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Short Answer Questions

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

A. 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 out.

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

A. 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?

A. 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 money by following the path of honesty. Hence Hari Singh found it quite pleasant to work with Anil.

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

A. By 'real work' Hari Singh means stealing. He wants to steal Anil's money because he has not stolen anything for long time. Secondly, Anil is a careless man. If Hari Singh did not steal his money, he would waste it on useless things.

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

A. Hari Singh was illiterate so he could not read and write. At railway station the list was attached but as he was illiterate he couldn't find a train which went to Lucknow. This prompted him not to stand at ticket office.

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

A. In the excitement of theft, Hari 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. The greed of just a few hundred rupees brought him

a great loss.

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

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

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

1. 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. Later Hari find that the notes was still wet.

Long Answer Question

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

A. 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 Hari as a cook. He has the patience and goodness to not only teach Hari to cook but also to read, write and add numbers. Though he knows about Hari's stealing of little bits of money from the groceries, he ignores this fact. He is a writer who writes for magazines and makes money in fits and starts. He is a very trusting person. Even when he earns a large amount of money, he keeps the money under his mattress and not in a safe box.

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 your answer.

A. Hari steals money from Anil by making him to be trusted. But, he couldn't run away with that money because the trust of Anil on Hari and made Hari to come back and keep the money in the same place. So, he stated, "He was the most trusted person I had ever met." about Anil.

11. "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.

A. 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.

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

A. In the story "The Thief story", we learn that love, sympathy and affection can transform even a thief. Hari Singh is the protagonist of the story. His return proved that Anil's love, care, understanding, affection and sympathy had the power to transform even a thief's heart.