

Untouchable

One Word Questions and Answers

1. Who authored the novel 'Untouchable'? – Mulk Raj Anand
2. What is the name of Bakha's town? - Bulashah
3. How old is Bakha? – 18 years old
4. Who are "Tommies"? – The British
5. Name the family members of Bakha. :- Father-Lakha, Brother-Rakha, Sister-Sohini
6. What is the profession of Bakha's father? – Jemadar : The head of Sweepers
7. Mention the outcastes lived in the outcaste colony.
The Scavengers, the Barbers, the Leather workers, the water Carriers and other outcastes
8. Name the friends of Bakha (their profession also to be mentioned) :-
Chota-The Leather worker's son, Ramcharan- The Washer man's son
9. What is the name of the Cigarette? - Red Lamp
10. What is the meaning of 'Pilpali Sahib'? Who addressed whom as the 'Pilpali Sahib'?
Pilpali Sahib means Imitation sahib. Chota and Ramcharan addressed Bakha as Pilpali Sahib
11. Who is Havildar Charat Singh? What does he promise to Bakha?
The famous Hockey player of 38th Dogras Regiment. He had promised to give a Hockey Stick to Bakha
12. Name the Mathematicians mentioned in the novel. – Euclid and Archimedes
13. Who is Gulabo? Why does she hate Sohini?
A washer woman and Ramcharan's mother. She is jealous of Sohini's beauty.
14. Who saves Sohini from Gulabo's attack near the well? – Waziro, a Weaver's wife
15. Who helps Sohini in fetching water?
Pundith Kalinath, one of the priests in charge of temple in the town
16. Who is Lachman and how old is he? - A Hindu water carrier and a Brahmin. He is 26 years old
17. Whose help Bakha seeks to study? – The elder son of Burra babu
18. Which book Bakha often feels like reading? – Waris Shah's Hir and Ranjah
19. Which sweet does Bakha buy from the Bengali sweet meat seller's shop paying four annas? - Jalebi
20. Name the news paper used to wrap the sweet? – Daily Mail
21. Who slaps Bakha for polluting him in the market? – A Hindu upper caste man Lalla
22. Who helped Bakha to escape from this situation? – Tonga wallah Muhammadan
23. Who is regarded as the owner of the finest band in the city? - Jehangir
24. Who tries to molest Sohini and when?
Pundit Kali Nath, when Sohini was cleaning Lavatory of his house
25. Who saves Bakha when he was an infant by giving medicine? - Hakim Bhagawan Das
26. Whose wedding Bakha wants to attend? – Ramcharan's sister's wedding
27. Who wrote preface to the novel? – E.M. Forster
28. How was Bakha? – Bakha was a young man of 18 years, strong and able bodied
29. How did the Tommies treat Bakha? – The Tommies had treated him as a human being and he had learnt to think of himself as superior to his fellow outcastes
30. When did the novel begin? – In the morning of an Autumn day. It is a novel of one day's life of Bakha
31. How was Bakha's house? – 12 feet by 5 inch dark, dingy, one roomed mud house.
32. Who is Ramanand? – A peevisish old black money lender
33. Who sent a challenge to Bakha and his boys to play a Hockey match? – The boys of 31st Punjabi's Regiment
34. How were Burra babu's sons?
They were delicate young boys. The elder of the two boys a simple, innocent, rather plain child of ten, angular, bony, with a flat nose and a prominent cheek bones, smiled back kindly. There was a twinkle of recognition in the dark eyes of the little one, about 8 years of age, with a mischievous egg shaped face, thick lower lip and his determined little chin.
35. What is 38th Dogras boys' team?
38th Dogras boys' team is a team of Eleven members. The boys of neighbourhood who composed this team were mostly the poor sons of untouchables, dependent of the bounty of the babu sons for the loan of a stick every afternoon for a practice game.
36. In which class the elder son of Burra babu was studying? – In the fifth class
37. How much Bakha agreed to pay to the son of Burra babu for teaching him? - An Anna per lesson
38. Who is Ganesh Nath? – Ganeshnath is a Bania, a sharp tongued, mean, little man. Lakha borrowed money from him on the mortgage of his wife's trinkets to pay for her funeral.
39. What happened to Bakha when lalla slapped him? – Bakha's turban fell off and the Jalebis in the paper bag in his hand were scattered in the dust.

40. What did Bakha think about the Cows of hindus? – Their cattle which go to graze at the brook side are so skinny and feeble. Their cows can't yield more than two seers of milk a day.
41. Why did rich hindu merchants give cows to the sweepers on charity? – Rich hindu merchants who desired sons were advised by the Brahmins to donate some cattle to the sweepers.
42. How much Bakha's Buffalo yielded per day? – Twelve seers of milk per day
43. How Bakha's family fed the Buffalo? – They were feeding their cows on mere remainders of food and even on the grain sifted.
44. How does Bakha give a warning call? – Posh, posh sweeper coming
45. How was the shop of Jehangir? – The English musical instruments and the gold-embroidered uniforms hung from his band shop
46. What kinds of Lithographs were sold in the market?
Cheap German lithographs of hindu deities were sold by Sikh Craftsmen
47. What are the names of the gods mentioned in the novel? – Sri Ram, Hanuman, Ma Kali, Sri Krishna, Narayan, Shanti Deva
48. How was the temple, as witnessed by Bakha?
From a background of gold embroidered silk and velvet draperies, stood out various brass images dimly shrouded in the soft tremors of incense that rose from a dish at their feet. An open book lay on a bookstand before the priest, amidst the paraphernalia of brass utensils, conch shells and other ritualistic objects.
49. Who goes to get the food? – Bakha
50. On which day the novel takes place? – Tuesday
51. What does Bakha get from the lady? – Paper like pan cake (Chapati)
52. Describe Bakha's Kitchen?
A couple of brooms stood out next to the fire place, an empty refuse basket, a can, two earthen pitchers and a chipped enamelled jug lay scattered about. Most of the utensils were of clay, darkened by the soot of many fires and never washed since Bakha's mother had died.
53. What is Langar? – Kitchen in the Barracks
54. How many chapatis had Bakha brought? – Two
55. Describe Rakha carrying food?
A basket of food on Rakha's bare clean shaven head, a pan slung by a string handle in his hand, and his feet dragging a pair of Bakha's old ammunition boots, lace less and noisy and too big for him. His tattered flannel shirt, grimy with the blowing of his ever-running nose, obstructed his walk slightly. He was lazy, lousy and listless.
56. To whom Ramcharan's sister was being married off?
AT the age of 14 she was being married off to a young washer man attached as a follower to the 31st Punjabi's Regiment. Gulabo had taken 200 rupees for the hand of her daughter.
57. How Ramcharan was dressed on the occasion of his sister's wedding?
He was dressed in a rather contradictory style of eastern and western habiliments. A large Khaki topee on his small head, a muslin shirt, clean and white, but torn near the collar and a pair of shorts on his thin, bare, black legs.
58. Which sweet was prepared at Ramcharan's sister's wedding? – Ludus (Sugar-Plums)
59. With whom Bakha's team fought an imaginary battle and won? – Against the boys of the 28th Sikhs
60. Solar topee
61. Which emperor had introduced a new method of a bell at the emperor's house? – Emperor Jehangir
62. To whom Charat Singh was compared? – Rajaput warrior Rana Sanga. Rana Sanga fought against Akbar with numerous scars on his body. Likewise Charat Singh also played Hockey in spite of his wounds.
63. Describe Charat Singh's team. – Hoshiyar Singh played centre half, the Pivot of the team. Lek Ram played centre forward. Shiv Singh played right full back. Charat Singh was goal keeper.
64. Who asked Bakha to get a piece of coal from the kitchen of the Barrack? – Charat Singh
65. Who are Sappers? – They are of the grass cutter caste
66. What was the position of Burra babu? – He was a high caste hindu and he held a position of extraordinary importance in the regiment, almost second to the colonel sahib himself.
67. Against whom Bakha's team played Hockey and describe his team members.
31st Punjabi's boys. Bakha, Chota, Ramcharan, the armour's sons Naimat and Asmat, the tailor master's son Ibrahim, the band master's sons Ali, Abdulla, Hassan and Hussain.
68. How did the younger son of Babu get hurt?
When the boy's of 31st Punjabis team and 38th Dogras team started quarrelling in the middle of the match, a stone thrown by Ramcharan hit the little one. He gave a sharp, piercing shriek and fell unconscious.
69. Who comes and consoles Bakha when he was sitting under the Pipal tree? – Colonel George Hutchinson, Chief of the local Salvation Army.
70. Describe Hutchinson and his wife.
Hutchinson wore a pair of white trousers, a scarlet jacket, a white turban with a red band across it. He was bald. He was so fond of study. Now his mission is to convert the natives into Christianity. The number of conversions to his credit for the last twenty years being not more than five and those five mainly from among the

dirty, black untouchables. He is 65 years old. He always carried the gospel of St.Luke in his pocket and he spoke broken Hindustani language.

His wife is Mary Hutchinson. Round faced, big bellied, dark haired, under sized, middle aged woman, a long cigarette holder with a cigarette in her mouth, a gaily coloured band on her etom cropped hair, rince nez glasses on her rather small eyes, a low neck printed cotton frock that matched her painted and powdered face and reached barely down to her knees. She was a barmaid in Cambridge. She hated the nigger servants. She likes playing cards, drinking and love making.

71. Who is Yessuh Messaih? – Jesus Christ
72. What is Girja Ghar? – Church
73. How does Colonel Hutchinson describe Yessuh Messaih? - Colonel Hutchinson says Yessuh Messaih is a son of God. While we were yet sinners, he died for us.
74. Bhangi- Sweepers
75. Which is the famous road mentioned in the novel? – Grand Trunk Road
76. In which place of Bulashah Mahatma Gandhi’s speech was arranged? – Golbagh
77. Which word was like a magical magnet? – Mahatma
78. What is the full name of Mahatma Gandhi? – Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
79. Who accompanied Gandhi? – Kasturaba Gandhi and Gandhi’s English disciple Miss Slade(Miraben)
80. Who is Uka? – Uka is a scavenger and untouchable used to attend Gandhi’s house for cleaning the latrines.
81. According to Gandhi what is the greatest blot on Hinduism? - Untouchability
82. Who were discussing Gandhi’s Speech? – Iqbal nath Sharshar, a young poet who edits the Nawwan Jug (New Era). Another one is Mr. Bashir B.A(oxon) Barrister at Law
83. How does the novel end? – The novel ends with an optimistic note. Bakha decided to find the poet some day and ask him about the flush machine.
84. Who successfully gets Bakha to wake up completely? - Charat singh
85. Why does Bakha love European clothing? - He thinks wearing it makes him a sahib too.
86. What does “Kala admi zamin par hagne wala” mean? – Black man, you who relieve yourself on the ground
87. How does Lachman greet Pundit Kali Nath? - saying “jay deva” to him
88. What illness does Lakha fake to get out of his sweeper duties? - A pain in his side
89. Where does Lakha tell Bakha to clean today? - The temple courtyard