

NUMBER 7 · BONUS STORY

डॉक्टर का दिन

Monday of festival week, the day you fall ill, seen from the other side of the desk: forty patients for Asha, the town doctor, no lunch, three calls from her mother, and a daughter who is waiting.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAID IT?: 1a, 2b, 3c

L2) WHAT HAPPENED FIRST?: 1: 321

L3) UNDERSTAND THE STORY: 1a, 2a, 3a

Translation

It is half past seven on Monday morning. There are lots of people at the clinic.

■ Hello, doctor. Forty patients today.

○ Forty? We will work until seven. First patient.

▲ Me again. My back hurts. My leg too. My head too.

○ Breathe deeply. Again.

▲ My children are far away. I do not feel good at home. There is nobody there.

○ You need people. My prescription. Radha's café every morning. Coffee, cake and people.

▲ Cake as medicine! I like this prescription.

At eleven a student comes in.

● My head hurts every day.

○ How many hours do you sleep?

● Four. I have an exam on Friday. I study at night.

○ Four is too little. Sleep eight hours. Drink water.

At one the clinic is still full.

☒ You are not eating again.

☐ There is no time. Later.

☒ Your mother is calling. For the third time.

☐ You are not eating again. I know everything. The new neighbour will come at four.

☐ Mum, I know everything too.

☐ Meera asks when you will come.

☐ At seven.

At eight the doctor comes to number seven.

☐ Mum! You said seven.

☐ Sorry. There were forty patients.

☐ Sit down. Eat. A doctor needs food too.

☐ I am forty-four. Not a child.

☐ You are my child.

△ Why did you become a doctor?

○ As a child Grandma was often tired. I was the doctor. My doll was the nurse. The prescription was tea and bed. I like helping people.

△ On Saturday I will sing with the children. Will you come?

○ Work on Saturday... All right. I will not work on Saturday. The whole family will come.

□ Me too. Now eat. Both of you!

All three eat pancakes.