



LESSON- 8 THE TWO RUNAWAYS

SOLUTIONS:

Comprehension

1. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

i. What is the age of Robin Linton in the story?

Ans: The age of Robin Linton is nearly fifteen.

ii. What are the names of the twins?

Ans: The names of the twins are Mary and Jack.

iii. Why did the Canadian stop his car into a side road?

Ans: The Canadian stopped his car into a side road because he was suspicious that the boy might be running away from home.

iv. Why was Robin startled?

Ans: Robin was startled to know that the Canadian man himself was runaway too.

v. Why did the Canadian detest his young brother?

Ans: The Canadian detested his young brother because he had to look after him.

vi. Why did the Canadian stare hard at Robin's mother?

Ans: The Canadian stared hard at Robin's mother because she was his little sister.

vii. What was the name of Robin's mother?

Ans: The name of Robin's mother was Bess.

viii. What is Robin to Tom?

Ans: Robin was Tom's nephew.

ix. What was Robin's last question to himself?

Ans: Robin's last question to himself was "Aren't I the man of the family?".

x. Who were the two runaways?

Ans: The two runaways were Tom and Robin.

2. Write T for 'true' and F for 'false' against the statements given below:

i.	Robin was fed up with doing the kitchen fire.	.....T.....
ii.	Robin did not shut the back gate behind him.	.....F.....
iii.	Robin felt so depressed.	.....T.....
iv.	A middle-aged man was driving a smart big car.	.....F.....
v.	A kind gentleman took Robin to the docks.	.....F.....
vi.	The gentleman was an American.	.....F.....
vii.	The Canadian made a lot of money.	.....T.....
viii.	Robin did not think of his mother.	.....F.....
ix.	Tom brought Robin home.	.....T.....
x.	Robin loved the twins.	.....T.....

3. Mark the correct answer from the alternatives given:

i. Robin was the eldest son of

- a) a happy family.
- b) a horrible family. ✓
- c) a poor family.
- d) a broken family.

ii. The gentleman looked at Robin

- (a) sharply. ✓
- (b) timidly.
- (c) sternly.
- (d) kindly.

iii. The Canadian had

- (a) a daughter.
- (b) a son.
- (c) no child. ✓
- (d) a twin.

iv. Robin was Tom's

- (a) niece.
- (b) nephew. ✓
- (c) no child.
- (d) brother.

v. Tom's sister had

- (a) blue eyes. ✓
- (b) black eyes.
- (c) brown eyes.
- (d) green eyes.



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4. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words each:

i. Write about the work Robin had to do at home.

Ans: Robin had to help her mother as a man of the family in running the family. He had to take care of the twins - Mary and Jack like reading to Mary, trying to find out what mischief Jack's got into and also getting in the wood and helping to wash up.

ii. Why did Robin run away from his home?

Ans: Robin ran away from his home because he was fed up with being the man of the family and helping his mother in every possible way. He wanted to have a life of his own.

iii. Relate how the gentleman took Robin in his car.

Ans: There was no bus so Robin thought of hitch-hike and thumbed every car but nobody stopped for him. Then, the gentleman stopped his car and asked Robin whether he needed a lift. That was how the gentleman took Robin in his car.

iv. How did Robin know that the man himself was a runaway?

Ans: The man narrated that he was once a frightful little coward. He felt disgusted with things at home and he went off instead of facing it. By hearing this, Robin knew that the man himself was a runaway.

v. How did the gentleman lose his family and relatives?

Ans: The gentleman ran away from his family because he felt disgusted with things at his home and threw away his family and settled in Canada. He couldn't even write to his family as he ran away from them for stupid little difficulties of life. That was how the gentleman lost his family.

vi. How did Tom meet Bess?

Ans: Tom was riding Robin back to his home. They stopped at the little front door. Robin's mother was happy to see her son come back. That was how Tom met Bess.

vii. What did Bess say of their family?

Ans: Bess told Tom that their mother was dead and their brother is not far away and he has got nephews and niece.

viii. What did Robin think of his mother?

Ans: Robin thought his mother was very kind to him and proud of him. She has a lovely smile when he came back from school

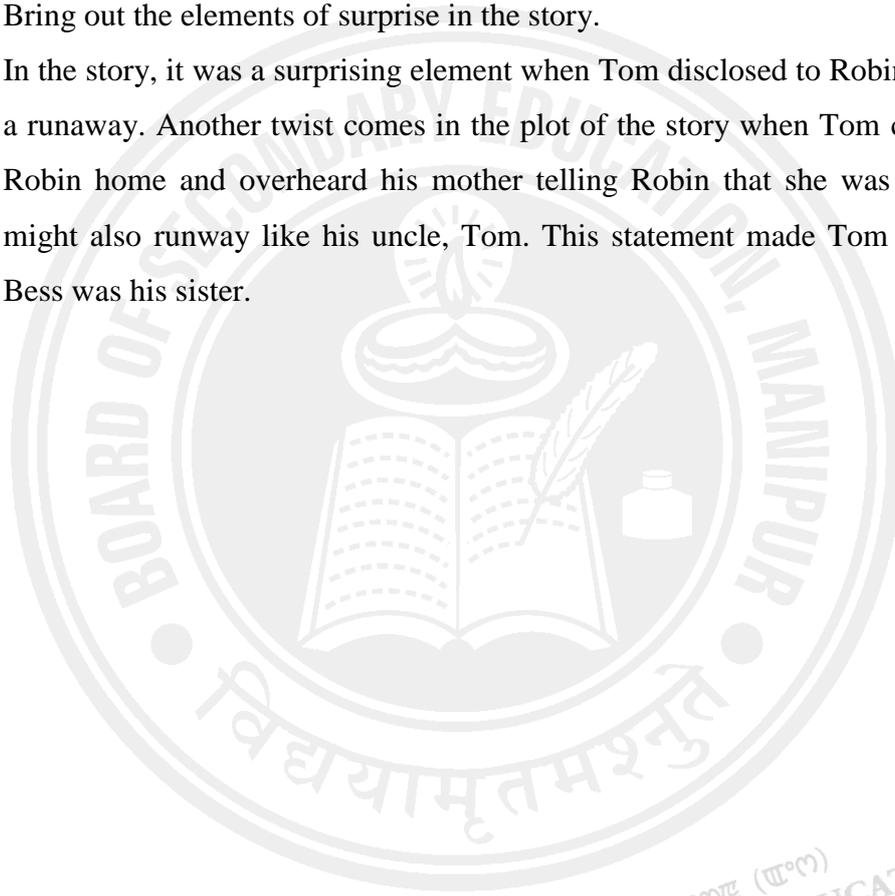
5. Answer the following questions in about 50-60 words each:

i. What would you do if you were Robin?

Ans: If I were Robin, I would have also thought of running away from home to escape the burden of the household chores. But I would rather not do it in real because no matter what the circumstance is, I would not abandon my mother and my siblings. I would share the responsibility of running the house with my mother and contribute my share of work.

ii. Bring out the elements of surprise in the story.

Ans: In the story, it was a surprising element when Tom disclosed to Robin that he was a runaway. Another twist comes in the plot of the story when Tom came to drop Robin home and overheard his mother telling Robin that she was scared if he might also runaway like his uncle, Tom. This statement made Tom realized that Bess was his sister.



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Language Work

6. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct phrases/idioms given in the box. You can make changes if necessary:

fed up with	come by	to get down	to run away
a lot of	to look after	to make head or tail	all over

- i. Tom.....ran away.....from his home.
- ii. Robin wants.....to get down.....near the docks.
- iii. I have.....to look after.....my old mother.
- iv. Robin was.....fed up with.....doing the kitchen fire.
- v. I have to do.....a lot of.....work.
- vi. It is difficult for me.....to make head or tail...of the problem.
- vii. A little car.....came by.....there.
- viii. He went.....all over.....the world.

7. Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with suitable prepositions:

Once there lived a bird and her two newborn babies.....in.....a forest. They had a nest.....on.....a tall, shady tree and there the mother bird took care.....of.....her little ones day and night.

One day, there was a big storm. The wind blew.....off.....many trees. The tall tree.....on.....which the birds lived also came down. A big heavy branch hit the nest and killed the bird.



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