

Chapter – 9 | The Beggar

QUIZ-01

1. What reason does Lushkoff initially give Sergei for his unemployment?

- A. He was expelled from a university.
- B. He lost his job due to intrigues.
- C. He was dismissed for theft.
- D. He voluntarily left his position. (B)

Explanation : Lushkoff initially claimed that he was a village schoolteacher who lost his job due to intrigues and calumny, as mentioned in the narrative.

2. Why does Sergei initially feel anger towards Lushkoff?

- A. For lying about his identity.
- B. For refusing to work.
- C. For stealing his belongings.
- D. For being a drunkard. (A)

Explanation : Sergei becomes angry when he realizes that Lushkoff had lied about being a student previously, highlighting his dishonesty.

3. What task does Sergei assign to Lushkoff to test his willingness to work?

- A. Cleaning the yard.
- B. Shoveling snow.
- C. Chopping wood.
- D. Carrying furniture (C)

Explanation : Sergei asks Lushkoff to chop wood to test his willingness to work, a pivotal moment in the story.

4. How does Sergei observe Lushkoff's performance when chopping wood?

- A. By standing nearby.
- B. By watching from a window.
- C. By listening to Olga's feedback.
- D. By visiting the wood-shed. (B)

Explanation : Sergei observes Lushkoff from a window and notices his hesitance and lack of skill in chopping wood.

5. Why does Lushkoff agree to chop wood despite his reluctance?

- A. He needed money urgently.
- B. He was ashamed and felt trapped by his words.
- C. He wanted to impress Sergei.
- D. He was forced by Sergei. (B)

Explanation : Lushkoff agrees out of shame and pride, as he is cornered by Sergei's insistence.

6. What role does Olga, the cook, play in transforming Lushkoff's life?

- A. She encourages him with kind words.
- B. She helps him by doing his work.
- C. She provides him with financial assistance.
- D. She teaches him skills for a better job. (B)

Explanation : Olga silently performs Lushkoff's tasks while expressing compassion, which deeply impacts him and leads to his transformation.

7. What job does Sergei eventually offer Lushkoff after noticing his change?

- A. Cleaning rugs and mattresses.
- B. Chopping wood regularly.
- C. Copying work.
- D. Furniture hauling. (C)

Explanation : Sergei arranges a copying job for Lushkoff, a cleaner and more dignified employment.

8. What position does Lushkoff hold two years after his encounter with Sergei?

- A. A teacher.
- B. A notary.
- C. A clerk.
- D. A manager (B)

Explanation : Lushkoff tells Sergei that he now works as a notary, earning thirty-five roubles a month.

9. How does Lushkoff describe Sergei's influence on his transformation?

- A. Sergei's words encouraged him to change.
- B. Sergei's anger pushed him to work harder.
- C. Sergei's actions were minimal in his change.
- D. Sergei's advice was ignored initially. (A)

Explanation : Lushkoff acknowledges Sergei's words as instrumental in setting him on the right path.

10. 'According to Lushkoff, who truly saved him and why?

- A. Sergei, for offering him work.
- B. Olga, for her compassion and actions.
- C. A friend who helped him financially.
- D. Himself, through hard work. (B)

Explanation : Lushkoff credits Olga's compassion and silent help as the key reasons for his transformation.