

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which house did Horace Danby plan to loot?
(a) House at Orchard street (b) The house in lane seven
(c) House number forty four (d) House at Shotover Grange
2. Why did Danby rob only one safe in a year?
(a) He was superstitious about it
(b) Because he didn't want to get noticed
(c) Because he was a lazy man
(d) Because he stole money that would last for a year and was sufficient enough to buy books
3. Who was the unknown lady who tricked Horrace Danby in the plot?
(a) A secret agent (b) A thief
(c) Wife of the owner of the mansion (d) A cop
4. What did Horace Danby opt to do during his imprisonment?
(a) To be an assistant librarian (b) To be a janitor
(c) To be a member of the cooking staff (d) To be a painter
5. From where did Danby get information about the location of safe in the Grange?
(a) A close friend (b) A servant
(c) A magazine article (d) The delivery boys
6. What was kept in the safe at Shotover Grange?
(a) It was empty
(b) Jewels worth about fifteen thousand pounds
(c) Some confidential documents
(d) One billion dollars
7. Who was Horace Danby?
(a) A housekeeper (b) An undercover cop
(c) A thief (d) A banker
8. What was Horace Danby's passion?
(a) Collecting music albums (b) Collecting rare coins
(c) Collecting rare and expensive books (d) Collecting artifacts

9. What did people think about Horace Danby?

- (a) He was a thief (b) He was a dishonest man
(c) He was mysterious (d) He was a good, honest citizen

10. How old was Horace Danby?

- (a) Around seventy years old (b) In his thirties
(c) Around fifty years (d) in his teens

Fill in the blanks :

11. Horace Danby manufactured _____.
12. Horace Danby took _____ to open the safe?

True / False

13. Horace Danby saw a small dog in the kitchen.
14. The unknown woman who met Danby at the mansion reaped the benefits of the robbery at Shotover Grange.

Very Short Type Questions

15. What was Horace Danby suffering from? How did it affect him?
16. How did Horace enter Shotover Grange?

Short Type Questions

17. How was Horace befooled by the young lady?
18. How did the lady in red prove to be smarter and cleverer than Horace Danby?

Essay Type Questions

19. What was the passion of Horace Danby and how did he satisfy it?
20. How did the lady in red outwit Horace Danby?

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21. **Assertion (A)** : Horace Danby was considered an honourable citizen.

Reason (R) : But he committed theft once a year. Why?

- (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.

1. (d)

Danby had been studying the house at Shotover Grange very meticulously with the purpose of robbing it while the owners were in London.

2. (d)

Danby planned carefully to steal only the amount sufficient to fulfill his passion and that would last for twelve months.

3. (b)

The clever lady made Danby believe that she was the owner's wife. She befooled him and made him do the robbery for her.

4. (a)

Danby had a passion for books, so he became the assistant librarian in the prison.

5. (c)

A magazine article had described the mansion in detail, giving a plan of all the rooms and location of the safe.

6. (b)

The safe had lots of expensive jewels kept in it which could fetch Danby a handsome amount.

7. (c)

Danby was a thief in disguise of a respected business owner.

8. (c)

Danby loved rare and expensive books. It was his hobby to collect them.

9. (d)

Horace was considered to be a good and honest man by almost everyone who knew him. He was a respectable person.

10. (c) He was about fifty years old.

11. **Fill in the blank :** Locks12. **Fill in the blank :** an hour13. **True and False :** True14. **True and False :** True

15. Horace Danby was suffering from hay fever. He had allergy to some flowers. When he entered the drawing room of Shotover Grange, he felt some sensation in his nose. There were some flowers in the drawing room. He started sneezing and alerted the lady in red dress. Being clever and shrewd, she fooled Horace into believing that she was the owner of the house and got him to take out jewels from the safe.

16. Horace had seen the housekeeper hang the key in the hook outside the kitchen door. He came out from behind the garden wall. He put on his gloves, took the key and opened the door of the kitchen and entered Shot over Grange.

17. The young lady in red who appeared before Horace was cleverer and smarter than he. She told him that she was the mistress of the house, and she had forgotten the lock numbers. She was so confident and persuasive that Horace believed her. Consequently, he left his fingerprints on the safe while opening it and thus got arrested.
18. The lady in red proved to be smarter and cleverer than Horace Danby by deceiving him and getting her work done easily and efficiently. She introduced herself as the lady of the house so persuasively that Horace believed her. Her confidence and mannerisms were very good.
19. Horace Danby was a fifty year old bachelor. He was a good and respectable citizen. He normally remained hale and hearty except for the attacks of hay fever which he usually had in summers. But there was another aspect of his personality. He was not completely honest. His only passion was for rare and expensive books as he loved them. He used to rob a safe every year in order to satisfy his passion. He would plan the robbery carefully each year and then would steal enough to last for twelve months. He was a very good planner as he delved into the minute details. His passion led him to buy the books secretly through an agent and thus satisfy himself.
20. Horace Danby managed his thefts very carefully. He was a meticulous planner. But he was outwitted by a lady in red when he was trying to rob a safe at Shot over Grange. The lady posed as the wife of the owner of the house. Actually, she was also a thief. She told Danby that she had promised her husband to take the jewels to their bank. But she had forgotten the numbers to open the safe. She wanted to wear the jewels to a party. Horace, as per his research, thought that the owner of the house was a lady of sixty. But he was so moved by the appearance of the lady in red that he believed her and got befooled. He took off his gloves and opened the safe. He left his fingerprints on the safe. The lady deceived him and took the jewels. Thus, Horace Danby was an expert thief, but the lady in red outwitted him.
21. Horace Danby was a good and respectable citizen. He was about fifty years old but he was unmarried. He was a locksmith. He was very successful in his business. He had two assistants in his work. He was usually very well and healthy except for attacks of hay fever. But he was not completely honest. He had a passion for rare and expensive books. So he used to commit theft once a year to satisfy his passion he had not enough money to buy those books.

He chose to rob the Shotover Grange as it's safe had jewels worth about fifteen thousand pounds. He thought that it would be sufficient for him to buy good books and lead a carefree life. He used to steal only once in a year as he never stole more than he needed. An act of theft is a crime. A crime is a crime no matter if it is committed a hundred times or just once.

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