



Read the text and answer the following questions.

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I was coming home for lunch in a tram with Clem Scott, one of my office friends. I was wearing a new dress which I had coveted for some weeks in a shop window and when I got off the tram it was raining. Instead of waiting for the tram to move on, I ran around the back of it to cross the road, right into the path of a Puller's lorry. Pullers were the big cleaners and dyers in Perth.

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It hit me and I clutched at the radiator cap but it was hot, so I had to let go and fell under one of the front wheels, which went over my body, more or less at waist level. I crawled out and stood up. Someone came and held me and I was carried into a nearby garage and laid on a table. Miss Glass, who was Lady Superintendent of the GA was on the tram and she came and sent for the ambulance. Meanwhile, someone fetched Aunt Dodo, who was at home with a cold. She came running, still clutching in her hands the knives and forks which she had been laying on the table.

The lorry driver was there, looking very white-faced and I remember telling him that it was my own fault and not his. His name was James Cameron and he sometimes came to the hospital while I was there, just sitting and turning his cap round and round on his knee. Later, for years, if I met him in the street he used to stop and hold my hand for a minute.



1 Who did the author of this diary work with?

- A James Cameron B Aunt Dodo C Miss Glass D Clem Scott E Mr Puller

2 What is 'Puller's'?

- A A type of lorry B A university in Perth C A doctor that supported the author
D The superintendent E A cleaning and tinting company

3 Which word or phrase is closest in meaning to the word 'coveted' (line 2)?

- A disguised B yearned for C disputed D considered E looked at

4 What was most likely the main mistake the writer made that caused the accident?

- A Pulling the radiator cap off and burning her hand
B Falling under a wheel
C Not waiting for the tram to move before crossing
D Not looking both ways before crossing
E Not checking the weather before leaving the house

5 Which words best describe the driver of the lorry?

- A Angry, jealous and sorry B Amused, contrite and serious
C Thankful, patient and solemn D Energetic, unhappy and cunning
E Shocked, apologetic and kind



- 6** Why does the author include that Aunt Dodo was ‘still clutching the knives and forks’ when she came running (line 14)?
- A Because she was laying the table
 B To show how quickly and urgently she arrived
 C Because she was hungry
 D To show that she was annoyed with the writer for disturbing her
 E To demonstrate how upset she was
- 7** The Lady Superintendent happened to be on the same tram as the author. What is this situation most likely to be described as?
- A A detective B A mix-up C A happy ending D A coincidence E A tragedy
- 8** Where was the writer taken to straight after the accident?
- A A garage B A hospital C Home D A shop E The police station
- 9** Which of these words best describes the attitude of the author in this text?
- A Devastated B Regretful C Furious D Baffled E Rational
- 10** Where would you most likely read this passage?
- A A newspaper B A personal diary C A leaflet D A text book E A film review

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1. D) Clem Scott

Clem Scott is described as 'one of my office friends', so we can deduce that the author and her worked in an office together.

2. E) A cleaning and tinting company

'Pullers' were the big cleaners and dyers in Perth. 'Tinting' is another word for 'dyeing'.

3. B) Yearned for

'Covet' means to want or yearn for something.

4. C) Not waiting for the tram to move before crossing

The author writes: 'Instead of waiting for the tram to move on, I ran around the back of it to cross the road, right into the path of a Puller's lorry.'

5. E) Shocked, apologetic and kind

Shocked ('white-faced') apologetic (he holds her hand in the street years later) and kind (he visits her in hospital).

6. B) To show how quickly and urgently she arrived

It shows that Aunt Dodo didn't have time to put down the utensils before leaving the house as she was so worried and in such a rush.

7. D) A coincidence

This is when two seemingly unrelated events happen at the same time. It is unusual that a policewoman would have been there on the same tram to help.

8. A) A garage

The text states: 'I was taken to a nearby garage'.

9. E) Rational

The author does not use emotive language, instead choosing to tell the story in a matter of fact way. Even in the moment of the accident, she relays how she told the driver it was her own fault.

10. B) A personal diary

The passage is written in first person and is a recount of the events of a day.