

Read And Find Out :-

Q1 How does the thief think Anil will react to the theft?

Ans The thief thinks that Anil will be sad when the fact of theft is revealed. He will be sad not for the loss of money but for the loss of trust.

Q2 What does the thief say about the different ~~reactions~~ reactions of people when they are robbed?

Ans He says that a greedy man's face shows fear. A rich man's face shows anger. A poor man's face shows acceptance. These are different reactions of the people when they are robbed.

Q3 Does Anil realise that he has been robbed?

Ans Anil does realise that he has been robbed. He offers a fifty rupee note to Hari Singh which is still not due to last ~~to~~ night's loan. On waking up next morning, Anil must have noticed that the notes

were not because somebody had taken them out in the night and then replaced them. This "somebody" is nobody else but Flavi Singh.

Think about it.

Q1. What are Flavi Singh's reactions to the prospect of receiving an education? Do they change over time? what makes him return to Anil?

Ans. In the beginning, Flavi Singh thinks that if he learns to write like an educated man, there will be no limit to what he can achieve. In ~~and~~ other words, he thinks of getting unlimited material success through money. But later on he begins to think that he can earn more than a few hundred rupees. He realizes that money is not important. He wants to become an intelligent and respected man through education. This is exactly the reason why he chooses to return to his ~~mother~~ Anil. Only Anil can help him in his education.

Q2. Why does not Anil hand over the thief to the police? Do you think most people would have done so? In what ways is Anil different from others such employees?

Ans. Anil seems to be a soft hearted and gentle person. He does realise that he has been robbed by Hari Singh. But he does not hand over the thief to the police. He knows that Hari Singh's life will be ruined if he goes to the prison. He might become a hardened criminal by going to jail. Therefore, Anil forgives him very kindly and assures him of regular wages in future. He also promises to continue his education. Most people, however, wouldn't have done so. They would have beaten up the thief or would have beaten up the thief and would have reported his case to the police. Anil is different from such people because he wishes to reform ~~rather than~~ the young thief through love & sympathy.

Q1. Do you think people like Anil and Fleming are found only in fiction or are there such people in real life?

Ans: People like Anil and Fleming are found in the real world also. It is only a matter of time and circumstance what happens in real life is often used by writers as material for their stories, poems & novels.

Q2. Do you think it a significant detail in the story that Anil is a struggling writer? Does this explain his behaviour in any way?

Ans: It is no doubt a significant that Anil is a struggling writer. He has no source of regular income. He gets money by fits and starts by writing articles for magazines. Like many other artists, Anil spends money lavishly on his friends when he gets some payment for his writing. There are other times when he is short of money & has to

His kindness to Hari Singh is also explained by the fact that he finds Hari in a position which is a bit like his own. Even Hari Singh is struggling to get two square meals a day. It is another matter that he has chosen to become a thief for the purpose.

Q. Have you met anyone like Hari Singh? Can you think and imagine the circumstances that can turn a 15 year old boy into a thief?

Ans. Yes, every body comes across a person like Hari Singh some time or the other. Such persons win some body's confidence and then cheat him.

Hari Singh is just a boy of fifteen and he has become a thief. There may be a variety of reasons for it. Poverty may be the main reason in his case. Hari Singh may be an orphan. His family may be too poor to send him to school. As a result, he may have become a vagabond & thief.

Q40 Where is the story set? Which language will be spoken in this place? Do you think the characters in the story speak to each other in English?

Ans: The story is probably set in Delhi or some city in U.P. There are some clues in the story which tell us about the setting. Anil lives in a room above "The Jumna Sweet Shop". There is a reference to the Lucknow express. Hindi is the main language spoken in this area but educated people speak English also. The characters in the story don't speak in English. They speak in Hindi.