

A1. Answer the following questions.

1. What first impression do you get of Phatik? Explain.
Ans. The first impression of Phatik that is formed is one of a bully, mischievous and disobedient adolescent. He appears as the ringleader among the mischievous boys of the village.
2. How did Makhan upset Phatik's plan?
Ans. When Phatik and his friends were about to shift a log from its place and roll it away, Makhan came and sat down on the log. It upset Phatik's plan.
3. Phatik was frightened of the consequences, still he went ahead with the trick. Why?
Ans. Though Phatik was frightened of the consequences he went ahead with the trick because he was the leader of the boys and he wanted to keep his regal dignity before his followers.
4. Why did Phatik sit near the river and not go home after the game was over?
Ans. Phatik sat near the river and didn't go home after the game was over because he was afraid that Makhan would have complained about him to his mother and she would punish him for hitting Makhan.
5. Who was Bishamber? Why had he come to Phatik's village?
Ans. Bishamber was Phatik's mother's brother. He came to Phatik's village to visit Phatik's family.
6. Did Makhan take advantage of his mother's love for him? How can you tell?
Ans. Yes, Makhan took advantage of his mother's love for him. Makhan knew that his mother would believe anything he said. So he made charges against Phatik of hitting him. The mother believed Makhan's version of the story and punished Phatik.
7. Did Phatik's aunt have the same attitude towards Phatik as his uncle? Give reasons in support of your answer.
Ans. Phatik's aunt didn't have the same attitude towards him as his uncle had. She always despised him and neglected him. She considered him as a nuisance.
8. Did Phatik love his mother? How can you tell?
Ans. Yes, Phatik loved his mother. When he was neglected by his aunt, he longed for his mother's love. When he was unconscious he was muttering 'mother'.
9. Phatik was eager and excited about life in the city. Do you think he felt the same way once he lived in his uncle's house?
Ans. Phatik was not excited about city life anymore once he started living in his uncle's house. He wanted to go back from the city to his village.
10. Why did Phatik decide to leave the house without informing anyone?
Ans. Phatik decided to leave his uncle's house without informing anyone because he thought he was going to have malarial fever and would become a nuisance for his aunt.