

Chapter 29: Care Amidst Corona

- A.
1. India went into lockdown because of the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020.
 2. Caremongers India is an online community to answer distress calls and provide support.
 3. The group matches requests with the closest available volunteers.
 4. People write to Caremongers looking for pet care, house helps and caretakers.
 5. Vessels and ration were required for a community kitchen for dogs.
 6. Lifeguards distribute the 'biryani' among 150-odd stray dogs.
- B.
1. Mahita Nagaraj of Bengaluru founded Caremongers India. She set it up after many of her friends living abroad asked her for help in keeping a check on their ageing parents in India during the coronavirus pandemic.
 2. Caremongers India offers help to those most at risk of health issues due to the virus, including the elderly, the disabled, those with pre-existing health conditions and anyone with infants at

home. If they are unable to help, they redirect the request to other civil society groups or non-profit organizations.

3. *Suggested answers. Accept all valid responses.*

In April, a woman just out of surgery in Bengaluru wanted to return to her family in Tirupati, over 250 km away. A volunteer from Caremongers India arranged for an ambulance to transport her.

In another instance, a volunteer brought medicines for an HIV+ man who had run out of the drugs, using a photo of the doctor's prescription.

4. At Cohiba restaurant in Goa, the staff prepares vats of rice cooked with meat stock and scraps. The 'doggie biryani' is then picked up by volunteers and dropped off at the beach, where lifeguards distribute it among 150-odd stray dogs.
5. The dogs had started going hungry in the absence of scraps from the beachfront restaurants once the lockdown started. This affected their behaviour in a negative way as they would come charging at people out of hunger and dehydration.
6. People in Goa responded enthusiastically to the call for help to feed the dogs. Cohiba restaurant offered the use of their premises and help from their staff in preparing the biryani. Other residents stepped forward with ration, meat and money.

- money.
- C. 1. People who willingly offer their services are called volunteers.
2. The formal written medical advice a doctor gives is called a prescription.
3. Food grains and essentials are also known as ration.
4. The hip region is also known as the pelvic region.
5. Not drinking enough water leads to dehydration.
- D. *Suggested answers. Accept all valid responses.*
1. caretaker, caregiver
2. handbag, handcuff
3. homeless, homework
4. matchstick, matchbox
5. checkmate, checklist
- E. 1. Does the community have 3,900 volunteers today?
2. How unexpected the people's enthusiastic response was!
3. The volunteer did not accept payment for supplying the rice.
4. Did none of the shops stock red rice?
5. People will never forget the coronavirus pandemic.

Chapter 30: The Three Photographs

- A. 1. False 3. True 5. False
2. True 4. True
- B. 1. Rajen Babu was a good-looking but extremely mischievous boy when he was young. His teachers were all fed up with him, and he used to create trouble for other students too.
2. Rajen Babu confessed that as a child, he had tripped the best runner of his school in a hundred yards race to prevent him from winning.
3. Rajen Babu's son, Prabeer Majumdar, had left home sixteen years ago, and since then, there had been no contact between the father and the son.
4. When Feluda remarked that the case was very interesting, the speaker made this comment.
5. At the end of the passage, Tinkori Babu said that he was truly impressed by Feluda's power of observation. He felt that because he had read many detective novels, he might be able to help Feluda with the case.
- C. 1. innocent: angelic
2. fool: deceive
3. located among: nestled
4. made someone fall: tripped
5. stayed a little longer: lingered
6. admit something that one feels ashamed or embarrassed about: confess
- D. 1. Rajen Babu pointed at the first photograph, saying that it was his wife's. He added that she died barely five years after their marriage.
2. Feluda asked where he was then.
3. Feluda firmly said not to worry, adding that he would definitely get to the bottom of the case.
4. Rajen Babu thanked us and bid goodbye.
5. He said that he was truly impressed by his power of observation.
- E. 1. The third photo is of a young man in his late twenties. It turns out to be Rajen Babu's only child, Prabeer Majumdar.
2. Rajen Babu and Tinkori Babu will both walk up to the gate to see us off.
3. 'Who was that?' Feluda asked.
4. A mist is rising from the Rangeet valley down below.
5. 'I, too, will read a large number of detective novels.'
6. Now he is talking like the detectives one reads about.