

~~This~~ This is his

lives in Thiruvananthapuram

Treasures - valuable things

### Reading

Q) Answer the following

A) Complete these sentences

- 1) Ju did not cross out the names of the original owners of the books because when she saw their names, she felt as if she was making new friends.
- 2) Madhu solved the problem with old clothes by requesting Ali, with whom Ju's father had shared work, to alter the clothes to suit Ju.
- 3) Ju was surprised after the old lady left because

nobody had called her beautiful before.

4) Ju thought the butterfly she found looked ~~to~~ pitiful because it looked brittle and forlorn. It had lost its original colour and had completely dried up.

5) Ju breathed in the scent of new clothes because it was the first time in her life that she had new clothes to wear. She had only worn old hand me down all her life, so her clothes had never smelled so delicious before.

B) Answer these questions.

1) How did Manju become Ju and how did everyone end up calling her that?  
and Madhu, Manju's mother would call her Ju, and that is how everyone started calling her Ju as well.

2) Who did the old lady mistake Ju for? Why?  
ans- The old lady ~~mistook~~ mistook Ju for her granddaughter, Lisie. She mistook Ju for Lisie because she saw Ju wearing Lisie's old clothes.



3) Why was Ju fascinated by stamps?  
ans- 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 postman to deliver a letter to her, but she never received one. She had never written a letter or bought a postal envelope or stamp. ~~She~~ She couldn't use any of the unused stamps that she found in the old books, because she had nobody to write to.

4) He pulled out some colourful fabrics from the shelf and spread them on his table. "Select what you like....."

a) Why did Ali gift Ju new clothes?  
ans- Ali wanted to give Ju new clothes because he felt if her father had been alive, she and her mother wouldn't have to wear old clothes.

b) How do you think Ju felt at this moment?  
ans- 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 the moment, she could dance with joy.

c) How do you think Ali felt?

ans. It feels good to go out of the way sometimes in order to make someone happy. All must have felt extremely happy too.

C. Think and answer.

1) What tells us that Ju was not proud of her looks or abilities?

ans. Ju never saw the gifts that she received as being old because they were entering her life for the first time. When Lisie's grandmother said Ju was beautiful, she stood in surprise. It was the first time somebody had called her beautiful. Ju was happy and thankful to have old clothes gifted to her to her. All these shows that Ju was not vain.

2) Why does the speaker say the keepsakes were 'sleeping' in the books? How do you think Ju felt about these keepsakes?

ans. Ju says that the keepsakes were sleeping in the books because they had been in there for so long it was like they were sleeping, undistributed. Ju loved these little keepsakes. She did not ~~know~~ that throw them away, ~~she~~ and saved them. Each of



them told her a story about its previous owners and this to her was thrilling.

3) Why did Madhu cry and smile at the same time in Ali's shop?

ans- Ju mother cried and smiled in the same time in 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 Ju was going to a high school wearing new clothes for the first time in years.

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