**PARAGON CONVENT SCHOOL , SECTOR – 24 B CHANDIGARH**

**CLASS – VI ( LITERATURE )**

**SECTION – II FROGS IN THE FOUNTAIN**

**NOTEBOOK WORK**

\*DIFFICULT WORDS

1. constantly

2. smothered

3. wary

4. nestling

5. generously

6. khansama

7. indulging

8. Alzheimer

9. impervious

10. reservoir

11. expedition

12. incessant

13. warbling

14. serenading

15. gurgling

16. urchin

17. consignment

\*WORD MEANINGS

1. constantly – again and again

2. smothered – covered with

3. wary – cautious

4. nestling - ( here ) hidden

5. double chin – a fold of fat under a person’s chin that looks like another chin

6. generously proportioned – large and hefty

7. reserved – unwilling to express emotions

8. khansama – a cook

9. indulging – having something you like

10. Alzheimer – a disease , especially affecting older people , that prevents the brain from functioning normally , causes loss of memory and the ability to speak clearly

11. pungent aroma – a strong smell

12. impervious – not affected by

13. reservoir – a lake where water is stored

14. incessant – never stopping

15. warbling – singing with rapidly changing notes

16. allergic to – ( here ) have a strong dislike for

17. bass singers – ( here ) the frogs

18. serenading – singing a song to somebody you love

19. gurgling – sound of water flowing quickly through narrow space

20. street urchins – homeless , orphaned children who live on the streets

21. opined – expressed an opinion

22. consignment – goods that are sent to somebody; ( here ) stray station dogs

\*MAKE SENTENCES

1. constantly – Her mother constantly talks about her future .

2. smothered – She smothered the baby with a pillow.

3. wary – He gave her a wary look.

4. reserved – She is a reserved young woman.

5. indulging – Riya did not believe in indulging the children with gifts.

6. impervious – The broken window is not impervious to the rain.

7. reservoir – The reservoir ran dry during the drought.

8. incessant – The incessant noise of the loudspeakers irritate her a lot.

9. warbling – A flock of birds was warbling a cheerful chorus.

10.gurgling – The water made a gurgling noise as it ran down the drain.

11. street urchins – The street urchins ran through the streets barefoot.

\* LEARN TO READ

1. Tick the correct answer.

a. Granny surrounded her house with marigolds because the

(1) believed the smell would keep the snakes away.

(2) loved the strong smell of marigolds.

(3) could use them at festivals and religious ceremonies.

(4) was old – fashioned and believed in folklore.

Ans. (1)

b. The author says he has a double chin because

(1) a bee has stung him under the chin.

(2) his grandmother had one.

(3) he is overweight.

(4) he eats a lot of food.

Ans. (2)

2. Was the author fond of food ? How can you tell ?

Ans. Yes , the author was very fond of food. We can tell this because he said that how much he loved mutton koftas as a child but was only allowed to have two of them with a plate of rice. So now , as an adult , he always eat four mutton koftas. Dr. Bhist , who comes to see him once a year , remarked that he looked overweight and should cut down on food intake.

3. Describe

a. how the frogs entered the fountain and the house.

Ans. One day the author brought some small fish in a bucket and introduced them to the lily pond. He didn’t notice that there were tadpoles swimming around in the bucket. They grew into frogs , multiplied quickly and began to enter the house.

b. where the frogs were finally sent and why.

Ans. The frogs were finally sent to the Lucknow zoo by the stationmaster. He believed that a zoo is the best place for all small and great creatures.

4. When Aunt Mabel saw the frog in the potty , how did she react ? Do you think she was just being silly?

Ans. When Aunt Mabel saw the frog , she screamed out of fear from the bathroom . I don’t think she was just being silly as she hated frogs and after this incident she left for Lucknow saying that she would be safer in a zoo where her cousin was the superintendent.

5. Pick out three sentences from the story that you find funny.

Ans. The three funny sentences from the story are :

1. The bee incident.
2. Reference to Alzheimer’s.
3. When the frog jumped out from the flush straight into Aunt Mabel’s arms.