

ENGLISH LITERATURE QUESTION BANK (2026-27)

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FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:1

LESSON:1

THE PLATE OF PANCAKES

A. Answer these questions.

1. Who was Karl's mother sending the pancakes to ?

Ans: Karl's mother was sending the pancakes to Karl's father, who worked at the saw-mill.

2. What was special about the forest that Karl crossed on the way?

Ans: The forest was called the Enchanted Wood. People believed it was magical and that fairies and goblins lived there and loved to play tricks on travellers.

3. What distracted Karl the first time and how did it delay his journey?

Ans: Karl heard a whispering voice near the blackberry bushes that told him to stop and eat some berries. Every time he tried to leave, the voice said, "Just one more, then go." He kept picking and eating berries until he forgot about time, and the pancakes became cold.

4. When did Karl realise that he had wasted time picking blackberries? How did he react?

Ans: Karl realised he had wasted time when he heard the mill's evening whistle blow, which meant his father was already done

with work. He reacted by crying and returning home with tears in his eyes and the cold pancakes.

5. Why did Karl's mother and grandmother exchange knowing looks when he returned with cold pancakes?

Ans: Karl's mother and grandmother looked at each other because they guessed the goblins in the Enchanted Wood were the ones whispering and trying to trick Karl. They understood what had happened, even if Karl did not.

6. How did Karl deliver the pancakes safely in the end?

Ans: Karl delivered the pancakes safely because he followed his grandmother's advice. She told him to say the word made from the fourteenth and fifteenth letters of the Alphabet—'N' and 'O'—which makes 'NO,' three times if something tried to stop him. When a bird tried to trick him, Karl shouted, "No! No! No!" and kept walking to the mill without any trouble.

B. Read the extracts and answer the questions.

EXTRACT:1

"But I am taking these pancakes to my father."

a. Who is the speaker? Who is he speaking to?

Ans: The speaker is Karl, the little boy. He is speaking to a whispering voice that came from the blackberry bushes in the Enchanted Wood.

b. Who was trying to stop the speaker and how?

Ans: A mysterious voice, probably a goblin, was trying to stop Karl by tempting him to eat blackberries. It kept whispering to him,

saying things like, “Stop, Karl, and eat,” and “Just one more, then go.”

c. What happened when the speaker stopped?

Ans: When Karl stopped to pick and eat berries, he forgot about the time. The pancakes became cold, and when he heard the mill’s evening whistle, it was too late. He had to go back home without giving the pancakes to his father, and he was very sad.

EXTRACT:2

"If anyone tries to stop you, say the word made of the fourteenth and the fifteenth letters of the alphabet three times loudly, and everything will be fine."

a. Who gives this advice and to whom? Why?

Ans: Karl’s grandmother gave him this advice because he got distracted two times while taking pancakes to his father through the Enchanted Wood. She wanted to help him stay safe and stay focused.

b. What are the fourteenth and fifteenth letters of the alphabet? Why is it important?

Ans: The fourteenth and fifteenth letters of the alphabet are ‘N’ and ‘O’. Together, they make the word ‘NO’. This word is important because saying “No! No! No!” helped Karl ignore the magical tricks in the forest and stay on the right path.

c. How did the listener use this advice to complete his journey successfully?

Ans: When Karl heard a bird calling to him, trying to make him leave the path, he remembered what his grandmother said. He counted the letters and found the word ‘NO’. Then he shouted, “No!

No! No!” three times. The tricks stopped and he reached the mill safely with all the pancakes warm and safe.

EXTRACT:3

I wish Father had some of these wonderful cakes for dinner, don’t you, Mother?

a. What did Karl’s mother do on hearing this?

Ans: Karl’s mother agreed and asked Karl to take some pancakes to his father.

b. What did Karl do in the woods?

Ans: Karl put down the plate of pancakes to chase a rabbit.

c. What did Karl discover?

Ans: Karl discovered that all the pancakes had disappeared.

C. Make Sentences:

1. Delicious: My mom baked delicious cookies for us.

2. Whispered: Sara whispered a secret into her best friend’s ear.

3. Proudly: The student proudly showed her gold medal to the class.

4. Halfway: We were halfway to the park when it started raining.

5. Realised: I suddenly realised that I had left my lunchbox at home.

LESSON:2

THE ENCHANTED CASTLE

Answer these questions:-

1. How did the children reach the terrace and what did they see from there?

Ans:1 The children crawled through a cave and a dark passage to reach a bright marble terrace. From there, they saw a beautiful lake with swans, an island, and a waterfall.

2. Why did the children believe they had found an enchanted castle?

Ans:2 The children believed it was magic because the hidden cave, the quiet garden, and the white castle turrets looked like a fairy tale. They also found a girl sleeping in old-fashioned clothes, which made them sure they had found a magical place.

3. Why is Kathleen worried about meeting a stranger?

Ans:3 Kathleen is worried because they are trespassing in a place they don't belong. She knows that if a gardener sees them, he will ask why they are there, and they might be forced to leave or get caught.

4. Why did Jimmy doubt that the place was magical?

Ans:4 Jimmy was sceptical because he believed that magic had disappeared from the world once people started using modern inventions like steam engines, newspapers, and telegraphing.

5. Who did Kathleen think the sleeping girl was?

Ans:5 Kathleen thought the sleeping girl was "Sleeping Beauty" because of her old-fashioned clothes, and she imagined she had been asleep for a hundred years.

B. Read the extracts and answer the questions.

Extract: 1

“Yes, come on. Put your feet in first. Be careful. There’s a sharp fall.”

a. Who is the speaker speaking to and what makes him say this?

Ans: Gerald is speaking to Kathleen and Jimmy. He warns them because he has entered the cave ahead of them and wants to ensure they are careful of the sudden drop inside.

b. What do the words ‘sharp fall’ tell you about the cave entrance?

Ans: It indicates that the cave entrance is steep or features a sudden, dangerous vertical drop.

c. What does this line say about the children’s adventure so far?

Ans: This line shows that the children’s adventure is becoming more exciting and risky. They are exploring unknown places and there is a feeling of danger and mystery.

Extract : 2

“It’s the enchanted Princess!”

a. Who is the speaker and what makes him say that ?

Ans: The speaker is Gerald. He calls her an “enchanted Princess” because finding a girl asleep in a maze on a marble seat, dressed in old-fashioned clothes, reminds him of the Sleeping Beauty fairy tale.

b. What was the ‘Princess’ doing when the children found her?

Ans: The princess was sleeping, lying perfectly still as if under a magical spell.

c. How does this line connect with the theme of imagination in the story?

Ans: This highlights the children’s vivid imaginations. By interpreting a real-life situation through the lens of a fairy tale, they transform their ordinary adventure into something magical and exciting.

Extract:3

It’s like the outside of a railway tunnel,” said Jimmy.

a. What was Jimmy describing?

Ans: Jimmy was describing the arch and steps leading to a dark underground passage.

b. Where did the children think it would lead them to?

Ans: The children thought it would lead them to the enchanted castle or back to the road or under the road they came from.

c. Name the story from which the above extract is taken and name the author.

Ans: The name of the chapter is “The Enchanted Castle” and the name of the author is Edith Nesbit.

C. Make Sentences:-

- 1. Enchanted: The forest looked enchanted in the bright moonlight.**
- 2. Scrambled: I scrambled up the rocky hill to reach the top.**
- 3. Glimmer: I saw a tiny glimmer of light coming from the dark cave.**
- 4. Gazing: She was gazing at the bright stars in the night sky.**
- 5. Terrace: We sat on the terrace to watch the sunset.**