

# **CHANDNI**

## **Textual Exercises**

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- 1. Why did Abbu Khan's goat want to run away?
- **Sol.** Abbu Khan's goats wanted to run away because they loved free-dom.
- 2. Abbu Khan said, "No more goats in my house ever again". Then he changed his mind. Why?
- Sol. Abbu Khan changed his mind and bought another goat in his house because he couldn't do without his pets.
- 3. Why did he buy a young goat?
- **Sol.** He bought a young goat because he thought that she would live with him for a longer time.

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- 1. Why did Chandni hate the rope round her neck?
- **Sol.** Chandni hate the rope. round her neck because it stopped her going to the hills.
- 2. Now Abbu Khan understood Chandni's problem". What was Chandni's problem?
- Sol. Chandni wanted to go to the hills. But Abbu Khan didn't understand what she wished.
- 3. Abbu Khan pushed Chandni into a small hut. This shows that he
  - (i) was cruel.
  - (ii) loved her and wanted to save her life.
  - (iii) was selfish.
- **Sol.** (ii) loved her and wanted to save her life.

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- 1. Why did Chandni refuse to join the group of wild goat?
- **Sol.** Chandni refused to join the group of wild goats because she wanted to enjoy her new freedom all by herself.
- 2. Chandni fought the wolf because she:
  - (i) was stronger than the wolf.
  - (ii) hated the wolf.
  - (iii) had to retain her freedom at all costs.

- **Sol.** (iii) had to retain her freedom at all costs.
- 3. Why did the wise old bird say, "Chandni is the winner"?
- **Sol.** The wise old bird said so because chandni fought bravely with the wolf without caring for the success or failure. Even though she was killed by the wolf, she was the winner.
- 4. "Death in an open field is better than life in a small hut," Chandni said to herself. Was it the right decision? Give reasons for your answer?
- **Sol.** Yes, it was the right decision. Life in captivity is not welcomed by anyone, not even by the animals. Every living creature wants freedom and is ready to face every situation, even death for the sake of freedom.
- 5. Freedom is life. Discuss this with reference to Chandni and I want something in cage.
- **Sol.** Freedom is the most cherished thing of anyone's life. Not only human beings, even animals and birds also cannot do without it. They can embrace death happily, but can never like to live a life of slavery. It is freedom which makes a life meaningful. In its absence, these is absolutely nothing which can bring happiness in anyone's life. Hence it is the most important thing.