

CHAPTER-4 | The Rattrap

QUIZ-01

1. What idea amused the peddler during his walks?

- A. People being kind to strangers
- B. Life being full of opportunities
- C. The world being a giant rattrap
- D. He would become rich one day (C)

Explanation : The peddler found the idea that the whole world was a rattrap, offering bait like food and shelter to trap people, to be entertaining.

2. How did the crofter earn his living after retiring?

- A. By working at the iron mill
- B. By selling tobacco
- C. Through a government pension
- D. By selling milk from his cow (D)

Explanation : The crofter earned money by selling milk from his cow, which he proudly mentioned fetched him thirty kronor in a month.

3. What did the peddler do after the crofter left in the morning?

- A. He thanked him and left
- B. He fed the cow
- C. He broke into the house and stole money
- D. He cleaned the house (C)

Explanation : After the crofter left, the peddler returned, broke the window pane, stole thirty kronor from the pouch, and left.

4. Why did the peddler wander into the forest instead of the highway?

- A. He wanted to enjoy nature
- B. He was hiding from wild animals
- C. He feared being caught with the stolen money
- D. He was looking for another village (C)

Explanation : Afraid of being caught on the public road with stolen money, the peddler chose to hide in the forest.

5. Who first discovered the peddler at the Ramsjö ironworks?

- A. The ironmaster
- B. The master blacksmith
- C. The helper
- D. Edla Willmansson (B)

Explanation : The master blacksmith noticed the peddler near the furnace but paid him no special attention.

6. What mistaken identity did the ironmaster assume about the peddler?

- A. He was a lost traveler
- B. He was his former servant
- C. He was a thief
- D. He was his old regimental friend (D)

Explanation : The ironmaster mistook the peddler for an old comrade, Nils Olof, from his army days.

7. Why did the peddler finally agree to go to the ironmaster's house?

- A. He wanted to steal more money
- B. He was bribed
- C. He trusted Edla's kindness
- D. He was forced to go (C)

Explanation : The peddler trusted Edla's compassion and reassurance that he could leave freely, so he agreed to go with her.

8. What did the ironmaster decide to do when he discovered the peddler's real identity?

- A. Call the police
- B. Let him stay as a guest
- C. Throw him out
- D. Demand the money back (C)

Explanation : The ironmaster was angry and embarrassed after learning the truth and asked the peddler to leave at once.

9. What reason did Edla give for wanting the peddler to stay?

- A. She suspected he was wealthy
- B. She wanted to prove her father wrong
- C. She felt everyone deserved one day of peace
- D. She liked his stories (C)

Explanation : Edla believed that even the poorest should have at least one peaceful day, especially on Christmas.

10. What was in the package left by the peddler for Edla?

- A. A new rattrap and a scarf
- B. A letter, a rattrap, and the stolen money
- C. A Bible and some coins
- D. A card and chocolates (B)

Explanation : The peddler left behind a rattrap, a letter addressed to Edla, and the thirty kronor he had stolen from the crofter.