



Notes of Moments Chapter 8 - A House is Not a Home

MCQs

Question 1. For the author who made a collection of money?

(a) the students in the new high school made a collection of money for the author

(b) the teachers in the old primary school made a collection of money for the author

(c) neighbors made a collection of money for the author

(d) social workers made a collection of money for the author

Answer: (a) the students in the new high school made a collection of money for the author

Question 2. In the fire, what did the author lose?

(a) The author had lost his school shoes

(b) The author had lost his uniform

(c) The author had lost his bag and -books

(d) all of the above

Answer: (d) all of the above

Question 3. After the break of fire, where did the author and his mother spend the night?

(a) author and his mother spend the night in the house of his grandparents

(b) author and his mother spend the night in the house of a neighbor

(c) author and his mother spend the night in the fire brigade building

(d) author and his mother spend the night in the author's school

Answer: (b) author and his mother spend the night in the house of a neighbor.

Question 4. After how many hours the fire was put out?

(a) after two hours



(b) after three hours

(c) after four hours

(d) after five hours

Answer: (d) after five hours

Question 5. Who did catch the author when he rushed following his mother in the burning house?

(a) a policeman caught the author when he rushed with his mother in the burning house

(b) a neighbour caught the author when he rushed with his mother in the burning house

(c) a fireman caught the author when he rushed with his mother in the burning house

(d) a friend caught the author when he rushed with his mother in the burning house

Answer: (c) a fireman caught the author when he rushed with his mother in the burning house

Think About It

1. What Does the Author Notice One Sunday Afternoon? What is His Mother's Reaction? What Does She Do?

Ans: The author noticed an odd odour one Sunday afternoon. Then he noticed smoke seeping in from the roof cracks and fast filling the room. They couldn't see much at all. The roof was already covered in flames and spreading swiftly by the time they fled out into the front yard. His mother dashed back inside. She'd brought out a little metal box containing critical documents. She intended to take crucial items from the house one at a time. She appeared to be in a crazed state

2. Why Does He Break Down in Tears After the Fire?

Ans: He burst into tears after the fire since he realized he had suffered a significant loss. He discovered he couldn't find his cat anywhere. The new school, the fire, and his cat all strike him at the same time. He sobbed and wailed at that point.



3. Why is the Author Deeply Embarrassed the Next Day in School?

Ans: The author was humiliated the next day at school since he was still wearing the clothes he had worn to church that morning when the fire broke out, but he had no shoes because he had lost them in the fire. As a result, he had to borrow his aunt's tennis shoes. Everything had embarrassed him to the point of humiliation. He was dressed strangely, he didn't have any books or homework, and his backpack was missing.

4. The cat and the author are very fond of each other. How has this been shown in the story? Where was the cat after the fire? Who brings it back and how?

Ans: The author developed a strong bond with his pet. When he couldn't find his cat after the fire, he wailed uncontrollably. He would return to the location of his home daily in the hopes of finding the cat. He remembered the cat crawling into his pocket and falling asleep, and he yearned for her.

The fire terrified the cat, who bolted a mile away from the house. She was discovered and taken in by a woman. The author's phone number was found on the cat's collar. However, she was unable to contact them because the phone had been turned off due to the fire. The woman then went out of her way to track down the author and return the cat.

5. What Actions of the Schoolmates Change the Author's Understanding of Life and People, and Comfort Him Emotionally? How Does His Loneliness Vanish and How Does He Start Participating in Life?

Ans: Despite not knowing the author well, the classmates expressed real care for him. They aided him by bringing him provisions, literature, and clothing. People he had never met before began approaching him and befriending him. They also summoned him to their residences. The author gained several new acquaintances. Their affection and teamwork left him speechless. He understood that his new school and the people he was meeting were both positive. He stopped focusing on his worry and nervousness and began to believe that everything would turn out ok.



6. What is the Meaning of “My Cat Was Back and So Was I”? Has the Author Gone Anywhere? Why Does He Say That He is Also Back?

Ans: The author loses interest in life after the fire. He believes he has misplaced everything. He feels a sense of increased comfort after receiving books and other goods from his classmates. The fact that his cat has been found is the cherry on top. He reclaims his best friend. He and his cat are both back to normal now. His phrase implies that he has begun to collect bits and pieces of existence.

Difficult Words and their Meanings for Chapter 8 - A House is Not a Home

Often there are certain words in a chapter that are newly introduced to the students and are difficult to understand. Vedantu has prepared a list of all such words in Class 9 English Chapter 8 - A House is Not a Home. Students can use the following list to enhance their understanding and vocabulary:

- **Awkward:** strange in a way that causes embarrassment
- **Freshman:** a first-year student at high school or college
- **Isolated:** lonely or far away from places, people, or buildings
- **Purring:** the sound made by a cat
- **Swatting:** the action of hitting or crushing something
- **Stoking the fire:** the action of feeding and tending the fire
- **Groping:** to search uncertainty or blindly
- **Engulfed:** sweep over or completely cover something
- **In tow:** following or moving behind someone
- **Weird:** something bizarre or strange
- **Destined:** something that is certain to happen like it is pre-planned
- **Outcast:** a person rejected by their social group or society
- **Geek:** a person highly enthusiastic about something particular
- **Zombie:** a dull, unresponsive, and apathetic person
- **Surreal:** bizarre, unreal, strange
- **Ripped away:** torn apart from something or someone
- **Vulnerable:** weak, in need of support, easy to influence
- **Plight:** sad, dangerous, or unfortunate event or story
- **Milling around:** moving around without any aims or in a confusing way
- **Shove:** push someone or something in a rough manner
- **Curb:** edge of the pavement or a raised path
- **Freaked:** behaved wildly or irrationally



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| • Tragedy: an unfortunate incident or mishap |
| • Diminish: fade off or decrease |
| • Gratitude: being readily appreciating or showing thankfulness |

