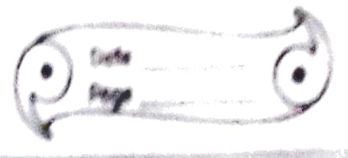


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B. 1. Madhu Manju's mother would call her Ju, and that is how everyone started calling her Ju as well.

2. The old lady mistook Ju for her granddaughtler Lissie. She mistook Ju for Lissie because she saw Ju wearing Lissie's old clothes.

3. Ju would find postage stamps in some of the books that were handed down to her. Each stamp was like a mystery for Ju. She had always wanted the a postman to deliver a letter to her, but she never

retrieved one. She had never written a letter or bought a postal envelope inland envelope Postcard or stamp. She couldn't use any of the unused stamps that she found in the old books because she had nobody to write to.

4. (a) Ali wanted to give Ju new new clothes because he felt that if her father had been alive she and her mother wouldn't have had to wear old clothes. He wanted Ju ~~go~~ to go to higher school wearing new clothes.

(b) Ju was surprised by Ali's gesture and couldn't

believe that the new fabrics were for her. She was so touched and happy at that moment she could dance with joy.

c. I feel good to go out of the way sometimes in order to make someone happy. Ali must have felt extremely happy too.

Manju's character case

Manju is a young girl, 12 years of age. She has just entered class VIII. She lives with her mother who calls her Tu (so does everybody else). Tu's father had been killed in a tragic

accident. Her mother works as a domestic help and is the sole provider for her small family. Her mother brings her hand-me-downs from the homes in which she works and Ju welcomes them as friend. She is mostly seen in clothes given away as hand-me-downs. Often there are size problems with the old dresses, skirts and trousers which are then altered to Ju's size by Ali. Ju never saw the gifts that she received as being old as they were entering her life for the first time. Therefore as far as she was

concerned, they were brand new. She especially loves the well used textbooks, and the treasure sometimes hidden among their pages: fresh flowers, poems and sometimes even a dead butterfly. Ju is a very practical and a sensible girl.

C. Ju never ~~the~~ saw the gifts as being old because they were entering her life for the first time. When Lisie's grandmother said Ju was beautiful, she stood there in surprise. It was the first time somebody had called her beautiful. Ju was also thankful for being gifted with

used uniforms though they were ill-fitting. She was happy to wear them after they had been altered to her size by All. All this shows that Ju was not vain.

2° Ju's says that the keepsakes were 'sleeping' in the books because they had been in there for so long. It was like they were sleeping, undisturbed. Ju loved these little keepsakes. She did not throw them away. She saved them. Each of them told her a story about its previous owners and this to her was thrilling.

3. Tu's mother cried and smiled in the same time at Ali's Shop because she was sad and happy all at once. While she was sad that her husband was not alive anymore, she was also proud and happy that Tu was going to high school wearing new clothes for the first time in years.