

CHAPTER-1 | My Watch

QUIZ-01

1. How long did the narrator's watch run perfectly before it first stopped?
A. One year
B. Eighteen months
C. Two years
D. Six months (B)

Explanation: The narrator states that his watch ran perfectly for eighteen months without losing or gaining time.

2. What action did the jeweller take that caused the watch to malfunction?
A. Replaced the hands
B. Opened and cleaned it
C. Pushed up the regulator
D. Changed the battery (C)

Explanation: The jeweller noticed the watch was four minutes slow and pushed up the regulator, despite Twain's protests.

3. What was the result of the first repair on the watch?
A. It began to lose time
B. It stopped working altogether
C. It gained time rapidly
D. It worked more accurately (C)

Explanation: After the regulator was adjusted, the watch began to gain time rapidly, eventually being thirteen days ahead.

4. What unusual behavior did the watch display after being cleaned and oiled?
A. It ticked too loudly
B. It buzzed like a bee and spun its hands uncontrollably
C. It stopped permanently
D. It began keeping perfect time (B)

Explanation: The watch started spinning its hands rapidly, buzzing like a bee, and running through 24 hours in minutes.

5. What did one of the watchmakers say was broken in the watch?
A. Mainspring
B. Minute hand
C. King-bolt
D. Pendulum (C)

Explanation: A watchmaker diagnosed that the king-bolt was broken, though Twain had no idea what that part was.

6. What did the narrator do when the final watchmaker gave a ridiculous explanation?
A. Reported him
B. Repaired the watch himself
C. Brained him and buried him at his own expense
D. Bought a new watch (C)

Explanation: Twain humorously claims to have brained the watchmaker, who suggested hanging a monkey-wrench on the safety valve.

7. What was the narrator's emotional response to letting the watch run down initially?
A. Indifference
B. Anger
C. Grief and superstition
D. Relief (C)

Explanation: Twain grieved and felt superstitious, treating the event as a sign of misfortune.

8. What metaphor does Twain use to describe himself while the watch kept losing time?
A. Like a ghost
B. A wandering soul
C. A mummy in a museum
D. A shadow of the past (C)

Explanation: He compares himself to a mummy in a museum, feeling outdated and disconnected from the world.

9. What effect did the various repairs have on the performance of the watch overall?
A. It improved gradually
B. It became worse each time
C. It functioned perfectly after the third repair
D. It kept a fair average (D)

Explanation: The watch averaged well but behaved erratically—sometimes speeding up, sometimes slowing down.

10. What did Uncle William say about good watches?
A. They are always reliable
B. They need regular maintenance
C. They remain good until repairers get to them
D. They can only be made in Switzerland (C)

Explanation: Uncle William humorously claimed a watch remains good until the repairers start working on it.