

I. Write Word Meaning

1. blues- a state of depression or sad feeling
2. miserable- unhappy
3. snort- a sound made by forcing breath through the nose in sleep
4. bedpost- the feet on which bed stands
5. dangling- hanging
6. outrageousness – shocking behaviour

II. Read the extracts and answer the questions.

1. ‘Well, one of them’s loose and it aches awfully.’

a. Who is the speaker?

Ans: Tom Sawyer is the speaker.

b. What is loose?

Ans: One of his upper front teeth is loose.

2. ‘It makes my flesh crawl to hear you. What is the matter?’

a. Who is the speaker?

Ans: Sid is the speaker.

b. ‘makes my flesh crawl’ - what does it mean?

Ans: ‘makes my flesh crawl’ means to make someone feel disgusted, afraid, etc.

III. Answer the following questions:

Q1) Why did Tom decide to use the tooth as an excuse some other time?

Ans: Tom decided to use the tooth as an excuse some other day because suddenly, he remembered that if his aunt comes to know about the loose tooth, she would pull the aching tooth out and that would hurt him.

Q2) On which morning Tom didn’t like to go to school and why?

Ans: Tom didn’t like to go to school on Monday’s because he thought that it began another week’s slow suffering in school and he loved to go for fishing.

Q3) What were the dental instruments and how they were used?

Ans: The dental instruments were chunk of fire and a silk thread. Aunt Polly fastened one end of the silk thread to Tom’s tooth with a loop and the other end to the bedpost. Then she seized the chunk of fire and suddenly she thrust it almost into Tom’s face. The tooth hung dangling by the bedpost.

IV. Explain the idioms

1. Monday Morning Blues - **the feeling that comes to us as the weekend has passed by and it is time to resume the work again.**

2. face grew white - **the skin on the face becomes very pale, because of fear, shock, anger, or illness.**

3. break one's old heart - **to cause someone to feel great sorrow or sadness.**
4. thrust something in one's face - **push or move something quickly with a lot of force**

V. Write Synonyms

1. attempts- efforts
2. sore- pain
3. tremble – quiver
4. thrust- push
5. fake - false
6. frighten - afraid
7. awful- terrible

VI. Write Antonyms

1. tremble x steadiness, calm
2. die x alive
3. awful x wonderful

Topic- A tale of a tail

I. Read the extract and answer the following questions.

1. 'What is wrong with you?'

a. Who are rogues?

Ans: Swaminathan, Pea and Shankar

b. Why are they fighting with each other?

Ans: They are fighting because Swaminathan had slapped Shankar and Pea.

c. Where is the fight going on?

Ans: The fight is going on, at a lonely spot in the field adjoining the school.

II. Explain the idioms

1. hardly believe one's eyes- **unable to believe or accept what is happening right in front of one**
2. lost their head- **to lose control and not act in a calm way**
3. to be someone's tail – **follow or shadow someone closely**

III. Write Synonyms

1. giggle – **laughter**
2. rogue- **crook**
3. howled – **shouted**
4. spot – **place**
5. aghast- **amazed, shock**
6. sobbed- **wept**

IV. Write Antonyms

1. rogue x **trustworthy**
2. aghast x **fearless**
3. apart x **together**
3. astonishment x **disinterest, incuriousness**
4. everywhere x **nowhere**

V. Answer the following questions

Q1. How did Swaminathan react when he saw the word 'TAIL' written on the blackboard?

Ans: **Swaminathan's face turned red with anger. He ran towards the blackboard and rubbed the word off with his hands. He then went to Pea and gave a fierce slap on his cheek.**