

Answers:

4 (a). He was top of the list in his examination(s) // he was first (in the country) in his examination(s)

(b). He bowed (down) to touch his father's / his feet

5 (a). watch(es) / a few watches

(b). shining vistas newly opened

(c). WONDER: amazement / astonishment / awe / marvel / admiration / couldn't believe it

APPROVAL: respect / approbation / commendation / assent / agreement / acquiescence /

blessing / confirmation // thought he was doing the right /good / appropriate thing // thought positively about him

(d). to show the contrast with Rakesh // to show that Rakesh's achievement was great / unexpected (because his father was uneducated)

6. (i) a foreigner // someone from another country / village

(ii) someone who wanted to / wanted Rakesh to set up home independently (of his parents)

7 (a). her son had looked after / cared for her in her last illness/ as she was dying / on her death bed

(b) SIGNIFICANCE: importance /seriousness / critical / import / major // (something that mattered / was of consequence/ worth considering/needed attention FIGMENT OF

IMAGINATION: dreamed up / pretend / in his head / makebelieve / fancy / fanciful / illusion / invention / creation / creativity / psychosomatic / hypochondria / hallucination

(c). that Varma / he was dead / had died

8 (a) Rakesh had always/still looked after / been concerned about / loved his father / him //

Rakesh was a devoted / good son // cared for his father / him a lot // he really cared (for his father) // he cared more than anyone else (about his father) // it was obvious he would take care of his father / him // he took extra care (of his father)

(b) theatrically

(c) (i) he wouldn't let him have the food he liked / craved / favoured // wouldn't give him rich food / oil / butter / cream // fat // fatty/ oily/ unhealthy food

(ii) he wouldn't allow him another / second / extra helpings

(d) powders and pills // medicine

(e) she smiled /smirked when Varma was refused food / second helpings // had his food (intake) controlled // She tried to hide / she hid her cruel smiles

9 (to show) he thought his son / Rakesh didn't respect him // so that Rakesh couldn't show his respect // to reject Rakesh // (to show) he didn't want to bless his son // to prevent his son from seeking his blessing

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1. bedlam (L4) - chaos / anarchy / clamour / commotion / pandemonium / confusion / hubbub / tumult /uproar / turmoil / mayhem / madness / havoc/ disorder
2. streamed (L4) - processed/ went in continuously / poured / flowed / spilled / filed (in) / came one after the other
3. fruits (L9) - rewards/ results / harvest / product / produce/ return / outcome(s) / fulfilment / consequences
4. prestigious(L14) - renowned / esteemed / celebrated / distinguished / eminent/ reputable / notable / respected / good reputation / revered / prominent / highly regarded / acclaimed / illustrious / high status / high standing / highly rated
5. apparently (L18) - seemingly / as if / at first sight / on the surface / on the face of it / looking (like) / ostensibly
6. in the wink of an eye (L21) - suddenly / all at once/ abruptly / immediately / overnight / quickly / speedily/ fast / instantly / instantaneously // in a (few) second(s) // in a (few) moment(s) / in a jiffy / in no time / in a flash / rapidly / hastily / like lightning
7. gratifying (L31) - pleasing / rewarding / agreeable / satisfying / satisfactory / welcome/ pleasant / pleasurable / heart-warming
8. reproach (L33) - criticism / condemnation / censure / blame / disapproval / rebuke / slight / admonition / reproof / reprimand / upbraiding