

Chapter 1  
How I Taught My Grandmother

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4. (a) The grandmother could relate to the central character of the story '*Kashi Yatre*' as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) both were old and uneducated
- (ii) both had granddaughters who read to them
- (iii) both had a strong desire to visit Kashi
- (iv) both were determined to learn to read

**Answer**

(iii) both had a strong desire to visit Kashi

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(b) Why did the women at the temple discuss the latest episode of '*Kashi Yatre*'?

- (i) to pass their time
- (ii) the writer, Triveni, was very popular
- (iii) they could relate with the protagonist of the serial
- (iv) women have a habit of discussing serials

**Answer**

(ii) the writer, Triveni, was very popular

(c) The granddaughter found her grandmother in tears on her

return as\_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) the grandmother had been unable to read the story 'Kashi Yatre' on her own
- (ii) the grandmother had felt lonely
- (iii) the grandmother wanted to accompany her granddaughter
- (iv) she was sad she could not visit Kashi

**Answer**

(i) the grandmother had been unable to read the story '*Kashi Yatre*' on her own

(d) Why did the grandmother touch her granddaughter's feet?

- (i) As a mark of respect to her teacher
- (ii) It was a custom in their family
- (iii) Girls should be respected
- (iv) She had read the story of 'Kashi Yatre' to her

**Answer**

(i) As a mark of respect to her teacher

**5. (a) What made Triveni a popular writer?**

**Answer**

Triveni was a popular writer because of her style of writing was very easy-to-understand and also convincing. Moreover, she

used to write on the complex psychological problems in the lives of common people which was another reason of her popularity.

**(b) Why did the grandmother depend on her granddaughter to know the story?**

**Answer**

The Grandmother depended on her granddaughter to know the story for two reasons. The first one was that she did not go to school and hence she couldn't read. The second one that she was too embarrassed to ask anyone else.

**(c) Pick out two sentences which state that the grandmother was desperate to know what happened in the story.**

**Answer**

- 1) I waited eagerly to written.
- 2) I even taught off going to the village and asking you to read for me.

**(d) Could the grandmother succeed in accomplishing her desire to read? How?**

**Answer**

Yes, The grandmother succeed in accomplishing her desire to

teach her to read as she wanted to be independent so she said a deadline for herself and with determination she learnt the Kannada alphabet when she was 62 years old.

(e) Which of the following traits would be relevant to the character of the narrator's grandmother?

(i) determined

(ii) selfish

(iii) emotional

(iv) mean

Give reasons for your choice.

### **Answer**

(i) determined

\* Give reasons for your choice.

The grandmother was indomitable and sincere to learn the Kannada alphabet. She set *Saraswati Pooja* as the deadline to accomplish her resolution. “Avva was a wonderful student” as the narrator tells in the story. She not just used to do her homework with all her sincerity but even used to read, repeat, write and recite. She was determined to be independent and wanted to be literate. She always regretted not being educated and thus with the help of her granddaughter she learnt to read and write Kannada alphabet and even received the novel *Kashi Yatre* as a reward from her granddaughter.