

THE THIEF'S STORY



Short Answer Questions

1. Did Hasi Singh really know how to cook? What happened to the meal cooked by him?

Ans: Hasi Singh did not know how to cook. The first meal which he cooked for Anil was so bad that Anil threw it to the dog.

2. Why did the thief say that he was grateful to Anil?

Ans: The thief was grateful to Anil because he promised to teach him to write his name. The thief knew that once he learns to write properly, there would be nothing so difficult to achieve.

3. Why did Hasi Singh say that it was pleasant working for Anil?

Ans: He made a profit of one rupee from buying the day's supplies. Anil knew everything about

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Havri Singh's stealing but didn't seem to mind them. Havri started to accept the joy of earning money by following the path of honesty. Hence Havri Singh found quite pleasant to work with Anil.

4. What did Havri Singh mean when he said that it was time to do some 'real work'?

Ans: By 'real work' Havri Singh means stealing. He wants to steal Anil's money because he has not stolen anything for a long time.

5. What prompted Havri Singh not to stop at the ticket office?

Ans: When he reached the station, Havri Singh did not stop at the ticket office because he never bought a ticket earlier. The Delhi Express was just moving out. He could have jumped into one of the carriages.

6. Why did Hasni Singh say that he had forgotten in the excitement of the theft?

Ans: In the excitement of theft; Hasni Singh forgot about his education. Although the money which he got after stealing was more at the present time the money and respect which he could have earned in his future because of education would have been countless.

7. Why did Hasni Singh feel the necessity of going back to Anil?

Ans: Hasni Singh returned to Anil because he felt guilty about robbing him, he thought that people have different responses to being robbed. Some people show fear, anger and acceptance. But, Hasni knew that Anil would be sad, not for the loss of money but for the loss of trust.

8. What did Hasni Singh discover when he woke up the next morning? Why did he feel uneasy?

Ans: Next morning Anil had already made tea he was having fifty rupee note in his hand and Hari felt that he had been discovered. But Anil gave note to Hari and said that he would be paid regularly.

Long Answer Questions

9. What is your view about Anil's qualities as a man as an employer with reference to the text?

Ans: The narrator met Anil when he was watching a wrestling match. During this match, the narrator started talking with him to make him his friend. Anil was a very kind hearted fellow. Although he didn't need to have a servant because he was not in a position to pay him, yet became ready to have him on his request. He told him that he would have to cook. But the narrator did not know how to cook food. He taught him the art of cooking. He also started to teach him how to read and write. Many times Anil himself made tea &

cooked food & serve to Hasui Singh. He knew that Hasui Singh saved rupees from the daily purchasing but didn't said him anything.

11. 'You look a bit of a wastrel yourself, I said. A little flattery helps in making friends. Why did the look make Anil his friend? Did he really want to be friends, or is a flattery absolutely? Explain his intention and what happened at last.'

Ans The speaker himself was an experienced thief and fairly successful hand. The speaker made Anil his friend because he thought he could get into the young man's confidence easily. He befriended Anil so that he could get with him with an intention of robbing him. In the end, Anil is robbed but due to the kindness that he shows to the thief, the thief returns the money that he stole.