

The Bond of Love

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Chapter Sketch

The Bond of Love' is a story of love and affection between a human being and an animal. Once the narrator finds an orphaned sloth bear and gifts him to his wife. As time passes, the narrator's wife and the baby bear share a great bond of love and affection. The bear grows big and needs an open and big space to live, so they decide to give him to a zoo. But, both of them cannot bear the separation. They worry and do not eat food properly. Hence, the bear is brought back to the narrator's house and both become happy.

About the Characters

The Narrator He is the writer of the story who found a sloth bear, and gifted him to his wife.

Narrator's Wife She was a kind woman who loved the bear a lot and treated him like her child.

Bruno A sloth bear whom the narrator found and gifted to his wife.

The Curator A zoo keeper who took care of Bruno at the zoo and informed the narrator's wife about its condition.

The Superintendent A kind-hearted man who allowed the narrator's wife to take Bruno with her.

Summary of the Chapter

The Narrator Finds an Orphaned Bear Cub

The narrator found a bear cub by chance when he and his friends were passing through the fields of sugarcane near Mysore. People were driving away the wild pigs from their fields by shooting at them. Then they spotted a sloth bear. His friend shot towards the bear and it died. After the sloth bear died, her cub (which was riding on her back) ran around her dead body making a sad noise. The narrator caught the bear cub and gifted him to his wife.

The narrator's wife felt so happy on seeing the bear cub and named him Bruno. She treated him as her own child and took good care of him. She gave him many things to eat and drink. He ate porridge, vegetables, fruits, nuts, meat, rice, eggs, etc, and drank tea, milk, beer, coffee, etc.

He spent his time in playing with the pet dogs of the narrator and his tenant's children. He slept in their beds.

Incidents with Bruno

Once an incident took place in the house. The narrator had put down a rat poison in the library and Bruno ate it and suffered a stroke of paralysis. He dragged himself to the narrator's wife. They took him to the veterinary doctor and he recovered after some time. Another time, Bruno drank one gallon of old engine oil but it had no ill-effect on him.

Baba : New Name of Bruno

As Bruno grew, he learnt some tricks and at the narrator's wife's command, he could perform them. He could hold a stick like a gun. When she said wrestle or box, he did the same. She changed his name to Baba when he grew up. Baba had to be chained most of the time because of the children of narrator's tenants'.

As time passed, baba grew in size and equalled the two dogs in height, so the narrator and his friends advised the narrator's wife to send him to the zoo in Mysore because he needed a bigger and open space. She was not ready to send him initially but later she agreed and sent him to the zoo.

Effect of Separation on Narrator's Wife and Baba

The narrator's wife was in grief for weeks after Baba left. She wrote a letter to the curator (custodian) of the zoo to know about Baba.

The curator replied that he was fretting and not eating food. The narrator tried to keep her away from the zoo for about three months but after knowing Baba's condition, she decided to meet him.

Reunion of the Narrator's Wife and Baba

The narrator took his wife to the zoo. Some of her friends told her that Baba would not recognise her but when she went to the zoo, Baba recognised her at once and became very happy. They sat together for three hours.

She gave him food. She urged the curator to send Baba with her but he was helpless and suggested her to ask the superintendent for that.

Baba Returns Home Happily

The superintendent allowed her to take Baba and he was hoisted on the top of the narrator's car. At home, a twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide island was made for him.

A wooden box was kept for Baba to sleep. He was happy to be at home again. The narrator's wife and Baba spent hours sitting there.

A Bond of Love Between a Human and an Animal

The affection and love between the narrator's wife and Baba, the sloth bear, was a symbol of true love. The story shows that animals also feel love and express their feelings to them who love them. Baba showed so many qualities like that of humans like love, affection, care and loyalty; and shared a bond of love with the narrator's wife.

» Chapter Highlights

- 1 The narrator finds an orphaned bear cub while passing through sugarcane fields in Mysore.
- 2 He brings that bear cub to his home and gifts it to his wife.
- 3 His wife treats the bear with love and affection. She names the cub 'Bruno'.
- 4 Accidentally, he eats poison one day and suffers a stroke of paralysis. He is taken to the Vet (doctor for animals) and gets well after treatment.
- 5 Once, he drank a gallon of old engine oil but there was no ill-effect on him.
- 6 The narrator's wife loves him a lot and helps him learn some tricks that he performs on her command.
- 7 When Bruno grows big, the narrator's wife changed his name to Baba. He was sent to zoo as he was too big to be kept at home.
- 8 The narrator's wife and Bruno became sad and did not eat food for many days.
- 9 The narrator's wife visits the zoo to meet Bruno.
- 10 Bruno recognises her at once at the zoo even after three months of separation and becomes happy.
- 11 Both of them sit together for hours. She gives him his favourite food.
- 12 The narrator's wife cries and requests the superintendent to allow her to take Bruno with her.
- 13 He allows her and makes special arrangement for transporting Bruno to their home.
- 14 Bruno comes home and they spend a lot of time together and are very happy.

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Word Meanings

The given page nos. correspond to the pages in the prescribed textbook.

Word	Meaning
PAGE 113	
wantonly	without any reason
unfortunately	unluckily
beast	an animal
companions	friends
promptly	at once; suddenly
prostrate	lying on the ground facing downwards

PAGE 114	
creature	a living being especially an animal
scooted	ran away
grab	to get hold of
scruff	the back of the neck
snapped	to bite
scratch	to use the claws to wound
gunny-bag	sack
delighted	extremely pleased
christened	to give a name to someone
condiments	spices
aerated	(of a liquid) made effervescent by being charged with a gas
relish	enjoy fully
tenant	a person that pays to use another person's property
befell	happened, occurred
extent	limit
dragged	pulled along with difficulty
stumps	legs
tame	pet

PAGE 115	
feverish	in a state of restless excitement
symptoms	an indication of a disease
floundering	moving with difficulty
flanks	sides
hypodermic	injected under the skin
antidote	a drug that neutralises the effects of a poison
stertorous	(of breathing) noisy and laboured
disdainfully	full of contempt; showing disrespect
drained	caused to flow
sump	tank
studebaker	an old American car
inroads	advances
vigorously	forcefully
rough and tumble	fight

Word	Meaning
cradled	hold gently and protectively
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affectionately	fondly
concealed	hidden
consented	gave permission, agreed
hastily	in a hurried manner
curator	the person in charge of a zoo
relieved	released from any burden
inconsolable	impossible or difficult to console
fretted	caused to be uneasy; worried
restrain	control
conjectured	guessed
recognise	show approval or appreciation of
howled	cried or wailed loudly as in pain, sorrow, or anger
petted	stroke or pat an animal affectionately
lemonade	a drink made from lemon juice and water sweetened with sugar.
bitterly	greatly
hardened	not easily upset
PAGE 117	
depressed	felt sad
reconciled	compromised
hesitantly	with hesitation
pleaded	requested
PAGE 118	
transporting	carrying
hoisted	to raise something especially by using ropes
securely	tightly
accomplished	achieved
squad	a small group
engaged	employed
moat	a deep, wide ditch that is usually filled with water used for confining animals
fowl	a bird such as chicken that is raised for food
gnarled	twisted
preserved	kept safely
hindlegs	back legs of an animal
overhanging	hanging over something
loop	a portion of a rope folded or doubled upon itself so as to leave an opening between the parts
constitutes	becomes
affection	a feeling of fondness
individual	related to a human being
characteristics	qualities

NCERT FOLDER

(Here we have covered questions given in the NCERT textbook along with their answers.)

Thinking about the Text (Page 119)

- I. Given in the box are some headings. Find the relevant paragraphs in the text to match the headings.

An Orphaned Cub; Bruno's Food-chart; An Accidental Case of Poisoning; Playful Baba; Pain of Separation; Joy of Reunion; A Request to the Zoo; An Island in the Courtyard.

- Ans. (i) An Orphaned Cub → Para 3
 (ii) Bruno's Food-chart → Para 6
 (iii) An Accidental Case of Poisoning → Para 8
 (iv) Playful Baba → Para 12
 (v) Pain of Separation → Para 14
 (vi) Joy of Reunion → Para 16
 (vii) A Request to the Zoo → Para 18
 (viii) An Island in the Courtyard → Para 21

II. Answer the following questions.

- 1 "I got him for her by accident."

- (i) Who says this?
 (ii) Who do 'him' and 'her' refer to?
 (iii) What is the incident referred to here?

- Ans. (i) The narrator says this statement.
 (ii) Here, 'him' refers to the little sloth bear and 'her' refers to the narrator's wife.
 (iii) The incident referred to here is the unfortunate killing of the mother bear and catching of the baby-bear.

- 2 "He stood on his head in delight."

- (i) Who does 'he' refer to?
 (ii) Why was he delighted?

- Ans. (i) Here, 'he' refers to the baby-bear.
 (ii) He was delighted to see the narrator's wife after a long time.

- 3 "We all missed him greatly; but in a sense we were relieved."

- (i) Who does 'we all' stand for?
 (ii) Whom did they miss?
 (iii) Why did they, nevertheless, feel relieved?

- Ans. (i) Here, 'we all' stands for the narrator, his wife and his son.
 (ii) They missed the baby bear, Bruno (Baba).

- (iii) They felt relieved because it was getting very troublesome to keep Bruno at home. That is why they sent him off to a zoo.

III. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each.

- 1 On two occasions Bruno ate/drank something that should not be eaten/drunk. What happened to him on these occasions?

- Ans. Bruno ate some rat poison on the first occasion. He was nearly paralysed and was critical. They rushed him to the vet and he was finally cured. Later, he drank nearly a gallon of old engine oil. However, it did not have any ill-effect on him.

- 2 Was Bruno a loving and playful pet? Why, then, did he have to be sent away?

- Ans. Yes, Bruno was a loving and playful pet. With the passage of time, he had learnt a few tricks also. He had to be sent away to a zoo because it was becoming difficult to keep him at home because of his size and needs. It was also a trouble for the children of the narrator's tenants.

- 3 How was the problem of what to do with Bruno finally solved?

- Ans. On his wife's request, the narrator brought Bruno back from the zoo. At home, they built an island in the compound for him. All the stuff that he needed was kept there, even his 'baby' and 'gun'.

Thinking about Language (Page 119)

- I. 1 Find these words in the lesson. They all have *ie* or *ei* in them.

f__ld	ingred__nts	h__ght
misch__vous	fr__nds	__ghty-seven
rel__ved	p__ce	

- Ans. Field Ingredients Height
 Mischievous Friends Eighty-seven
 Relieved Piece

- 2 Now, here are some more words. Complete them with *ei* or *ie*. Consult a dictionary if necessary.

bel__ve	rec__ve	w__rd
Le__sure	s__ze	w__ght
r__gn	f__gn	gr__f
p__rce		

(There is a popular rule of spelling: 'i' before 'e' except after 'c'. Check if this rule is true by looking at the words above.)

Ans.	Believe	Receive	Weird	Leisure
	Seize	Weight	Reign	Feign
	Grief	Pierce		

II. Here are some words with silent letters. Learn their spelling. Your teacher will dictate these words to you. Write them down and underline the silent letters.

knock	wrestle	walk	wrong
knee	half	honest	daughter
hours	return	hornet	calm
could	sign	island	button

Ans. The silent letters have been underlined as under

<u>K</u> nock	<u>W</u> restle	<u>W</u> alk	<u>W</u> rong
<u>K</u> nee	<u>H</u> alf	<u>H</u> onest	<u>D</u> aughter
<u>H</u> ours	<u>R</u> eturn	<u>H</u> ornet	<u>C</u> alm
<u>C</u> ould	<u>S</u> ign	<u>I</u> sland	<u>B</u> utton

III.

1 The Narrative Present (Page 121)

Notice the incomplete sentences in the following paragraphs. Here, the writer is using incomplete sentences in the narration to make the incident more dramatic or immediate. Can you rewrite the paragraph in complete sentences?

(You can begin : The vet and I made a dash back to the car. Bruno was still floundering...)

A dash back to the car. Bruno still floundering about on his stumps, but clearly weakening rapidly; some vomiting, heavy breathing, with heaving flanks and gaping mouth.

Hold him, everybody! In goes the hypodermic—Bruno squeals—10 c.c. of the antidote enters his system without a drop being wasted. Ten minutes later: condition unchanged! Another 10 c.c. injected! Ten minutes later: breathing less stertorous—Bruno can move his arms and legs a little although he can not stand yet. Thirty minutes later: Bruno gets up and has a great feed! He looks at us disdainfully, as much as to say, 'What's barium carbonate to a big black bear like me?' Bruno is still eating.

Ans. The vet and I made a dash back to the car. Bruno was still floundering about on his stumps. He was clearly weakening. This was evident from some vomiting, heavy breathing, with heaving flanks and his gaping

mouth. The vet told us to hold him. Then, he pushed in the hypodermic in Bruno's arm.

He squealed but the antidote entered his system without a drop being wasted. After ten minutes, his condition was still unchanged. The vet pushed in another 10 c.c. Ten minutes later, his breathing got a bit normal and he could move his arms and legs. Then after thirty minutes, Bruno was fine and had food. He had a disdainful look in his eyes, as if he was asking, "What's barium carbonate to a big black bear like me?" He kept eating.

2 Adverbs (Page 121)

(i) Find the adverbs in the passage below. (You've read about adverbs in Unit 1.)

We thought that everything was over when suddenly a black sloth bear came out panting in the hot sun. Now, I will not shoot a sloth bear wantonly but, unfortunately, for the poor beast, one of my companions did not feel that way about it, and promptly shot the bear on the spot.

Ans. Suddenly, Wantonly, Unfortunately and Promptly are adverbs in the given passage.

(ii) Complete the following sentences, using a suitable adverb ending in -ly.

- Rana does her homework
- It rains in Mumbai in June.
- He does his work
- The dog serves his master

Ans. (a) Rana does her homework **timely**.
(b) It rains **heavily** in Mumbai in June.
(c) He does his work **properly**.
(d) The dog serves his master **faithfully**.

(iii) Choose the most suitable adverbs or adverbial phrases and complete the following sentences.

- We should get down from a moving train. (never, sometimes, often)
- I was in need of support after my poor performance. (badly, occasionally, sometimes)
- Rita met with an accident. The doctor examined her (suddenly, seriously, immediately)

Ans. (a) We should **never** get down from a moving train.
(b) I was **badly** in need of support after my poor performance.
(c) Rita met with an accident. The doctor examined her **immediately**.

Exam Practice

Extract Based Questions

[4 Marks each]

Read the following extracts carefully and choose the correct option.

1 People were driving away the wild pigs from the fields by shooting at them. Some were shot and some escaped. We thought that everything was over when suddenly a black sloth bear came out panting in the hot sun.

- (i) Where was the author at this time ?
 - (a) ~~Bangaluru~~
 - (b) Passing through sugarcane fields near Mysore
 - (c) In their house
 - (d) In Mysore Palace
- (ii) What were the people doing when the author saw them?
 - (a) Driving away wild pigs
 - (b) Shooting the pigs
 - (c) Shooting the sloth bear
 - (d) ~~Both 'a' and 'b'~~
- (iii) Find a word from the extract which means 'breathing quickly'.
 - (a) Driving away
 - (b) Suddenly
 - (c) ~~Panting~~
 - (d) Running
- (iv) What was the result of shooting?
 - (a) All pigs were killed
 - (b) Some pigs escaped
 - (c) Pigs attacked humans
 - (d) ~~Both 'a' and 'b'~~

- Ans. (i) (b) Passing through sugarcane fields near Mysore
(ii) (d) Both 'a' and 'b'
(iii) (c) Panting
(iv) (d) Both 'a' and 'b'

2 It scooted into the sugarcane field. Following it with my companions, I was at last able to grab it by the scruff of its neck while it snapped and tried to scratch me with its long, hooked claws.

- (i) What does 'It' refer to here ?
 - (a) Sloth bear
 - (b) ~~Baby bear~~
 - (c) Baby pig
 - (d) None of these
- (ii) Why did it scoot to sugarcane field?
 - (a) It was scared
 - (b) ~~To hide somewhere~~
 - (c) To save its life
 - (d) To eat something
- (iii) Find a word from the extract which means 'bite'
 - (a) Grab
 - (b) Scruff
 - (c) ~~Snapped~~
 - (d) Scratched
- (iv) How did baby bear react to his mother's death?
 - (a) Ran around
 - (b) Made pitiful noises
 - (c) Attacked others
 - (d) Ran away in the sugarcane field

- Ans. (i) (b) Baby bear (ii) (c) To save its life
(iii) (c) Snapped (iv) (b) Made pitiful noises

3 The bear became very attached to our two Alsatian dogs and to all the children of the tenants living in our bungalow. He was left quite free in his younger days and spent his time in playing, running into the kitchen and going to sleep in our beds.

- (i) Who became attached to our dogs?
 - (a) ~~Adopted motherless sloth bear baby~~
 - (b) Zoo bear
 - (c) One domesticated bear
 - (d) None of the above
- (ii) To whom did the bear become attached?
 - (a) To all family members
 - (b) Narrator's Alsatian dogs
 - (c) ~~Children of narrator's tenants~~
 - (d) Both 'b' and 'c'
- (iii) How did the bear spend time at home ?
 - (a) Sleeping
 - (b) Running to kitchen
 - (c) Playing
 - (d) ~~All of these~~
- (iv) Find a word from the extract which is antonym of 'separated'.
 - (a) Became
 - (b) ~~Attached~~
 - (c) Left
 - (d) Spent

- Ans. (i) (a) Adopted motherless sloth bear baby
(ii) (d) Both 'b' and 'c'
(iii) (d) All of these
(iv) (b) Attached

4 Bruno entered the library as he often did, and he ate some of the poison. Paralysis set in to the extent that he could not stand on his feet. But he dragged himself on his stumps to my wife, who called me.

- (i) What did the bear 'Bruno' do in the library?
 - (a) Torn some books
 - (b) Played with children
 - (c) ~~Consumed some poison~~
 - (d) Relaxed in the library
- (ii) What happened to Bruno as a result of consuming poison?
 - (a) Vomitted continuously
 - (b) Could not walk
 - (c) His body was paralysed
 - (d) ~~Both 'b' and 'c'~~

- (iii) Which word in the extract can be associated with 'legs'?
- ~~(a) Stumps~~ (b) Stroke
(c) Dragged (d) Paralysed
- (iv) Why did Bruno drag himself to narrator's wife?
- (a) She was a doctor
(b) She loved Bruno
~~(c) Close friendship between Bruno and her~~
(d) No one else was at home

- Ans.** (i) (c) Consumed some poison
(ii) (d) Both 'b' and 'c'
(iii) (a) Stumps
(iv) (c) Close friendship between Bruno and her

5 Hold him, everybody! In goes the hypodermic-Bruno squeals—10.c.c. of the antidote enters his system with out a drop being wasted. Ten minutes later : Condition unchanged! Another c.c. injected! Ten minutes later : Bruno can move his arms and legs a little although he cannot stand yet. Thirty minutes later : Bruno gets up and has a great feed! He looks at us disdainfully, as much as to say, 'What's barium carbonate to a big black bear like me?' Bruno is still eating.

- (i) How much time did Bruno take to be completely fit?
- (a) Two hours (b) One hour
~~(c) Thirty minutes~~ (d) Ten minutes
- (ii) What has Bruno done to himself before the start of this passage?
- (a) Had injured himself
~~(b) Had consumed poison (Barium Carbonate)~~
(c) Had eaten poisonous food
(d) None of the above
- (iii) What did disdainful looks of Bruno suggest to the family?
- (a) Do not panic
(b) Poison cannot harm a big bear
(c) I am fine
~~(d) Both 'a' and 'b'~~
- (iv) How long did it take Bruno to get up after getting an injection?
- (a) 10 minutes ~~(b) Half an hour~~
(c) One hour (d) 20 minutes

- Ans.** (i) (c) Thirty minutes
(ii) (b) Had consumed poison
(iii) (d) Both 'a' and 'b'
(iv) (b) Half an hour

6 Above all, he loved my wife, and she loved him too! She had changed his name from Bruno, to Baba, a Hindustani word signifying 'small boy'.

- (i) What kind of bond did Bruno and the narrator's wife share?
- (a) Mutual respect (b) Friendship
~~(c) Bond of love~~ (d) Enmity
- (ii) Why did she change his name from Bruno to 'Baba'?
- ~~(a) She loved the bear as her son~~
(b) Baba was easy to pronounce
(c) Bear was more responsive to 'Baba'
(d) Easy to write
- (iii) What could be understood from the extract?
- (a) Animals also need love
~~(b) They understand bond of love~~
(c) There is no hard rule about type of pet you keep
(d) Both 'a' and 'b'
- (iv) Which word in the extract can also mean 'symbolising'?
- ~~(a) Signifying~~ (b) Heaving
(c) Change of name (d) None of these

- Ans.** (i) (c) Bond of love
(ii) (a) She loved the bear as her son
(iii) (b) They understand bond of love
(iv) (a) Signifying

7 Ask him, 'Baba, where's baby?' and he immediately produced and cradled affectionately a stump of wood which he had carefully concealed in his straw bed. But, because of the tenants' children, poor Bruno, or Baba, had to be kept chained most of the time.

- (i) What is 'baby' for Bruno?
- ~~(a) A stump of wood~~ (b) Cradle
(c) Some medicines (d) Bruno's food
- (ii) Where was the baby kept hidden?
- (a) In the kitchen
(b) In the room
~~(c) Under the straw bed~~
(d) In the bathroom
- (iii) Why was Bruno kept in chains?
- (a) He could attack anyone
(b) He roamed wildly
(c) He had broken furniture
~~(d) Due to tenant's children~~
- (iv) Find a word from the extract which is opposite in meaning to 'revealed'.
- (a) Hidden (b) Chained
~~(c) Concealed~~ (d) Cradled

- Ans.** (i) (a) A stump of wood
(ii) (c) Under the straw bed
(iii) (d) Due to tenant's children
(iv) (c) Concealed

8 After some 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. Did he want a tame bear for his collection?

- (i) For what proposal author's wife had consented?
 - (a) To send Bruno to forest
 - ☒ (b) To send Bruno in a zoo
 - (c) Leave him on the road
 - (d) Leave him in a lonely house
- (ii) Why was a letter written to the curator of the zoo?
 - ☒ (a) To enquire if Bruno could be kept in the zoo
 - (b) Will he come to take away Bruno
 - (c) Could they sell Bruno to zoo
 - (d) Could he find another place for Bruno
- (iii) Find a word from the extract which means 'agreed'.
 - (a) Hastily
 - ☒ (b) Consented
 - (c) Curator
 - (d) Collection
- (iv) Why did the narrator want to send Bruno to the zoo?
 - (a) Not manageable at home
 - (b) Too risky to be kept at home
 - (c) Bear was turning dangerous
 - ☒ (d) Growing too big to be kept at home

- Ans. (i) (b) To send Bruno in a zoo
 (ii) (a) To enquire if Bruno could be kept in the zoo
 (iii) (b) Consented
 (iv) (d) Growing too big to be kept at home

9 For the first few days she would not eat a thing. Then she wrote a number of letters to the curator. How was Baba? Back came the replies, "Well, but fretting: he refuses food too."

- (i) Why did narrator's wife did not eat anything for many days?
 - (a) She did not feel hungry
 - (b) She was not well
 - (c) She missed Bruno a lot
 - ☒ (d) She felt miserable without Bruno
- (ii) Why did she write a number of letters to the curator?
 - (a) She was missing Bruno badly
 - ☒ (b) To enquire about Bruno
 - (c) She could not live without Bruno
 - (d) She had nothing else to do
- (iii) How did Bruno behave at the zoo?
 - (a) Eating less
 - (b) Fretting a lot
 - (c) Refusing to sleep
 - ☒ (d) Both 'a' and 'b'

(iv) Find a word from the passage that means the same as 'to be in anguish'.

- (a) Ufused
- ☒ (b) Fretted
- (c) Missed
- (d) Worried

- Ans. (i) (d) She felt miserable without Bruno
 (ii) (b) To enquire about Bruno
 (iii) (d) Both 'a' and 'b'
 (iv) (b) Fretted

10 He howled with happiness. She ran up to him, petted him through the bars, and he stood on his head in delight.

- (i) How did Baba react when he saw the author's wife?
 - (a) Jumped frantically
 - (b) Ran towards her
 - ☒ (c) Howled with happiness
 - (d) Cried out of happiness
- (ii) What was the lady's reaction?
 - (a) Cried happily
 - ☒ (b) Ran toward Baba and petted him
 - (c) Started jumping
 - (d) Started shouting happily
- (iii) Find a word from the extract which can also mean 'long sad sound'.
 - (a) Petted
 - (b) Ran
 - ☒ (c) Howled
 - (d) Delight
- (iv) What insight do you get from this extract?
 - (a) Animals are loyal
 - (b) They know the language of love
 - (c) They are a delight to watch
 - ☒ (d) Both 'a' and 'b'

- Ans. (i) (c) Howled with happiness
 (ii) (b) Ran toward Baba and petted him
 (iii) (c) Howled
 (iv) (d) Both 'a' and 'b'

11 A tearful pleading: "Baba and I are both fretting for each other. Will you please give him back to me?" He was a kind-hearted man and consented.

- (i) Who is pleading to whom?
 - (a) Wife to narrator
 - (b) Wife to curator of zoo
 - ☒ (c) Wife to the superintendent of zoo
 - (d) Narrator to curator
- (ii) What did the author's wife plead for?
 - ☒ (a) To get Baba back from zoo
 - (b) To shift to a better place
 - (c) To stay at zoo for some days
 - (d) To shift Baba to natural habitat
- (iii) Explain 'A tearful pleading'.
 - ☒ (a) Emotional request
 - (b) Pleading while crying
 - (c) Crying bilterly
 - (d) Request with tears in eyes

- (iv) Who was a kind hearted man?
 (a) The curator of zoo
 (b) His boss-the superintendent
 (c) The narrator
 (d) The neighbours

Ans. (i) (c) Wife to the superintendent of zoo
 (ii) (a) To get Baba back from zoo
 (iii) (a) Emotional request
 (iv) (b) His boss-the superintendent

12 He was delighted; standing on his hindlegs, he pointed his 'gun' and cradled his 'baby'. My wife spent hours sitting on a chair there while he sat on her lap. He was fifteen months old and pretty heavy too!

- (i) What would Baba do when he was delighted?
 (a) Howled (b) Felted
 (c) Ate a lot (d) Stood on hind legs

- (ii) How old was Baba or Bruno now?
 (a) 10 months (b) 12 months
 (c) 15 months (d) 8 months

(iii) Find a word from the extract which means 'to hold someone gently in your arms'.
 (a) Pointed (b) Delighted
 (c) Cradled (d) Stood

- (iv) How did the wife of the author spend time with Bruno?
 (a) Sit on a chair
 (b) Bruno in her lap
 (c) Feeding him goodies
 (d) Both 'a' and 'b'

Ans. (i) (d) Stood on hind legs
 (ii) (c) 15 months
 (iii) (c) Cradled
 (iv) (d) Both 'a' and 'b'

Short Answer (SA) Type Questions

[2 Marks each]

1 Who was Bruno and how was it caught by the narrator?

Ans. Bruno was caught in an accident. Bruno was a sloth bear. Once the narrator and his friends were passing through the sugarcane fields near Mysore. Bruno's mother was shot dead and the narrator captured Bruno from the sugarcane field and put it in a gunny bag.

2 How did Bruno become attached to the family of the author?

Ans. When Bruno came to author's house then, Bruno got love and affection from the family of the narrator. So, he slowly got attached to the narrator's family and their two Alsatian dogs and to all the children of their tenants. He became a play thing for all the residents of the house.

3 Bruno once got paralysis. Why? How was he cured?

Ans. Bruno once got paralysis when he ate some of the poison which the author had kept to kill the rats in his library. The author rushed him to a vet who gave Bruno two injections of an antidote. After 30 minutes, Bruno was able to walk on his legs. He had a great feed after that incident.

4 What were the activities that Bruno did in the story?

Ans. In the story, 'Bruno' performed activities like wrestling, boxing, pointing a bamboo stick as a gun and cradling a stump like a baby when he would be

asked to do them. He played with dogs and children also. He was just a perfect entertainer for them.

5 Describe the food habit of Bruno as told in the story.

Ans. Bruno was fond of eating porridge, vegetables, fruits, nuts, meat, rice, eggs and loved to drink tea, milk, coffee, beer, liquor or anything liquid. He would be delighted to eat anything.

6 Why was it decided to send Bruno to the zoo?

Ans. When Bruno was brought to the house, he was just a cub. After a few months, Bruno had grown very huge. He had become too big to be kept at home. Moreover, it was dangerous for children. So, it was decided to send Bruno to the zoo.

7 How did Bruno and the narrator's wife feel after getting separated?

Ans. Both Bruno and the narrator's wife felt very sad, worried and did not eat for a few days as they were very close to each other and shared a great bond of love. The narrator's wife also cried and was inconsolable (heart-broken). The separation was too painful for both of them.

8 Why did the narrator's wife urge the curator to give Baba back to her?

Ans. The narrator's wife urged the curator to give Baba back to her because both of them were fretting and couldn't bear the separation as they were deeply attached to each other. Moreover, Baba had got very thin as he didn't eat food.

- 9 What special arrangements were made for Bruno at the narrator's house when he was brought back to home from zoo?

Ans. When Bruno was back to the house, then an island was made in the courtyard of the narrator's house. It was surrounded by a moat. Every item that belonged to Bruno was kept inside the island. Since, he had grown in size; so it was necessary to make these arrangements.

- 10 What do we learn from the story 'The Bond of Love'?

Ans. The story 'The Bond of Love' teaches us to be kind, loving and caring towards animals. It brings out the fact that animals too have emotions like us and are ready to share love with anyone who loves them. They pay back their love in the same coin as we do to them.

Long Answer (LA) Type Questions

[8 Marks each]

- 1 'Love is natural'. Illustrate with reference to the story 'The Bond of Love'.

Ans. Love is what comes as an emotion, an affinity and an association of thoughts between two or more living beings. It is an association based on the mutual understanding. Since, love has a universal language despite it having no language. Love demands nothing but your heart. If you put your heart out, then love comes spontaneously. It is true that love is natural. In the story 'The Bond of Love', the love between Bruno, a bear, and the narrator's wife reflects an emotional bonding. The narrator's wife loved him dearly. She cooked a variety of food dishes for him and made all efforts to please him. In return, the bear also performed many playful tricks to please her. Both of them enjoyed each other's company. When they got separated after his departure to the zoo, both of them fretted (worry or be anxious) and did not eat properly. So, the narrator decided to reunite them. This shows that love is natural to all whether it is a human being or an animal.

- 2 Animals have the same pain as humans of separation. Describe the whole incident of separation in the story 'The Bond of Love'.

Ans. One who lives alone doesn't know the meaning of the separation from one's loved ones. This meaning can only be understood by the ones who have formed an association ever with someone. It is of no matter that separation afflicts only human beings and not the meek animals. There are some feelings that is universal in nature barring all the limitations and constraints whatsoever. It is natural for all living creatures to feel joy, happiness, sorrow, pain and

other feelings. Animals do feel the same as humans. In the story 'The Bond of Love', the bear-Bruno was very attached to the narrator's wife and he became very sad after he was separated from her. He did not eat food properly, fretted and became very weak. But, when the narrator's wife went to see him at the zoo, he at once recognised her and became very happy. He also ate the food brought by her. This shows that animals feel the pain of separation as humans.

- 3 Imagine yourself as the wife of the author. After sending Bruno to zoo, you are very upset. Write a page of your diary expressing your feelings.

Ans. Thursday, 2nd June, 20XX

Time : 9:30 PM

Dear Diary,

Today I am feeling very sad. I had never imagined that my dear Bruno would have to leave me one day. If things would have been under my control, I would have made all possible efforts to keep my dear Bruno with me. I really miss him a lot and would love to go to the zoo to meet him soon. I hope I am able to do that. Bruno was a special gift for me from my husband and I have taken care of him as my child. Because of this, he holds a special place in my heart. But, as circumstances would have wished him to go to the zoo, I was nothing more than being helpless. He was growing in the size but still I think that he was just a small cub when he was first brought to me. He was lovable, playful and naughty but it was all so thrilling that his impressions are still afresh on my mind. I have been missing him sorely and would soon see him.

Self Assessment

Extract Based Questions

Read the following extracts carefully and choose the correct option.

- 1 Another time he found nearly one gallon of old engine oil which I had drained from the sump of the Studebaker and was keeping as a weapon against the inroads of termites. He promptly drank the lot. But, it had no ill effects whatever.
- (i) What did Bruno drink another time?
(a) Petrol (b) Kerosene oil (c) Old engine oil (d) Cough syrup
- (ii) What happened when Bruno drank it?
(a) Fainted (b) Howled (c) Fretted (d) No ill effects
- (iii) For what purpose the engine oil was to be used?
(a) To stop termites (b) For an emergency
(c) To use in another vehicle (d) To kill insects
- (iv) What is Studebaker?
(a) A pump (b) A can to store oil
(c) A brand of automobile or car (d) An equipment
- 2 We put it in one of the gunny-bags we had brought and when I got back to Bangalore I duly presented it to my wife. She was delighted! She at once put a coloured ribbon around its neck and after discovering the cub was a 'boy' she christened it Bruno.
- (i) What does 'It' refer to here?
(a) A small puppy (b) A cat (c) A baby bear (d) A small plant
- (ii) What was narrator's wife's reaction?
(a) Unhappy (b) Angry (c) Sad (d) Delighted
- (iii) How was the baby bear christened?
(a) Baba (b) Leo (c) Buddy (d) Bruno
- (iv) What did the lady put around cub's neck?
(a) A soft belt (b) A leather strap (c) A coloured ribbon (d) A plastic band

Short Answer (SA) Type Questions

- 3 Mention some of the tricks of Bruno.
- 4 What happened when Bruno drank one gallon of engine oil?
- 5 What was the reaction of the curator when the author's wife asked him to give Baba back to her? Why?
- 6 How was Baba brought back to Bangalore from Mysore?
- 7 How did the author's wife and Bruno spend time after he returned from the zoo?

Long Answer (LA) Type Questions

- 8 'All creations of God should be treated with love and compassion'. Write about the qualities of the author's wife as reflected in treating the bear cub.
- 9 Despite being a hunter himself, the narrator of the story saved the bear cub. What characteristics of him have been reflected in the story? What would you do if you were at his place?
- 10 Bruno was a wild animal but he never harmed anyone at home. What does it show? Could you let any wild animal stay at your home like Bruno? Why or why not?