

CHAPTER-4 | A Question of Trust

QUIZ-01

1. What was Horace Danby's primary reason for stealing every year?

- A. To live a luxurious life
- B. To buy rare, expensive books
- C. To support his housekeeper
- D. To pay off debts (B)

Explanation: Horace loved rare books and funded his passion by stealing once a year to buy them through an agent.

2. What was Horace Danby's occupation?

- A. A locksmith
- B. A gardener
- C. A writer
- D. A librarian (A)

Explanation: Horace Danby made locks and was successful enough to have two helpers in his business.

3. Why did Horace believe the robbery at Shotover Grange would be successful?

- A. He had an insider helping him.
- B. He had studied the house and its layout for two weeks.
- C. The house had no security system.
- D. The family was always away. (B)

Explanation: Horace meticulously planned his robbery, studying the house, its wiring, and the servants' schedules.

4. How did Horace ensure the dog, Sherry, did not disturb him?

- A. He used a tranquilizer.
- B. He called the dog by its name and acted lovingly.
- C. He tied the dog up.
- D. He locked the dog in another room. (B)

Explanation: Horace believed calling dogs by their names and showing affection was enough to keep them quiet.

5. What gave away the location of the safe in Shotover Grange?

- A. A magazine article about the house
- B. The housekeeper's instructions
- C. A blueprint in the library
- D. A servant's carelessness (A)

Explanation: A magazine article described the house layout and mentioned the painting hiding the safe.

6. What mistake did Horace make during the robbery?

- A. He left his gloves behind.
- B. He sneezed repeatedly due to hay fever.
- C. He forgot to disable the alarm system.
- D. He trusted a stranger. (D)

Explanation: Horace was tricked by a woman pretending to be the lady of the house, leading to his arrest.

7. What excuse did the woman use to get Horace to open the safe?

- A. She claimed she lost the key.
- B. She said she forgot the safe's combination.
- C. She pretended the safe was broken.
- D. She told Horace she wanted to hide her jewels. (B)

Explanation: The woman deceived Horace by claiming she had forgotten the combination and needed the jewels for a party.

8. Why were Horace's fingerprints found on the safe?

- A. He didn't wear gloves while opening it.
- B. The woman deliberately wiped the area clean after he left.
- C. He was unaware of forensic techniques.
- D. The gloves he wore were torn. (A)

Explanation: In his eagerness to help the woman, Horace removed his gloves, leaving fingerprints on the safe.

9. What role did Horace take up after his imprisonment?

- A. A security consultant
- B. A prison librarian
- C. A locksmith trainer
- D. A gardener (B)

Explanation: After being arrested, Horace became a librarian in prison, reflecting on the clever woman who outsmarted him.

10. How does Horace feel about the idea of "honor among thieves"?

- A. He strongly believes in it.
- B. He considers it a joke after being deceived.
- C. He advocates for honesty among criminals.
- D. He dismisses it as irrelevant. (B)

Explanation: Horace feels angry and disillusioned when the notion of "honor among thieves" is mentioned, recalling how he was betrayed.