

The Thief's Story

Question Bank

Short Answer Questions:-

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

Ans → Hari Singh did not know how to cook. The first meal which he cooked for Anil was so bad that Anil threw it to the dogs. But Hari's appealing smile made Anil give up his decision to turn him out.

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 Hari 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 Hari Singh's stealing but didn't seem to mind them. Hari started to accept the joy of earning.

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

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

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

Ans At railway station the list was attached but as he was illiterate he couldn't. The prompted him not to stand at ticket office.

6. Why did Hari Singh say that he had forgotten in the excitement of the thief.

Ans In the excitement of theft, Hari Singh forgot about his education. Although the money which he could have earned in his future because of education.

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

Ans Hari Singh returned to Anil because he felt guilty about robbing him. He thought that people have different responses to being robbed.

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

Ans Next morning Anil had ~~made tea~~ already made tea. He was having fifty rupees in his hand.

Long Answer Question

Answer the following long answer type questions in 100-150 words.

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

Ans: Anil is a kind, simple and easy-going young man. He is tall and lean stature and has interest in sports like wrestling. He is not very rich and cannot offer to employ Had as a cook. He has the patience and godness to not only teach Had to cook but also to read, write and add numbers. Made tea and cooked food and served it to Hari Singh as an employer.

10. He was the most trusted person I had ever met. Do you agree with this statement of Hari Singh about Anil? Give reasons for the answer.

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Ans → As Hari still had the key to Anil's room, he had several chances of stealing Anil's money. Yet he was surprised by Anil's trust in him because he hadn't seen such a trustworthy person in his life before. The trust stopped him from robbing Anil and he found Anil the most trusting person he had ever met.

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

Ans → Hari Singh a fifteen year old thief was trying to flatter Anil who had come to watch the wrestling match. He wanted to be friend because to earn Anil's trust and then rob him.

At last Hari Singh returned to Anil's house because he felt guilty about robbing him. He thought that people have different responses to being robbed.

12. Love and affection can transform even a criminal. Explain how it is true in the case of Hari Singh.

Ans → It is absolutely true love and affection can transform even a criminal as we saw in the transformation of Hari Singh by Anil's trust and kindness. Anil's goodness played a very pivotal role in Hari Singh's transformation. Anil's generous, trusting and credible nature had a deep impact on Hari Singh. Anil started teaching him how to write complete sentences. When Hari Singh got an opportunity to run away with Anil's money, he could not do that. This was the transformation.