

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.

