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LESSON 2: MOMENTS: THE ADVENTURES OF TOTO

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SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

**(to be answered in about 30 – 40 words
each)**

**Q1. How does Toto come to
Grandfather's private
zoo? (Textual)**

Or

**Why did the author's Grandfather
decide to buy Toto?**

Ans: Grandfather was fond of pets and he had seen the tonga-driver's red monkey kept tied to a feeding trough. He felt the monkey looked completely out of place and bought him for five rupees to add him to his private zoo of birds and beasts.

Q2. “Toto was a pretty monkey”. In what sense is Toto pretty? (Textual)

Ans: Toto was a pretty monkey in the sense that his appearance was cute. His bright sparkling eyes, deep-set eyebrows, and pearly white teeth gave him a pretty look. Even Toto’s long tail added to his good looks.

Q3. How did Toto use his body parts to his advantage?

Ans: Toto used his bright eyes to display a mischievous glint. He used his pearly white teeth to smile in a way that would scare Anglo-Indian ladies. He used his fingers quickly and wickedly to pick up things. He used his tail, his third hand, to hang from branches or to pull something that was at a distance.

Q4. Why did Grandfather hide Toto for some time when he brought him home?

Or

Why was Toto's entry into Grandfather's zoo kept a secret?

Ans: Grandfather, who was fond of pets, would face resistance from Grandmother whenever he brought a new pet into the house. So, he hid Toto for some time and kept his entry a secret until Grandmother was in a good mood.

Q5: "An exhibition attracted a curious crowd of onlookers at the Dehra Dun railway platform". What was the cause of this exhibition?

Ans: The canvas kit-bag in which Toto had been placed did not allow the naughty animal to escape. Therefore, when he attempted to release himself, he would move inside frantically. The bag would then roll about on the floor and at times jump into the air thus attracting a crowd of curious onlookers at the platform.

Q6:

↵. **“The brain part devoted to mischief was far more developed in Toto”. Do you agree with this observation of the narrator? Support your answer with instances from the text.**

Ans: Toto, although an intelligent monkey, used all his energy in playing mischief and that too of a destructive nature. He would tear and break things or trouble and irritate others. To make matters worse, he would enjoy his mischievous acts. That is why the narrator has made this remark about Toto.