

Revision

(Topic: Honeycomb: Poem : Mystery of Talking Fan,
An Alien Hand: L-6 I want something in a cage)

A) Fill in the blanks

(1 X 5 = 5)

- 1) The fan had a weird electronic language .
- 2) Mr Purcell ran a shop of pet
- 3) The language of the fan was first a mystery .
- 4) The stranger was a prisoner for ten years.
- 5) The word 'whirling' means rotating .

B) Answer the following

(1 X 5=5)

- 1) Why is Mr. Purcell compared to an owl?

Ans: Purcell appeared like an owl when he looked through his glasses.

- 2) Why did it make Mr. Purcell feel " vaguely insulted"?

Ans: Mr Purcell felt insulted because he had reduced the price of the doves and still made profit. He felt small to see 'the customer's love for freedom and his great sacrifice.

- 3) Who is the author of the poem 'Mystery of the Talking Fan'?

Ans: The poet Maude Rubin has written the poem, 'Mystery of the Talking Fan'.

- 4) Mr. Purcell heard it no more than he would have heard the monotonous ticking of a familiar clock" (Read para beginning with. "It was a rough day..... ")

(i) What does it refer to?

Ans: 'It' refers to the chirping, squealing and moving of birds all around him.

(ii) Why does Mr Purcell not hear it clearly?

Ans: He has become so used to those noises that he does not mind them.