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Chapter-2 | The Thief's Story

Worksheet-2

Multiple Choice Questions

- Where did Anil keep the bundle of notes which he earned by selling a book to a publisher?**
 - Under the couch
 - Under the mattress
 - In the cupboard
 - In the locker
- Who is easier to rob?**
 - A greedy man
 - Anil
 - A careless man
 - A trusting man
- A queer way to earn money... What is the meaning of the word queer?**
 - Illegal
 - Strange
 - Famous
 - Rare
- How much did Anil pay to Hari Singh at the end of the chapter The thief's story?**
 - Seventy rupees
 - Fifty rupees
 - Hundred rupee
 - Twenty rupees
- What do you think is the irony of the chapter, The thief's story?**
 - Hari Singh didn't rob Anil
 - Anil knew each and everything about robbery scenario
 - There was nothing Ironical
 - Hari Singh was not a thief
- What did the boy ask Anil for?**
 - To give him money
 - To employ him
 - To teach him
 - To give him food
- How did the narrator attempt at being friends with Anil?**
 - Introducing himself
 - Flattering him
 - Affected him
 - Teasing him
- The house of Anil was over the?**
 - Sharma Motors
 - Jamuna Textile
 - Bhajram sweet shop
 - Jamuna sweet shop
- Why did Hari Singh have no friends in his life?**
 - No one liked his company
 - He had a perception that friends were more trouble than help
 - He was living in a Solitude
 - He liked to live in isolation

10. What promise did Anil make to Hari Singh regarding to the payment of his work?

- (a) He will be paid weekly (b) He will be paid regularly
(c) He will be paid quarterly (d) He will be paid monthly

Fill in the blanks :

11. The age difference between the two characters was _____ in 'The thief's story'?
12. Anil lived in a room in a shop named _____.

True / False

13. Anil wrote articles for magazines for a living.
14. According to the narrator, Anil would feel sad upon the theft.

Very Short Type Questions

15. What does the thief say about the different reactions of the people when they are robbed?
16. Why did Hari Singh return to Anil, although he had stolen money and escaped easily?

Short Type Questions

17. How does the thief think Anil will react to the theft?
18. Who was Anil? How did he transform Hari Singh's character?

Essay Type Questions

19. How did Anil lead his life? What was his profession? Why was Anil ready to have Hari Singh as a servant?
20. Why did Hari Singh decide to return the stolen money? What light did it throw on his character?

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A) :** Write a brief character-sketch of Hari Singh in the light of his honesty.
Reason (R) : Express your opinion also.
- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(c) A is true, but R is false.
(d) A is false, but R is true.



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Answer & Solution

1. (b)

He got to earn some money by selling a book to a publisher and as he was a bit of a careless person he simply kept that bundle of notes under the mattress.

2. (a) A greedy man

3. (b) Strange

4. (b)

Anil paid Hari Singh a sum of fifty rupees in the ending of the chapter. He further promised him to be paid regularly.

5. (b)

The irony is strange happening which is a bit unusual. The unusual part of the chapter is in the ending of the chapter. It was a way to much ironic that Anil got to know each and everything about robbery scenario. The question arises like How, when and where did he get to know about it but that's the irony as it is not mentioned in the chapter.

6. (b) To employ him

7. (b) Flattering him

8. (d) Jamuna sweet shop

9. (b)

Hari Singh didn't have friends in his life as he had a strong perception about friends that they were more trouble and less help that was the reason he preferred not to make friends.

10. (b)

Hari Singh was working in Anil's house for many days but he was not getting any remuneration from Anil. Later on, in the chapter, Anil gave him a fifty rupees note and further promised him to pay him regularly.

11. Ten years

12. Jumna Sweet Shop

13. True

14. True

15. The thief often remarks that people react differently when they are robbed. The greedy man showed fear. The rich man showed anger, the poor man showed acceptance. He made a study of men's faces when they lost their goods. It highlights the diverse range of human responses to adversity and crime.

16. Hari Singh returned to Anil although he had stolen money and escaped easily because his conscience stopped him from cheating on Anil. He recalled the good times he had spent with Anil and how Anil had treated him with trust and respect.

17. The thief thought that on discovering the theft, Anil's face would show a touch of sadness. The sadness would not be for the loss of money but for the loss of trust.

18. Anil was a twenty-five years old man. He was a tall and lean fellow. He looked easy-going, kind and simple. He was a writer by profession, who wrote for a magazine. He was a practical man who transformed the character of a thief. He was the most trustworthy man that Hari Singh, a thief had ever met. Hari Singh's habit compelled him to steal the bundle of money from Anil.

But Anil's love, trust and confidence forced him to come back and put the bundle from where he had taken it. Anil's faith in Hari Singh forced him not to rob him. Anil taught him to write his name and also said that he would teach him to write whole sentences and to add numbers. It gave new hope to Hari Singh. He thought that if he could write like an educated man, there would be no limit to what he could achieve. A desire to get educated and follow the path of honesty cultivated in Hari Singh. His interaction with Anil brought a positive change in his character. Thus, Anil's kind behaviour and true faith transformed Hari Singh's character.

19. Anil was a twenty-five years old man. He was a writer by profession who wrote for a magazine to earn his livelihood. He earned money by fits and starts. He was a kind-hearted fellow. He loved honesty. He led a very simple life. He spent economically. When he got money, he spent it on his friends.

This was the example of his simplicity. When the narrator met Anil and requested him for work. Anil told him that he could not afford his salary. But on the narrator's request, Anil decided to offer him shelter. Anil told him that he would have to cook. But the narrator didn't know how to cook. So, Anil taught him the art of cooking. He treated him kindly. He never insulted him. He also taught him how to read and write so that he could lead a respectable life.

20. When Hari Singh reached the station after stealing money, he missed the train. He had no idea where to spend the night. He had no friends. The only person he knew at that place was Anil, whom he had robbed. He thought that Anil would show sadness and it would not be for the loss of money, but for the loss of trust. He knew Anil would feel bad. He roamed around aimlessly and remembered the good times he had spent with Anil. Anil taught him to read and write. Hari Singh remembered how happy he was when he learnt to write his own name for the first time. His conscience made him realise that education would add to his abilities and it could give him more than a few hundred rupees. He could lead a respectable life after getting an education. So he decided to go back to Anil out of his respect for him and his own desire to get an education and follow the path of honesty.

These qualities showed that Hari Singh was not really a bad man but the circumstances forced him to steal. His interaction with Anil had brought a positive change in his character.

21. Hari Singh was 15 years old. He was an experienced and successful thief. His cleverness and intelligence were the reasons for his success. He planned everything meticulously before choosing his victims. He went to places where he would meet an unsuspecting victim. He would then veer his confidence to get a job and then run away after stealing money from there. Then, he used to change his name to fool the police and his former employers.

He got a job as a cook, though he could not cook well. He was a greedy boy. He was a liar. He was cruel enough to rob a simple and trusting man like Anil. He was able to steal six hundred rupees from his house. But, at the end of the story, a transformation took place in his heart and he decided to go back to Anil and keep his trust alive. In my opinion, this shows that there is goodness concealed in even the worst of men. He overcame his evil thoughts with the help of his conscience.

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