

CHAPTER-4 | A Question of Trust

QUIZ
PART-02

1. What was the young woman's first reaction on meeting Horace?
- She screamed for help
 - She called the police immediately
 - She seemed amused at meeting a burglar
 - She attacked Horace with a stick (C)

Explanation: The woman smiled and seemed amused on seeing Horace, which gave him hope that he might avoid trouble.

2. What condition did the woman put before letting Horace go?
- He must never return to Shotover Grange
 - He must give her money from the safe
 - He must open the safe and give her the jewels
 - He must cut the telephone wires (C)

Explanation: The woman pretended to be the owner's wife and asked Horace to open the safe for her jewels.

3. Why did Horace remove his gloves while helping the woman?
- To work more comfortably with the safe
 - To please her when offering his cigarette lighter
 - Because his hands were sweaty
 - Because the gloves were torn (B)

Explanation: He removed his gloves while giving her a lighter, leaving his fingerprints exposed.

4. What was Horace's mistake that led to his arrest?
- He dropped the jewels while escaping
 - He forgot to wear gloves when opening the safe
 - He trusted the servants
 - He boasted about his theft (B)

Explanation: Horace opened the safe without gloves, leaving fingerprints that the police later found.

5. Who did the woman pretend to be?
- The housemaid
 - The wife of the house owner
 - A neighbor
 - A guest (B)

Explanation: She pretended to be the wife of the house owner, tricking Horace into helping her.

6. What happened to Horace after his arrest?
- He escaped and changed his identity
 - He became an assistant librarian in prison
 - He was sentenced to lifelong imprisonment
 - He was released after a short punishment (B)

Explanation: After his arrest, Horace worked as an assistant librarian in the prison.

7. How did the real owner's wife describe Horace's story when told to the police?
- Believable and true
 - A nonsense story
 - A misunderstanding
 - An incomplete confession (B)

Explanation: The actual owner's wife, a sixty-year-old woman, dismissed Horace's story as nonsense.

8. What emotion did Horace feel when thinking about the clever lady later?
- Admiration
 - Amusement
 - Anger
 - Gratitude (C)

Explanation: Horace grew very angry whenever anyone spoke of 'honour among thieves' because of the way she tricked him.

9. What was the main reason Horace trusted the young woman?
- She appeared kind and charming
 - She threatened him with a weapon
 - She promised him money
 - She proved she was the owner's wife (A)

Explanation: Her charm and calm demeanor convinced Horace to trust her and follow her instructions.

10. What is the key learning outcome of this part of the story?
- Cleverness always wins
 - Overconfidence leads to mistakes
 - Trusting appearances blindly can bring downfall
 - Thieves have their own code of honour (C)

Explanation: The story highlights how Horace's blind trust in appearances led to his arrest and downfall.