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Class VIII. Eng. Literature

L-4. Bipin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory.

Word Meanings.

contrary - opposite विरुद्ध

meek - humble विनम्र

close quarters - near place निकट  
जगह

insane - not in one's senses  
असंनित

intruder - one who comes uninvited  
बिना बुलाए आने वाला

inconceivable - that cannot be imagined  
अचर्यानी

head reeled - shocked and confused  
आश्चर्य हो गया

intimate - private निजी

deliberate - well considered  
सोचा समझा

bracing - cold but stimulating  
शीतल परंतु प्रोत्साहित करने वाला

lingered - stayed for a long time

१. १२ तक देरी रहे  
 ridiculous senseless अतार्किक  
 ruthless cruel निर्दयी  
 sarcasm ironical remark व्यंग्य  
 nuisance annoying actions ३०५११  
 slammed shut with a loud  
 noise नुट ३१०५११ के साथ पटक  
 sneezing lying close सह कर ली  
 sleuthing investigating ६३१  
 conscientious careful and correct २५११  
 utterly totally पूर्णतः  
 incredulous unbelievable अविश्वसनीय  
 tranquiliser a medicine which  
 composes शान्त करन वाला  
 acquaintance familiarity परिचय  
 asylum a place for mad people  
 ५१०५११११११  
 confidential - secret गुप्त

## Q/ Answers.

Q. 1. why did the man stare at Bepin Babu in disbelief?

Ans. The man reminded Bepin Babu of his trip to Ranchi again and again. But Bepin Babu denied having ever gone there. This made the man stare in disbelief.

Q. 2. where did Bepin Babu say he went in October '58'?

Ans. Bepin Babu said that he had gone to Kanpur in October 58.

Q. 3. Mention any three things that Parimal Ghosh knew about Bepin Babu.

Ans.

- 1) Bepin Babu had no children.
- 2) His wife died ten years ago.
- 3) His brother had died insane.

Q.4. Why did Bepin Babu worry about what Parimal Ghosh had said?

Ans. Bepin Babu was worried about the fact that Parimal Ghosh knew a great deal about him. He seemed to know even intimate details.

Q.5. How did he try to decide who was right — his memory or Parimal Ghose?

Ans. For this Bepin Babu decided to ring up Dinesh Mukherjee.

Q.6. Why did Bepin Babu hesitate to visit Mr. Mukherjee? Why did he finally decide to phone him?

Ans. He hesitated because he wanted to avoid embarrassment. Moreover, he thought that Mr. Mukherjee might assume that he has

lost his wife. At last he decided to call Mr. Mukherjee to avoid talking to him face to face.

Q. 7. What did Mr. Mukherjee say? Did it comfort Bepin Babu or add to his worries?

Ans. Mr. Mukherjee said that he visited Ranchi in Oct. 58. He also added that he was also there. It added to Bepin Babu's worries.

Q. 8. Who was Chunilal? What did he want from Bepin Babu?

Ans. Chunilal was an old friend of Bepin Babu. He wanted Bepin Babu to help him find a job.

Q. 9. Why was Dr. Chanda puzzled? What was unusual about Bepin Babu's loss of memory?

Ans. Dr. Chanda was puzzled when he heard the symptoms of Bepin Babu's ailment. The unusual thing was that he remembered every event of his life except one episode - his visit to Ranchi.

Q.10. Had Bepin Babu really lost his memory and forgotten all about his trip to Ranchi?

Ans. No, Bepin Babu was not a victim of memory loss. In fact, it was a trick played by his old friend, Chunital.

Q.11. Why do you think Chunital did what he did? Chunital says he has no money. What is that he does have?

Ans. Chunital did so to teach Bepin Babu a lesson for not helping him in his hard time. Chunital has no money but he has imagination which he uses as a punishment.

for Bepin Babu's unfeeling behaviour.

Q.12. The author describes Bepin Babu as a serious and hardworking man. What evidence can you find in the story to support this?

Ans. Bepin Babu had been working in a big firm for twenty years. He never got negative remarks during this period. He was an efficient and tireless worker. This is a clear evidence that Bepin Babu was a serious and hard working man.

Q.13. Why did Bepin Babu change his mind about meeting Chunilal? What was the result of this meeting?

Ans. Bepin Babu did so because he thought that Chunilal might remember about the 58 trip. What Chunilal told him about his trip made him

more miserable. Chuvilal told him that he had fixed up his railway booking for Ranchi. He also had gone to the station to see him off and helped him with the non-functional fan in his compartment. He, therefore, decided to consult a physician to cure him of his problem.

Q. 14. Bepin Babu lost consciousness at Hudroo Falls. What do you think was the reason for this?

Ans. Bepin Babu was under great stress thinking that he had lost his memory. Thus, he was undergoing severe mental agony. The journey by train to Ranchi, taking round of the city in a taxi and then to Hudroo Falls fatigued him. Hence due to fatigue and mental agony, Bepin Babu lost his consciousness at Hudroo



Falls.

Q.15. How do you think Bepin Babu reacted when he found out that Chumital had tricked him?

Ans: Bepin Babu must have felt ashamed of himself for being a self-centred man. At the same time, he must have found a great relief from the stress he was undergoing.

## Poem - The Last Bargain

### Word - Meaning

chariot a horse driven royal  
court २५

hire to engage someone on  
payment १५३ ५५ २५५५

crooked curved २८१ - ३१८

hedge a flower bush ५५५५ १५५५  
२५५५

melted	reduced to	घुलकर	घटकर
glistened	shone	चमकी	रखी
naught	worthless	बिना	मूल्य
pondered	thought	सोचा	
paled	turned pale	पलक	पडी
unwardly	without any order	बिना	कोई
bargain struck	the deal was settled	बिना	कोई

## Q/ answers.

Q.1. Who is the speaker in the poem?

Ans. Rabindranath Tagore

Q.2. The old man offered the speaker a lot of money. Why did he turn down the offer?

Ans. The poet turned down the offer because he could not find happiness and freedom in money.

Q.3: How did the speaker feel after talking to the child on the beach?

Ans. The speaker felt happy and satisfied after talking to the child on the beach.

Q.4. Extract Based Questions:

Read the stanzas given below and answer the questions that follow.

"Come and hire me," I cried, while in the morning  
I was walking on the stone-paved road.  
Sword in hand the king came in his chariot.

He held my hand and said, "I will hire you with my power."  
But his power counted for naught, and he went away in his chariot.

i) Where was the poet walking?

Ans. The poet was walking on the stone-paved road.

ii) What did he want?

Ans. He wanted to be hired by someone.

iii) Who came in his chariot?

Ans. The king came in his chariot.

iv) How did he try to hire the poet?

Ans. He tried to hire the poet with his power.

v) Why could he not hire him?

Ans. He could not hire the poet because his power was not of any value or importance.