**D. Answer in brief. (Think and answer)**

1. How did his mother’s gift become more special for Gerry?

   **Ans:** His family made sure that the baby donkey that he got as a gift for his birthday was the baby of the same donkey he had liked a lot at Katerina’s wedding. So it became more special as this was not just any donkey but the baby of the one he had wanted to own.

2. How did the donkey show that it was equally fond of Gerry?

   **Ans:** The moment the donkey was brought into the room, it stopped to look at Gerry with surprise. It also went near him and gave a throaty chuckle and thrust its muzzle into the outstretched arms of Gerry as if it was accepting his hug.

**E. Answer in detail. (Think and answer)**

Why do you think people keep pets? Was the donkey a peculiar pet to have? Give reasons.

*(Free response)*

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**SWAMI AND THE SUM**

**A. Answer in brief.**

1. What situation was Swaminathan in? Why was he confused?

   **Ans:** Swami was given a sum by his father to work on. However long he gazed at the sum, he was unable to find the answer to the sum. He was confused because ever time he looked at the sum, it seemed to acquire a new meaning.

2. Why did Swaminathan want to know if the mangoes were ripe or unripe?

   **Ans:** Swaminathan felt that knowing whether the mangoes were ripe or unripe contained the key to the problem. He strongly felt that asking fifteen annas for ten unripe mangoes would be scandalous. So he wanted to know if the mangoes were ripe or unripe.
B. Answer in detail.

1. Why couldn’t Swaminathan tell the price of ten mangoes when his father asked him?

   **Ans:** Swaminathan did not know which part of the sum contained the answer to this question. When his father prompted him with the question as to how much Rama expected for the mangoes, Swaminathan thought of the fifteen annas. But he felt the price was unjust, because according to him, the price expected by Rama may not be the right price. He could be greedy to charge fifteen annas for ten mangoes if they were unripe. But Swaminathan felt that the price was not improbable if the mangoes were ripe. So, he was baffled when his father asked the question.

2. Why did Swaminathan’s father want to know the price of fifteen mangoes? What did Swaminathan think of it?

   **Ans:** Swaminathan’s father wanted to know the price of fifteen mangoes because only then they could find the answer to the question—the cost of four mangoes. He wanted Swaminathan to find the price of one mango so that he could arrive at the answer to the problem. Swaminathan, on the other hand, felt that his father was taking delight in torturing him. In his opinion, he should not be bothered about how much Krishna would pay for four mangoes.

C. Read the lines and answer the questions.

1. *It would be scandalous to expect fifteen annas for ten unripe mangoes.*

   a. What would be scandalous?
   b. What does the word scandalous here mean?
   c. Does the answer to the question really depend on whether the mangoes were ripe or unripe?

   **Ans:**
   a. To expect fifteen annas for ten unripe mangoes, according to Swaminathan would be scandalous.
   b. Highly unfair and wrong
   c. No, it did not matter if the mangoes were ripe or unripe to arrive at the answer to the question.

2. Swaminathan waited with interest for the miracle to happen.

   a. What was Swaminathan doing?
   b. What was the miracle Swaminathan wanted to happen?
   c. Did his father’s question help the miracle to happen?

   **Ans:**
   a. Swaminathan was working on a sum given by his father.
   b. Swaminathan expected the answer to dawn on him suddenly/to get the answer immediately.
   c. No, it did not. He asked Swaminathan the price of ten mangoes which Swaminathan could not answer.

D. Answer in brief (Think and answer)

   How do you know Swaminathan was an imaginative child?

   **Suggested answer:** The sum was given; instead of looking at it just as a sum to be solved, he started thinking about what kind of persons Rama and Krishna were. He also started debating if fifteen annas were the right amount for ten mangoes if they were unripe.
E. **Answer in detail. (Think and answer)**

Can you say that Swaminathan could grow up to be a fair person? Justify your opinion.

Suggested points to be considered:
- Wanted to know if mangoes were ripe or unripe
- Found the price too high for unripe mangoes
- Could justify the price for ripe mangoes
- Thought Rama was greedy
- Did not look at the sum as a mathematical problem but beyond that
- Will want to justify his decisions in a fair way when he grows up

(Please accept any logical answer from the students.)

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**TELEVISION**

**A. Answer in brief.**

How do the **Speculators** rob the weak and poor?

**Suggested answer:** The poet talks about the people who try to make money in the share market. The speculators do not rob directly but through smart talk they make the poor believe that they could become rich overnight.

**B. Answer in detail.**

What is Man’s dream? (Television)

**Ans:** Man dreams of a world full of joy. Man does not want to face terror or murder in his life. He wants to see politicians doing their duty without corruption. He doesn’t want anyone to tamper with Nature and wants a protected environment. The air for him is to be unpolluted and every breath man inhales is to be pure and safe. The rivers are to be clean and clear.

**C. Read the lines and answer the questions.**

1. *Get in that glass screen surrounded by wood.* (Television)
   - a. What is being referred to in the above line?
   - b. Who wants to get in?
   - c. Why does the person want to get in?

   **Ans:**
   - a. The poet is referring to the television screen in the above line.
   - b. The poet wants to get inside the television.
   - c. He is unhappy with the kind of programmes that are shown on the television. So he wants to get in and change them.

2. *Shall be shared by everyone.* (Television)
   - a. What will be shared?
   - b. How will they learn to share?

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