

Story Writing

Solved Examples With Answers

Question 1.

Write a short story with the help of the following outline:

Tortoise and hare – good friends – tortoise – known for his slow speed – hare has fast speed – makes fun of tortoise – challenges him – referee selected – race starts – hare overconfident – takes a nap – tortoise wins.

Answer:

Once there lived a tortoise and a hare in a forest. They were good friends. The tortoise was known for his slow speed. The hare was proud of his speed and he often made fun of the tortoise's slow speed.

One day the tortoise challenged the hare to a race. The hare agreed and a horse was selected as the referee. The race started and the overconfident hare ran fast and attained a lead in the initial stage. The hare now felt like taking a short nap as he believed that he could overtake the slow tortoise any time and reach the target. The hare slept. When the hare woke up he realized that he had overslept.

He began to run fast to overtake the tortoise who slowly and steadily was reaching the target. The tortoise reached the target before the hare could do so and won the race. The moral of the story: 'Slow and steady wins the race.'

Question 2.

Write a short story based on the following outline:

two cats – hungry – a loaf of bread – can't divide – each greedy – wants more – a
clever monkey – offered to help – bit by bit – ate the bread – his fee – bread finished
– cats foolish – still hungry.

Answer:

Equal Share

Once upon a time there lived two cats in a village. One day they were hungry; they searched for food but could not find anything to eat. Soon they spotted a loaf of bread on the road. Each of them was greedy and wanted to eat the bigger portion of the bread leaving the smaller portion to the other. They were arguing as to who should get the bigger share of the bread. A monkey who was passing by was amused when he heard the two cats fighting with each other. He was clever. He offered to help the cats solve their problem and the cats also agreed to it. He bit a small portion of the bread and ate it. He then bit a portion of the larger portion to equalize it. He kept on repeating this act till only a small portion was left behind. He ate that piece also saying that it was his fees. The two cats stood dumbstruck having realized their folly and remained hungry that day.

Question 3.

You are Jyoti/Jaydeep. Your younger brother was badly hurt on the evening of Diwali and had to be hospitalized. Narrate your experience in the form of a story, with an appropriate title.

Answer:

Diwali Evening Fiasco

Diwali is a festival of lights. Diwali evening glitters the autumn with delights of young children. It brings joys and happiness with the blessings of Goodess Lakshmi. Children burst crackers on this day. Elders also keep themselves busy to decorate their houses for Diwali celebration. My younger brother Jaydeep's joy knew no bounds on the evening of Diwali last October. Diwali is a festival of lights. Children burst crackers on this day. So, Jaydeep bought a lot of crackers. Many friends came to meet him. Everybody asked him to accompany them. He said, "I am waiting for Tiku and Monu. They will bring two baskets full of crackers. We will enjoy bursting crackers on the Diwali evening in our parlour."

Tiku and Monu reached in time with two big baskets full of crackers. Some crazy boys were bursting chemical bomb-crackers. They started bursting bomb-crackers incessantly. The atmosphere got so much smoky that nothing was visible. Suddenly, one cried loudly, "I can't see anything, I am almost blind, Who's there? Save me, save me," Tiku and Monu found it's my brother terribly injured. They informed me instantly. I took him by an ambulance to the emergency department in the nearest hospital. The hospital authorities were very cooperative. They admitted my brother then and there. My brother's life was saved, but Jaydeep lost his one eye for ever.

Question 4.

Complete the following story. Give a suitable title to the story. [Delhi 2019)

Bunya was a foolish boy, who liked to be given plenty of attention and was always seeking it. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do an act of mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice, "There's a tiger, there's a tiger."

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Answer:

A Foolish Woodcutter Boy

Once there lived a poor woodcutter boy, named Bunya, near a wood. He lost his father in his childhood. As he was foolish enough to do his duty, so he liked to be given plenty of attention as to perform his duties. As he was an orphan he was always at his wits' end and did foolish things. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do a mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice, "There's a tiger, there's a tiger." Many villagers came rushing to his aid. But on reaching they found Bunya laughing at how easily they got duped.

It amused Bunya very much and he repeated his act. The villagers once again turned up to his aid but found out that Bunya was joking again. The villagers got irritated and vowed never to be made fun of by Bunya again. After a few days Bunya was cutting woods when he saw a tiger. He screamed and screamed for help but no one turned up for his help. Everybody thought that he was trying to fool them again but when Bunya's

mother raised the alarm that it was 8 at night and he hadn't returned, they set out in his search only to find Bunya's bones. The tiger roared, "Never tell a lie".

Question 5.

Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

Lala, the grocer, was very greedy. He would mix stones in pulses and coloured sand in spices and sell them to the poor villagers. The villagers complained to him but he turned a deaf ear as his was the only grocery store in the village.

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Answer:

Greedy Grocer

There lived a greedy grocer in Lalarampura village in Madhya Pradesh. His name was Lala Prasad. In the whole village it was the only grocery shop. So, poor villagers had to buy all the daily necessities such as pulses, spices, rice, etc. from his shop. But Lala was a dishonest grocer. He would mix stones in pulses and rice, and coloured sand in spices and sell them with unfair prices to the poor villagers. The poor villagers lived from hand to mouth. All the villagers complained to him but he turned a deaf ear to their pleas. The villagers decided to take action against him and complained to the village panchayat.

The panchayat asked him to serve good quality items to the people which he did for a few days but soon fell back to his old ways. One day his son fell very ill and he was compelled to go to the next village to buy medicine. He brought medicine from the next village unaware that the man who sold the medicine was just as dishonest. He gave his son the medicine and found him getting worse. All the villagers prayed for the young boy and one of the villagers telegraphed his brother in town for the required medicine.

His son soon recovered and Lala learnt that the medicine was tampered with by the seller. He understood the gravity of his sin and vowed to be honest from then on.

Question 6.

Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

Suraj was a very foolish man. He had no common sense and was often seen doing the silliest of things. He earned his livelihood by cutting wood.

Answer:

A Great Fool's foolishness

Once there lived a young woodcutter on the outskirts of a forest. His name was Suraj Gandiv. The villagers, dearly called him Suraj. He earned his living by cutting wood from the nearest forest. He had no common sense. He was often involved in doing the silliest of things. He earned his livelihood by cutting wood. He cut wood from the nearby forest and was often tired of carrying it from the forest to the village. So he decided to cut the banyan tree at the edge of the forest. He wanted to save money so that he could get married to his beloved Chanda.

Lost in dreams, he began to cut the tree. He cut all the branches of the tree save one, the one on whose edge he was sitting. So he decided to cut off the last branch too and merrily began sawing the branch. He thought the villagers were jealous of him. So when he had given the final blow to the branch he fell down and broke his ribs. His marriage was postponed by a year. After his recovery, during this time he worked very hard and amassed a lot of money. The next year all the villagers attended his wedding. Suraj is no more foolish after that mishap.

Question 7.

Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

Mr. Shah lived in a posh residential complex. The residential complex had a huge tree at the centre of it. It was a peepal tree. The residents hung swings on it, fed the birds and the squirrels that resided in it. One day a builder decided to chop it off and build a swimming pool in its place. The residents protested but the builder convinced them that

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Mr. Shah lived in a posh residential complex. The residential complex had a huge tree at the centre of it. It was a tall peepal tree. The residents hung and swings on it, fed the birds and squirrels that resided in it. One day a builder decided to chop it off and build a swimming pool in its place. The residents protested but the builder convinced them that the swimming pool would look better. Only Mr. Shah was not convinced because he was a great lover of trees and supported biological diversity.

ched to the tree for its branches reached his window and many a happy time he spent watching the creatures that resided on it. He prayed that something should happen to prevent chopped off. Just at the moment he heard a scream from his neighbour's daughter Sweetie, he rushed to his window to see her caught between the branches. Sweetie was soon rescued and was declared to be in a safe condition with a few minor wounds.

Sweetie had slipped through the railing and if it wasn't for the tree she would have died, Sweetie's dad was the builder himself and decided not to chop off the tree anymore. Mr. Shah thanked God for listening to his prayers and also prayed to all "Save Trees, Save Lives."

Question 8.

Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

Last week I went to market on bicycle to buy some books. I placed my bicycle outside the shop.

Answer:

Last week I went to market to buy some books on my bicycle. I placed the bicycle outside the shop. I asked for the spices mother had wanted, paid for them and turned back. To my surprise a squirrel was sitting gaily on the seat of my bicycle. I stood quietly for five minutes, watching the squirrel. It was very amusing to watch the squirrel trying to bite its tail; it soon sensed my presence and looked up to find me staring at it.

I took out a carrot from the shopping bag I had in my hand and offered it to the squirrel that started nibbling it immediately. It did not scamper away but to my utmost surprise jumped on to my shoulders. I felt proud that it chose me as a friend and resolved to keep it as a pet. But I forgot it was somebody's pet. Just as I sat on the bicycle the shopkeeper came outside his shop looking for some Tony which was the pet's nick name.

The squirrel jumped from my shoulders to the shopkeeper who fondly patted him and remarked that Tony had kept him company for three years and it was one of the members of his family. I was very disappointed at the prospect of losing Tony but was happy that Tony had a very loving and kind master.

Question 9.

Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

Yesterday I was going to school. On the way I saw a child in the middle of the road. A car was coming at full speed.

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Answer:

Yesterday I was going to school. On the way I saw a child in the middle of the road. A car was coming at full speed. I was screaming to the top of my voice. The traffic police noticed it too and signalled the car to stop. The car halted with a screech and a lady darted towards the child and picked her up in her arms. The lady looked very relieved. She went up to the traffic police and thanked him for saving her baby's life.

The traffic police repeatedly warned the lady not to bring the child when she went for shopping. Particularly, women these days are crazy to bring their children while going for shopping. She narrated the traffic police that while she was busy buying vegetables, the child had slipped away unnoticed. She had been looking for the child frantically then suddenly she spotted him in the middle of the road.

The traffic police reproached her for her carelessness and asked her to be more cautious in future. She should be aware of the traffic rules and act accordingly. For her part, it is an unpardonable offence to harass the police in the context of losing a child, though she may be a parent. She promised that she would never let the child out of her sight whenever she was out of house.

Question 10.

Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

Once there was an old man. He had four sons. They always quarrelled with one another.

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Answer:

Once there was an old man. He had four grown-up sons. They always quarrelled with one another and vehement. Despite coaxing and pleading, the four brothers refused to reform and be cordial with each other. The quarrels turned serious when the brothers threatened to kill one another. The father was at a loss and decided to teach them a lesson. He purchased a bear. He showered the creature with love and provided a trainer who taught the bear to dance.

The sons were surprised, perplexed and became jealous of the bear. They were planning how they could drive away the animal. They decided to kill the bear, but could not agree on a single plan of action. While one felt that the bear should be poisoned, the other wanted the bear driven out. A third wanted to leave him in the zoo, and the fourth wanted to kill the trainer. A huge quarrel broke out. On learning what his sons were planning, the father was aghast.

He told them that it was a cruel act to kill a pet animal. He was about to send for the police to arrest them for cruelty to animals when the sons realized their stupidity. They were repentant and begged to be pardoned. After extracting a promise of good behaviour and brotherly affection, the father forgave them. The family came together once again.

Question 11.

Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.

One day a dog found a piece of meat. He reached the bank of the river.

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Answer:

One day a dog found a piece of meat. He joyfully reached the bank of the river. He knew that the other dogs in the neighborhood were keen to have a slice of the meal but he was in no mood to