

1. **Why couldn't Granny see properly through her glasses? (Page 1)**  
**Answer:** Granny couldn't see properly because her glasses were old, scratched, and weak. They were over ten years old, and her eyes had become weaker, making it hard to see clearly.
2. **Why didn't Granny want to be parted from Mani? (Page 2)**  
**Answer:** Granny didn't want to be parted from Mani because she had raised him since he was a baby after his mother died. She loved him deeply and felt protective, not wanting to leave him alone.
3. **Do you think Granny was confident about walking to Nain? Give reasons. (Page 2)**  
**Answer:** Yes, Granny was confident about walking to Nain. She said, "I may be going blind, but there's nothing wrong with my legs," showing she believed in her strength. She also walked steadily without slowing down, even in the rain.
4. **Why does Mani's father call Granny's journey a shopping trip? (Page 2)**  
**Answer:** Mani's father called it a shopping trip because Granny planned to buy many things in Mussoorie, like seeds, bulbs, a cowbell, a pullover for Mani's father, and shoes for Mani, instead of just going for an eye checkup.
5. **Landslides are becoming more frequent now, aren't they? Make a list of recent natural calamities. Name the possible causes of these. (Page 4)**  
**Answer:**
  - **Floods:** Caused by heavy rainfall, poor drainage systems, or river overflow.
  - **Landslides:** Caused by deforestation, heavy rain, or earthquakes loosening soil.
  - **Earthquakes:** Caused by the movement of the earth's tectonic plates.
  - **Cyclones:** Caused by warm ocean water and climate change.
  - **Forest Fires:** Caused by dry weather, human carelessness, or lightning.
6. **Sometimes journeys are delayed on account of breakdowns or natural calamities. Narrate your experiences of any of those. (Page 5)**  
**Answer:** (Sample response for students to adapt)  
Last year, my family and I were traveling to a nearby town by bus. Suddenly, heavy rain started, and the road got flooded. The bus had to stop for two hours. We were worried about reaching late. We ate snacks we had and talked to pass the time. Finally, the rain slowed, and the driver found another route. It taught me to be patient during unexpected delays.
7. **The doctor says he will send Granny's glasses to a museum. What does he mean? (Page 6)**  
**Answer:** The doctor is joking that Granny's glasses are so old, scratched, and useless that they are like an antique, fit for a museum display rather than for wearing.

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#### Let's Rewind Questions (Page 8)

1. **Why does Granny finally agree to travel to Mussoorie?**  
**Answer:** Granny agrees to travel to Mussoorie because Mani offers to go with her. She

didn't want to leave him alone, and knowing he would accompany her made her willing to make the journey.

2. **Granny's courage and determination are evident in the story. Substantiate this statement with instances.**

**Answer:** Granny shows courage and determination in these ways:

- At 70 years old, she walks long distances to Nain and then through mountains to Mussoorie, even in rain and mist.
- She doesn't complain about her weak eyesight or the tough journey, saying, "I can walk forever."
- When a landslide blocks the bus, she chooses to take a difficult mountain path instead of going back, showing her determination to reach the eye hospital.

3. **How does Mani support Granny during their journey? What does this reveal about his character?**

**Answer:** Mani supports Granny by:

- Offering to go with her to Mussoorie so she feels safe.
- Carrying a bedding roll and guiding her on the path when she can't see well.
- Checking on her during the walk, asking if she's tired or can see the path. This reveals Mani is caring, responsible, and respectful. He loves Granny and wants to make sure she is safe and comfortable, showing his kind and mature character.

4. **'A shoulder to rest on is a blessing indeed.' Don't you agree? How does the story highlight the bond between generations?**

**Answer:** Yes, I agree. The story shows the strong bond between Granny and Mani:

- Granny raised Mani since he was a baby, showing her love and care.
- Mani supports Granny by going with her, carrying things, and staying by her side, showing his respect and love.
- At the end, Mani rests his head on Granny's shoulder in the bus, and Granny enjoys seeing him clearly with her new glasses, showing their mutual trust and affection. This highlights how grandparents and grandchildren can support and love each other, creating a special bond across generations.

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### Let's Recall and Recreate Activities (Page 8)

#### Activity 1

**A. Read the following excerpt from 'A Long Walk with Granny': "The rain stopped and the sun came out. Below them, the light green of the fields stood out against the dark green of the forests, and the hills were bathed in golden sunshine." Do these lines create a picture in your mind? You may attempt to draw the picture.**

**Answer:** Yes, the lines create a beautiful picture of nature. I imagine a bright, sunny scene with light green fields, dark green forests, and hills glowing with golden sunlight. The sky is clear after the rain.

**Drawing Suggestion:** Students can draw a landscape with green fields, darker forest trees, and hills under a bright sun with golden rays. Add a clear blue sky to show the rain has stopped.

**B. Granny and Mani stand on the summit of the peak on their way to Nain. They look around. Mani is really amazed by the beauty of the scene. Imagine this is the view. This is how he describes the place to a friend: "The view of the snow-capped peaks, the rocky terrain and the crystal-clear water in the river nearby were just breathtaking. A beam of light coming through the white clouds spread its brilliance all around. The tall dark green trees seemed glowing too. The misty morning was giving way to a brighter day. The vast valley was filled with wonderful green shades, all of which were mesmerising."**

**Now, let's list the words/phrases that helped Mani describe the place in the table below. One has been done for you.**

**Describing Words/Phrases   Nouns Described**

Snow-capped	Peaks
Rocky	Terrain
Crystal-clear	Water
Breathtaking	View
Brilliant	Beam of light
Tall	Trees
Dark green	Trees
Glowing	Trees
Misty	Morning
Brighter	Day
Vast	Valley
Wonderful	Green shades
Mesmerising	Green shades

**Explanation:** These words and phrases make the description vivid by showing the beauty and details of the landscape, like the clear water, shining light, and colorful valley.