

**KEY ANS. 1:**

Melkkoran told that he could build a tree that never grows old and that never sheds its leaves. Panikkan asked Melkkoran if there was such a thing. To which Melkkoran answered in the affirmative that there was such a thing in the west. Panikkan said that they should have such a tree there.

**KEY ANS. 2:**

Amma called out to Unni and asked him whether he shouldn't be finishing his homework. She told/reminded him that it was past ten O'clock. Unni told/replied/answered Amma that he had almost reached the end. Amma asked/told Unni to hurry up. Mutthashi whispered in Unni's ears and pleaded with him not to rush.

**KEY ANS. 3:**

The old man asked/ questioned/ enquired what he was thinking and whether he had decided to overlook his request of buying a buffalo. Tansukh said/ replied/told that he had not. He had been thinking about Kashi's buffalo. The old man requested Tansukh to help him to buy the buffalo.

**KEY ANS. 4:**

Dragging Mary's attention towards the tiny pointed piece, Joe asked her to listen to him. Mary asked him what it was. Joe asked if she saw that tiny pointed piece. He said that it was the most important part of his machine.

**KEY ANS. 5:**

Mary asked Johnny whether he was sure, Johnny answered in the affirmative. He asked his father what they/ the villagers wanted and what they meant by it. Joe said to Johnny/told Johnny that they wanted to smash him and his machine. Mary asked/told/ instructed Johnny to run and fetch the watch.

**KEY ANS. 6:**

Mutthashi asked Unni to tell her a story. Unni asked Mutthashi what story she would like to listen to him. Mutthashi said that she would like to listen to a nice story that would send her to sleep. Unni asked her whether he could tell her the story of the glass tree.

**KEY ANS. 7:**

The old man asked Tansukh whether he had heard what he told.

Tansukh affirmed he did and asked whether he had seen the buffalo that he wanted.

The old man accepted that he had seen one and requested him to get it settled.

Tansukh asked where it was. The old man said it was just there in KashiRegar's house who lived in his neighbourhood.

**KEY ANS. 8:**

Mary requested/asked Hob not to listen to the boy and said that they would go away to another place and requested/pleaded with him to leave them in peace. Hob said that the boy was a young scamp and idler and he would teach him right with a strap.

**KEY ANS. 9:**

Hob asked Mary where husband was. Mary replied that he was in his bed and he was sick weary and she requested that they would not harm him. Hob said that they were going to smash his evil work (machine).

**KEY ANS. 10:**

Panikkan asked/ questioned who he was. Melkkoran replied that he was a mason and that Melkkoran was his name. Panikkan questioned him further what he wanted. Melkkoran replied that he wanted work.

**KEY ANS. 11:**

Panikkan asked Melkkoran what he wanted. Melkkoran replied that he wanted work. Panikkan remarked that there was no work for him there and told him to go and ask in the neighbouring provinces. But Melkkoran pointed out that there was work right there.

**KEY ANS. 12:**

Amma asked Unni whether/if he had finished his home work. She added that it was past ten O' clock.

Unni told Amma that he had almost reached the end. Amma told her son to hurry up. Muthashi told Unni not to rush.

**KEY ANS. 13:**

Old man told Tansukh that he needed to buy a buffalo. Tansukh asked the old man whether / if he had seen the one that he wanted. The old man replied in the affirmative. Tansukh asked him where it was. The old man replied that it was just there.

**KEY ANS. 14:**

Mary told Joe that he was tired and asked if he must work so late. Joe told Mary that he must as she knew well. He continued and said that time was scarce and he had much to do. Mary suggested that she wished he could work by day. Joe asked Mary whether / if he should get a set of broken bones from his neighbours.

**KEY ANS. 15:**

The old man asked Tansukh what he was thinking. He asked him if / whether he had decided to overlook his request. Tansukh replied in negative and said that he had not. He asked the old man whether / if he had said Kashi's buffalo. The old man replied in the affirmative and said that he needed it for his son.

**KEY ANS. 16:**

Panikkan said to Melkkoran that there was no work for him there. Melkkoran told him that there was no work right there. Panikkan asked Melkkoran where the work was. Melkkoran said that the Champaka tree was old and worn out. He suggested to Panikkan to pull it down and build a new tree.

**KEY ANS. 17:**

Joe asked Mary whether / if she had got it. Mary asked Joe if / whether it was the part. She affirmed and said that it was there. Joe asked Mary to give it to him and told her to get back to bed. Mary asked Joe what he meant. Joe told her that they would not come back that night.

**KEY ANS. 18:**

Rajiv asked Baba / if whether he feared death. Baba told him that life and death are twins and he knew both. Rajiv asked Baba if / whether he believed in life after death. Baba said that he believed in leading a series of lives in this life itself.

**KEY ANS. 19:**

The old man requested Tansukh to see that he was not ruined. Tansukh asked who he should save. The old man asked Tansukh if they should go to Kashi 's house. Tansukh assented and told the old man that he was not a broker and asked him to do whatever pleased him.

**KEY ANS. 20:**

Mary asked Joe what that was. She thought she had heard something. Joe replied that it was only the wind. Mary said that people were frightened and angry. Joe told Mary that they would thank him for his work one day. Mary told Joe that she was frightened.

**KEY ANS. 21:**

Rajiv asked Baba if / whether he had faith in people's conscience. Baba said that he had mighty faith in all people. Rajiv asked Baba what his real achievement was. Baba replied that the buildings there were an achievement but saving a life was a far greater accomplishment.

**KEY ANS. 22:**

Muthashi asked Unni where KurumanPannikkan was going. Unni replied that he ( Panikkan ) was going to pray at the Champakakaavu. Muthashi further enquired who that was. Unni replied that it was Melkoran. He further said that he built mosques and temples.

**KEY ANS. 23:**

Muthashi asked him to tell her a story. Mother said that Unni was doing his homework. She further said that his classes were on in full swing. Muthashi again requested Unni to tell her just a small story. Mother asked Muthashi how Unni could tell her stories all the time.

**KEY ANS. 24:**

Rajiv asked Baba what the role of a leader was. Baba said that according to him, a leader did not bother about what other said. Rajiv asked Baba if / whether he had drawn inspiration from Gandhi. Baba replied in the affirmative and said that like Gandhi he believed in the strength and joys of people.

**KEY ANS. 25:**

Blandford said that he was Blandford and he hoped that she was Miss. Meynell. He asked if / whether he could take her for dinner. The elderly woman said that she did not know what it was all about. The lady in green had told her to wear that red rose. Blandford exclaimed joyfully and asked if / whether she was not the real Hollis.

**KEY ANS. 26:**

Joe told Mary to come there and asked her why she had gone to Hob the previous day. Mary told that she had gone to get her patterns mended. Joe asked if / whether he ( Hob ) had spoken about the medicine. Mary replied in the affirmative and said that he had been very angry. He had said that he (Joe) was taking away people's bread and milk.

**KEY ANS. 27:**

Johny was exclaiming to his mother that his father's work was all spoiled, for which, Mary his mother refuted and said that she had saved the secret, most important part. She was confident enough that her husband would build it up again when they got back to some peaceful place.

**KEY ANS. 28:**

The old man was asking again if he and Tansukh could go to Kashi's house, for which Tansukh shrieked within him saying that he was not a broker. Tansukh also told the old man to do whatever he wanted.