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Class -IX

Subject - English.

Topic: Vitamin-M

Answer the following questions :

Q1. Why did Grandpa dislike living in the city with his daughter?

Ans. He found the city noisy, crowded, and uncomfortable. He missed his quiet brick house, his garden mango tree, and his independence.

2. Why did Vidya not want her father to go out alone?

Ans. She worried about his safety because he had previously taken a double dose of medicine, gotten lost, and fallen in his garden overnight.

3. Was Ravi in favour of his mother treating Grandpa like a child? How can you say so?

Ans. No. Ravi felt Grandpa deserved respect and dignity. He tried to stop his mother from speaking too loudly or discussing his health right in front of him.

4. In your opinion, who needs "Vitamin-M"? And why?

Ans. Ravi's mother, Vidya, needs it because she forgot her own father's birthday while constantly complaining about his weak memory. Alternatively, it signifies the "Mental support" or emotional care needed by the elder.

Answer the following questions in detail:

1. Describe how Ravi's emotional reaction upon finding Grandpa safe at home reveals his feelings towards his grandfather.

Ans. When Ravi finally sees Grandpa safely at home, he feels a great sense of relief. All his fear, tension, and anxiety disappear at that moment. This reaction shows that Ravi deeply cares for his grandfather and is emotionally attached to him. Though Ravi allowed Grandpa to go out alone, he was constantly worried about his safety. His relief clearly reveals his love, concern, and sense of responsibility towards Grandpa.

2. Why do you think Grandpa gave Ravi a detective story book as a gift? What might this suggest about Grandpa's awareness of Ravi's actions earlier in the day?

Ans. Grandpa gave Ravi a detective story book because he was aware that Ravi had secretly followed him throughout the day. By choosing this gift, Grandpa indirectly acknowledged Ravi's cleverness and concern. It suggests that Grandpa was fully aware of Ravi's actions and appreciated his care, while calmly showing that his own mind was still sharp.

3. What might be the significance of Grandpa's habit of giving gifts to everyone on his birthday rather than receiving them?

Ans. Grandpa giving gifts instead of receiving them shows his generosity and dignity. It suggests that he does not see himself as weak or dependent, but as someone capable of giving happiness to others. This act helps him maintain his self-respect and proves that old age has not taken away his confidence or sense of responsibility.

