

PRACTICE SHEET ANSWER SCHEME

Subject: English	Topic: The Bond of Love		
Grade: IX	Div.: _____	Roll No: _____	Date: _____

Q 1	Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow.
(a)	<i>After weeks of such advice she at last consented. Hastily, and before she could change her mind, a letter was written to the curator of the zoo.</i>
i.	Who is referred to as 'she'?
	The narrator's wife is referred to as 'she'.
ii.	What advice was given to her and by whom?
	The narrator, his son and friends advised her to give Bruno to the Mysore zoo.
iii.	What reply was given by the curator?
	The curator replied in the affirmative that he would accept a tame bear in his zoo.
iv.	Give the antonym of 'consented'
	forbade
(b)	<i>There followed the return journey to Bangalore and a visit to the superintendent's bungalow. A tearful pleading.</i>
i.	Who went to Bangalore and from where?
	The narrator and his wife went to Bangalore after visiting Bruno at the Mysore zoo.
ii.	Why did they visit the superintendent?
	The curator at the Mysore Zoo told the narrator's wife that she could take 'Bruno' back home only if the superintendent agrees. Hence they travelled to Bangalore.
iii.	What was the superintendent's response?
	The Superintendent was a kind fellow and he agreed. At his recommendation, the curator lent a cage for the safe journey of the bear back home to Bangalore.
iv.	Find the synonym of the word-'emotional appeal'.
	pleading
Q 2	Answer each of the following questions in about 30-40 words.
(a)	Why was Bruno kept in chains most of the time?

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	Bruno had grown up very fast. Therefore, it was felt that it could be dangerous to let him move about freely with the children of the tenants around. Therefore, it was decided to keep Bruno in chains.
(b)	What did the letters from the curator and the friends who visited the zoo report about Baba?
	The letters from the curator of the zoo reported that Baba was well but sad and upset, and refused to eat food. The friends who visited the zoo gave similar reports telling that he had grown very thin and kept fretting all the time.
(c)	What request did the narrator's wife make to the curator? Did the curator grant the request?
	The narrator's wife requested the curator of the zoo to allow her to take her pet sloth bear, Baba, back home. He refused initially by saying that Baba was a government property and he could not be given away. But afterwards, he suggested that they should contact the Superintendent in Bangalore for permission to take Baba home.
(d)	When did the narrator take his wife to the Mysore zoo and why?
	The narrator had managed to prevent his wife from going to the Mysore zoo for three months. But one day she put her foot down and told him that if he was not ready to take her to the zoo by car, she would go by bus or train. So, the narrator took her to the zoo by car to see Baba.
Q 3 Answer each of the following questions in about 100-150 words.	
(a)	Describe the two accidents that befell 'Bruno'. How did he recover from them?
	There were rats in the narrator's library. In order to kill them, he had put down barium carbonate in the library. It was poison. Bruno entered the library and ate some of the poison. He suffered from a stroke of paralysis. He was weakening rapidly. He was breathing heavily and vomiting. The author at once took him to a veterinary doctor. The vet gave him 10 cc of antidote through an injection. But his condition remained unchanged. Then another 10 cc was injected. This improved his condition. Bruno got up and enjoyed a good meal. At another time, the little bear drank a lot of old engine oil. But fortunately, it had no effect on him.
(b)	How was Bruno brought to the narrator's home? How did he become a member of the family?
	The baby bear was brought to the narrator's home by chance. The narrator and his companions while going, to Mysore were crossing some fields when they heard the noise of shooting. Some pigs had intruded the fields and they were being driven away with gun shots. Some of them died while others ran away. When everything seemed silent and normal, a mother sloth bear suddenly appeared on the scene and one of the narrator's companions killed the bear instantly without any provocation. The cub bear who was riding

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the back of his mother was utterly grieved and soon fled away to escape being killed. The narrator, who felt pity for the young cub, chased him and captured him despite protests from the little animal. He brought the baby bear home and gifted it to his wife. The narrator's wife accepted him with love and gave him the name Bruno. Soon there developed such a bond of reciprocal love between Bruno and the narrator's wife that Bruno came to be called 'Baba' which means a 'small boy'. He had now become a true family member who enjoyed complete freedom and deep affection.

