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(HINGLISH)**

**BHOLI**

**Passages For Comrehension Passage 1**

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fallen off the cot on her head and perhaps it had damaged some part of her brain. That was why she remained a backward child and came to be known as Bholi, the simpleton.

What happened when Bholi was ten months old?



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Why was she called Bholi, the simpleton?



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## Passages For Comrehension Passage 2

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but the entire body was permanently disfigured by deep black pockmarks. Little Sulekha could not speak till she was five, and when at last she learnt to speak, she stammered. The other children often made fun of her and mimicked her. As a result, she talked very little.

Why was Bholi frightened?



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What did she remember?



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## Passages For Comrehension Passage 3

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How was little Sulekha at birth?



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Who was Bishamber Nath and why did he come with a big party of friends and relatives?



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Why was Ram Lal overjoyed?



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## Passages For Comrehension Passage 5

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age I will serve you and Mother and I will teach in the same school where I learnt so much. Isn't that right, Ma'am?"

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What did Sulekha (Bholi) assure her father?



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How did Bholi's teacher feel in the end?





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1. Why is Bholi's father worried about her?



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2. For what unusual reasons is Bholi sent to school?



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1. Does Bholi enjoy her first day at school?



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2. Does she find her teacher different from the people at home?



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1. Why do Bholi's parents accept Bishamber's marriage proposal?



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2. Why does the marriage not take place?



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1. Bholi had many apprehensions about going to school. What made her feel that she was going to a better place than her home?



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2. How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?



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3. Why did Bholi at first agree to the unequal match? Why did she later reject the marriage? What does this tell about her?



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4. Bholi's real name is Sulekha. We are told this right at the beginning. But only in the last but one paragraph of the story is Bholi called

Sulekha again. Why do you think she is called Sulekha at that point in the story?



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5. Bholi's teacher helped her overcome social barriers by encouraging and motivating her. How do you think you can contribute towards changing the social attitudes illustrated in this society?



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6. Should girls be aware of their rights, and assert them? Should girls and boys have the same rights, duties and privileges? What are some of the ways in which society treats them differently? When we speak of 'human rights', do we differentiate between girls' rights and boys' rights?



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7. Do you think the characters in the story were speaking to each other in English? If not,

in which language were they speaking? (You can get clues from the names of the persons and the non-English words used in the story.)



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## Additional Questions And Answers Short Answer Type Questions

1. Why was Sulekha called Bholi, the simpleton?



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2. Describe the family of Ramlal, the Numberdar.



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3. Describe two accidents that had disfigured Bholi and made her a backward child.



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4. Was Ramlal happy to send Bholi to school?

If not, why did he send her there?



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5. Why was Bholi frightened to go to school?



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6. What preparations were made to send Bholi to school? When did she begin to think that

school was a better place than her home?



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7. How was Bholi's first day at the school. Did she enjoy it?



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8. How did the teacher help Bholi to pronounce her name full and clearly?



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9. What social attitudes are presented in the story, 'Bholi'? How does Bholi's teacher help her overcome these barriers?



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10. When and why did Bholi feel that her heart was throbbing with a new hope and a new life?



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11. Bholi was a neglected child. Explain.



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12. Was Ramlal happy with Bishamber's proposal? What was the opinion of Bholi's mother about this unequal match?



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**13.** Was Bishamber a suitable bridegroom for Bholi? Give your opinion.



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**14.** Why didn't Bholi at first oppose the proposal of the unequal match? Why did she agree to it?



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**15.** What preparations had Bishamber made on the wedding day? What was the reaction of Bholi's parents and elder sisters regarding the celebrations?



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**16.** What happened when Bishamber took a quick glance at his bride's face?



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17. How did Ramlal react to Bishamberly demand of 5000 rupees to marry Bholi?



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18. Why did Bholi throw the wedding garland into the fire? Or Why did Bholi refuse to accept Bishamber as her husband when she had agreed to his proposal earlier?



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**19.** How did Bholi react to the remarks of an old woman who called her "a shameless girl" and "a harmless dumbcow?"



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**20.** How did Ramlal react after the ceremony ended with the departure of the bridegroom alone?



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21. A grieved father asked Bholi: "But what about you? No one will ever marry you now," What was Bholi's reply to his grieved father? Or What did Bholi tell her father about her future plans when he was grieved at the break up of the marriage?



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22. How did the teacher react to Bholi's wish expressed in the end?





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## Additional Questions And Answers Long Answer Type Questions

1. Draw a character-sketch of Bholi in your own words, highlighting her transformation from a harmless 'dumb cow' to a fearless and independent girl. Or Bholi was known to be a 'dumb cow'. How did she turn out to be an out-spoken and fearless girl?



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2. Who was Bishamber Nath? Did Bholi do the right thing to reject such a person? Or Give a character sketch of Bishamber Nath.



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3. What kind of a treatment does Bholi get from her parents? Does she deserve it? Comment.



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4. Why did Bholi at first agree to marry a man of her father's age? Bishamber limped and had grown up children from his first wife. Why did Bholi reject such a bridegroom in the end?

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5. Narrate Bholi's first experience in the class. How was she treated by her teacher?

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