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Holiday Homework

Section - C (Literature)

4. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words

(a) Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a shekhar school in the U.S.A?

Ans Bismillah Khan refused to start a shekhar school in the U.S.A because he could not live away from India, especially from Banaras and the holy river Ganga. He had immense love and attachment to his homeland, and he believed that the spirit of the Ganga and the culture of India were deeply connected to his music. So despite being offered great opportunities abroad he chose to stay in India.

(b) What should we do to make friends with the

mind?

Ans To make friends with the mind we must build strong habits, gain the floor firmly and practise being strong ourselves. The poem suggests that we should strengthen our bodies and minds to face challenges bravely. If we are physically and mentally tough, we can befriend the mind instead of fearing it.

(c) What do you mean by the phrase: leaves no step had trodden black?

Ans This means that both roads were covered in fresh, undisturbed leaves and no one had walked on them yet. Because if someone had, their footsteps would have turned the leaves black.

5. Answer the following (Moments)

(a) In the fair, the child wants many things. What are they? Why does he move on without waiting for an answer?

Ans. The child wants several things in the fair such as toys, sweets like luchi, a garland of gulmohar, colourful balloons, and a ride on roundabout. However, he moves on without waiting for an answer.

because he knows his parents would not agree to buy these things for him.

(b) Toto was a pretty monkey. In what sense is Toto pretty?

Ans. Toto was pretty in the sense that he had bright sparkling eyes full of mischief, pearly white teeth, and a smile that frightened old people.

his hands looked like a baby's and he used for climbing and balance, added to his good looks. These features made him look attractive and lively.