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Q1.

[3]

Mention any two reasons that substantiate that Bholi's mother was a negative presence in her life. (Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2026 2/1/1 Q9 III

♦ Bholi

Q2.

[3]

Why did Bholi's teacher feel like an artist admiring her masterpiece? (Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2024 2/1/1 Q9 (ii)

♦ Bholi

Q3.

[3]

Education acts as a catalyst for a significant transformation in Bholi. Comment. (Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q9 (i)

♦ Bholi

Q4.

[6]

Destiny had been cruel to Bholi yet she made a place for herself in a conservative society. Discuss.

Previously asked in: 2023 2/6/1 Q11(a)

♦ Bholi

Q5.

[3]

"In time you will be more learned than anyone else in the village. Then no one will ever be able to laugh at you." What effect did her teacher's words have on Bholi? Elaborate.

(Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2025 2/2/1 Q9 (iii)

♦ Bholi

Q6.**[3]**

The teacher built up Bholi's confidence on her first day at school. Discuss. (Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2026 2/2/1 Q9 (iii)

◆ Bholi

Q7.**[3]**

What makes Bholi believe that the place where she was taken was better than her home ? (Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2026 2/3/1 Q9 (iii)

◆ Bholi

Q8.**[3]**

Do you think Bholi could have confidently refused to marry Bishamber if she wasn't educated? Give reasons. (Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2024 2/3/1 Q9 (i)

◆ Bholi

Q9.**[6]**

Answer in about 100-120 words : Imagine you are Bholi and write a diary entry, explaining how you dare to take such a bold step of refusing to marry Bishamber. (Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2025 2/5/1 Q11(a)

◆ Bholi

Q10.**[3]**

How does Bholi get the confidence to defy the blackmailer/dowry seeker?

Previously asked in: 2023 2/2/1 Q9 (b)

◆ Bholi

Q11.**[6]**

Education is always a great asset in the life of a woman. How did Bholi, an educated girl, face the challenge posed by Bishamber's greed?

Previously asked in: 2023 2/1/1 Q11(a)

◆ Bholi

Q12.**[6]**

Answer in about 100-120 words.

It is truly said that a good teacher is the light that helps one cross even the darkest of paths through honing their inherent qualities which enable them to shine bright and strong in life. In what ways, does Sulekha's teacher epitomize this saying? How did she become the pillar of support and strength for Sulekha? (Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2025 2/6/1 Q11(b)

◆ Bholi

Q13.**[3]**

Bholi's heart was brimming with "fresh optimism and a renewed existence." What significance does the expression "a new hope and a new life" hold for Bholi?

Previously asked in: 2025 2/4/1 Q9 I

◆ Bholi

Q14.**[4]**

The credit of Bholi's transformation to Sulekha goes to her teacher. Elaborate with reference to the text.

Previously asked in: 2022 2/4/1 Q7 (iii)

◆ Bholi

Q15.**[3]**

Based on your understanding of the story, how do you assess Bholi's father ? (Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2026 2/4/1 Q9 (ii)

◆ Bholi

Q16.**[4]**

[The lesson/story about village girls — question about the role it plays for village girls.] Discuss.

Previously asked in: 2022 2/3/1 Q7 (i)

◆ Bholi

Q17.**[4]**

Imagine you are Bholi and you have been invited to give a speech on the importance of girl child education at a seminar on 'Girl Education and Empowerment'.

Previously asked in: 2022 2/1/1 Q7 (ii)

◆ Bholi

Q18.**[6]**

Education is the most important tool for empowering women in society. It plays an important role in social and cultural development. Prove the above statements in the light of the story 'Bholi'.

Previously asked in: 2023 2/5/1 Q11(a)

◆ Bholi

Q19.**[6]**

How is Bholi shown to be a fearless, bold and confident girl?

Previously asked in: 2023 2/2/1 Q11(b)

◆ Bholi

Q20.**[6]**

Answer any one of the following two questions in 100–120 words:

Imagine that Bholi writes a diary entry, exploring the themes of self-discovery, empowerment and transformation, in the context of her own experiences. Write this diary entry, as Bholi.

(Reference: Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2024 2/5/1 Q11(a)

◆ Bholi

Q21.**[6]**

A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of his/her experiences, challenges and interactions with other characters.

In the light of the above information, trace the character arc of Bholi in K.A. Abbas' 'Bholi'.

Previously asked in: 2024 2/4/1 Q11(b)

◆ Bholi

Q22.**[6]**

Discuss how Bholi evolves through the story. What are the qualities that contribute to her transformation from a timid girl to a confident young woman?

(Bholi)

Previously asked in: 2025 2/3/1 Q11(a)

♦ Bholi

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