) because she had cut off her hair.

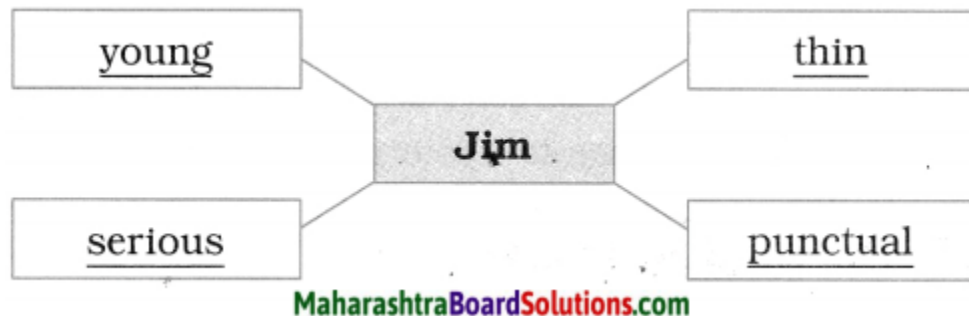
(b) because Jim thought that she was pretty because of her hair.

**Question 31.**

**Complete the web with words to describe Jim.**

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**Answer:**



**Question 32.**

**Pick out two words from the passage formed by using prefixes:**

**Answer:**

immovable, disapproval.

**Question 33.**

**Match the adjectives in column 'A' with the nouns in column 'B':**

| 'A'          | 'B'            |
|--------------|----------------|
| (1) new      | (a) prayer     |
| (2) silent   | (b) overcoat   |
| (3) first    | (c) expression |
| (4) peculiar | (d) flight     |

**Answer:**

| 'A' | 'B' |
|-----|-----|
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                         expression

**Question 34.**

**Give your opinion: 'It is important to give gifts.'**

**Answer:**

Yes, it is. When you give gifts, you show your love and affection for the person. You also show that you have remembered the occasion-maybe a birthday or an anniversary. However, the gift should be thoughtfully chosen, keeping the likes and dislikes of the receiver in mind.

**Question 35.**

**Put the following statements in the correct order of occurrence:**

- (1) "If you'll unwrap that package you may see why you had me going a while at first."  
(2) "It's Christmas Eve, boy."  
(3) "Don't you like me just as well, anyhow?"  
(4) "It's sold, I tell you."

**Answer:**

- (3) "Don't you like me just as well, anyhow?"  
(4) "It's sold, I tell you."  
(2) "It's Christmas Eve, boy."  
(1) "If you'll unwrap that package you may see why you had me going a while at first."

**Question 36.**

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**Give reason: Della asked Jim to be good to her.**

**Answer:**

Della asked Jim to be good to her for she had cut off her hair for his sake.

**Question 37.**

**Complete the following:**

**This conversation took place on .....**

**Answer:**

Christmas Eve.

**Question 38.**

**Complete the following table:**

**Answer:**

|     | Noun       | Adjective | Adverb      |
|-----|------------|-----------|-------------|
| (1) | labour     | laborious | laboriously |
| (2) | idiocy     | idiotic   | idiotically |
| (3) | discretion | discreet  | discreetly  |
| (4) | curiosity  | curious   | curiously   |

**Question 39.**

(1) Jim drew a package from his overcoat pocket and threw it upon the table. (Rewrite beginning 'Drawing....'.)

(2) The magi brought valuable gifts, but that was not among them. (Rewrite beginning 'Though'.)

**Answer:**

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(1) Drawing a package from his overcoat pocket, Jim threw it upon the table.

(2) Though the magi brought valuable gifts, that was not among them.

**Question 40.**

(1) The gift Jim had brought for Della was .....

(2) The beautiful present flashed with .....

(3) Jim and Della wanted to present the gifts because .....

**Answer:**

(1) a set of beautiful, pure tortoise shell combs, with jewelled rims.

(2) a reflection of Della's bright and ardent spirit.

(3) it was Christmas Eve, a time for giving gifts.

**Question 41.**

Jim wanted to put the Christmas presents away and get back to daily life.

**Answer:**

And now, suppose you put the chops on.

**Question 42.**

**Describe the scene when Della opened the package that Jim gave her.**

**Answer:**

Della opened the package that Jim had given her with nimble fingers. She first gave an ecstatic scream of joy, which soon changed to hysterical tears and wails. Jim had to immediately comfort and soothe her. However, she hugged the gift lovingly to her bosom.

**Question 43.**

**why Jim sold his gold watch. Do you think he did it willingly?**

**Answer:**

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Jim sold his gold watch to buy a Christmas gift for Della. Yes, he did it willingly, even though it was his prized possession.

**Question 44.**

**why Jim and Della are referred to as the Magi.**

**Answer:**

Jim and Della are referred to as the Magi because first each willingly sacrificed his/her prized possession for the sake of the loved one. Then they wisely realized that unselfish love is the greatest of all gifts.

**Question 45.**

Pick out from the story the word that means the following, and state if it is a Noun, Verb or Adjective: sought after

**Answer:**

sought after – coveted (Adjective)

**Question 46.**

**Fill in the blanks with words from the passage that are the opposites of the underlined words: (The answers are given directly and underlined.)**

- (1) Something that is not .....
- (2) Something that is not .....
- (3) Men who are not ..... are .....
- (4) Something that is not ..... is .....

**Answer:**

- (1) cheap is expensive.
- (2) bright is dull.
- (3) foolish, wise.

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(4) hated, worshipped.

**Question 47.**

- (1) Pick out two compound words from the lesson.
- (2) Pick out a gerund from the lesson and use it in your own sentence.
- (3) Punctuate: youve cut off your hair asked jim laboriously
- (4) Find out five hidden words from the given word: ornamentation
- (5) Use the following phrase in your own sentence: on the corner of the table
- (6) Spot the error and rewrite the correct sentence: Jim be never late.
- (7) Identify the type of sentence: Isn't it a dandy. Jim?
- (8) Arrange the following in alphabetical order: Christmas, cheeks, chaste, chain, chops, coveted
- (9) Complete the word chain of animal names: duck, k....., o....., h....., e..... .

**Answer:**

- (1) backyard, letter-box
- (2) saying: He had the habit of saying cruel things with a smile on his face.
- (3) "You've cut off your hair?" asked Jim, laboriously.
- (4) ornamentation: ornament, remain, mentor, meant, rotate
- (5) The little boy sat on the corner of the table.
- (6) Jim was never late.
- (7) Interrogative and negative.
- (8) chain, chaste, cheeks, chops, Christmas, coveted
- (9) duck, kangaroo, ostrich, hare, elephant.

**Question 48.**

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“You say your hair is gone?” he said, with an air almost of idiocy. (Rewrite in reported speech.)

**Answer:**

He asked her, with an air of almost idiocy, whether she said that her hair was gone.

**Question 49.**

(1) Use the following word as a verb and a noun in two separate sentences: look

(2) Use the given two words in a single sentence of your own: reflection, terrified

**Answer:**

(1) (i) “Look to your left and right before crossing the road,” said the policeman, (verb)

(ii) The woman gave the shopkeeper an angry look, (noun)

(2) The lion was terrified when it saw its reflection in the water.



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