

## SHOULD WIZARD HIT MOMMY?

### Short Answer Type Questions (3 Marks, 30-40 words)

Question.1. Why did Roger Skunk go to see the old owl?

or

Why did Roger Skunk go to visit the old owl?

Answer. Roger Skunk was unhappy with his bad smell because of which all the woodland creatures would run away from him and no one would play with him. Thus, Roger Skunk went to the old wise owl to seek a solution for this problem.

Question.2. Why did Jo think that Skunk's mommy was stupid?

or

How did Jo want the Wizard to behave when mommy Skunk approached him?

Answer. According to Jo, Roger Skunk was happy with his new smell of roses and should have been allowed to retain it. As a child, Jo related herself to Roger and disapproved of Mother Skunk taking him to the Wizard to get back his old foul smell. Thus, Jo considered the Skunk's mommy stupid and wanted the Wizard to hit her on her head.

Question.3. How does Jo want the story to end?

or

How did Jo want the story of Roger Skunk to end?

or

How does Jo want the story to end and why?

Answer. Jo wanted the story to end with the Wizard hitting the mother of Roger Skunk with his magic wand. She disapproved of Mother Skunk taking Roger to the Wizard to get back his old foul smell. According to her, Roger was happy with his new smell of roses and should have been allowed to retain it.

Question.4. Why does Jack insist that it was the Wizard that was hit and not the mother?

Answer. Jack insisted that it was the Wizard who was hit and not the mother as he wanted to send out a message that parents are the most genuine well-wishers of a child and their decisions are final. He did not want to give the child the freedom to go against his mother, which he knew would become a wrong precedent.

Question.5. How was the Skunk's story different from the other stories narrated by Jack?

Answer. The other stories narrated by Jack would end with the protagonist-some animal named Roger taking the help of the Wizard to solve his problem. However the Skunk's story ended on a different note, where Roger's mother took him back to the Wizard and got his smell changed again. Thus, in this regard the Skunk's story was different from the other stories narrated by Jack.

Question.6. What did Jo want the Wizard to do when Mommy Skunk approached him?

Answer. Roger smelt very bad. Everybody teased him by calling him 'Stinky Skunk'. Nobody wanted to play with him. The Wizard gave him the smell of roses. He was very happy. But Mother Skunk thought otherwise, went to the Wizard, hit him on the head and asked him to change back Roger's smell to what

it was earlier. This made Jo very angry. She wanted that the Wizard should hit Mommy Skunk right back on her head for being insensitive to Roger's problem.

Question.7. Why does Jo insist that her father should tell her the story with a different ending?

Answer. Jo, being a child, fails to accept the harsh realities of life. According to her, Roger Skunk was happy with the smell of roses. She did not want him to smell bad. That is why she insisted that her father should re-tell the story wherein the Wizard hits Mommy Skunk and does not change Roger's smell back.

Question.8. How did the Wizard help Roger Skunk?

Answer. After listening to the misery of Roger Skunk, the Wizard invited him inside his house and with the help of his magic wand made him smell like roses. Roger Skunk was unhappy with his unpleasant smell because of which no other creature played with him. He went to the Wizard to seek a solution for this problem. After listening to his misery, the Wizard invited him in and with the help of his magic wand made him smell like roses.

Question.9. What part of the story did Jack himself enjoy the most and why?

Answer. Jack enjoyed telling the story of a small creature usually named Roger. Every story had a wise old owl and a Wizard with a magic wand, who solved the protagonist's problem. He particularly enjoyed the part when he changed his voice to that of an old man, imitating the Wizard's voice.

Question.10. Why was Roger Skunk's mommy angry?

or

Why was Roger Skunk's mommy angry with him? What did she finally tell him?

Answer. When Roger Skunk reached home smelling like roses, his mother was unhappy and asked him about it. When Roger told her the truth, she was annoyed.

She told him that Skunks are born with a particular smell and she wanted him to retain his natural smell.

She wanted him to keep his identity intact and not feel humiliated to carry one's distinct feature with pride and self-regard.

Question.11. Why did Jo think Roger Skunk was better off with the new smell?

Answer. While listening to the story, Jo identified herself with Roger. Since Roger was happy with the new smell, she wanted him to be in the way he was happy. She had an independent viewpoint and wanted things according to her outlook.

Question.12. How did the Roger Skunk's mother get his old smell back?

Answer. When Roger Skunk reached home smelling like roses, his mother asked him about it. On hearing the truth, she got infuriated and took her baby back to the Wizard and asked him to return his original smell and also hit him on his head. That is how Roger Skunk's mother got Roger's old smell back.

### Long Answer Type Questions (6 Marks, 120-150 words)

Question.13. Why is an adult's perspective on life different from that of a child's?

Answer. An adult's view of life is different from that of a child. It is more realistic, practical and matter-of-fact due to an adult's myriad experiences in life. In contrast to this, the child views the world with rose-coloured glasses. It is a utopian world untouched by the hard realities of life. Thus, a child's views is very naive as compared to that of an adult.

Jack, the father in the story "Should Wizard Hit Mommy?" told a story which was similar to one of his own childhood experiences. Through it, he wanted to convey to his daughter Jo that whatever parents say or do for their children is in their best interest. However, Jo thought from the narrow perspective of a child and wanted an ending different from what Jack had narrated.

Question.14. Why did Jo disapprove of Jack's ending of the story of Roger Skunk? How did she want it to end?

Answer. Jo was an avid listener of stories. She was always aware, inquisitive and alert during the story telling sessions. Jo was shocked and surprised by the twist in the version of her father's story and this was utterly unacceptable to her. She emphasised that the mother was wrong in getting Roger back his original smell. According to her, if her son was being happily accepted by his playmates, he should have been allowed to retain it. As a child, Jo lived in her own beautiful world limited to her friends.

She put herself in place of Roger and wanted an ending different from what Jack had given to the story. Jo believed that Mother Skunk should have been hit by the Wizard for being 'stupid' enough to be insensitive to Roger Skunk's feelings.

Question.15. What impression do you form of Jack as a father?

Answer. Jack was a father of a small four year old girl, Jo. He was a very loving, caring and an affectionate father, who used to tell his daughter a story out of his imagination every day. Since his daughter was very inquisitive and used to ask many questions, he had to be ready with the answers. He was a good storyteller, but was often found caught in an ugly middle position, when he had no answers to his daughter's questions.

As a part of good parenting, he tried his level best to prove his point and satisfy his daughter's queries. To sum up, we can infer that Jack was a very good father, who believed in giving a child the best care and understanding.