



The Thief's Story

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### Short Answer Questions →

Q1. 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 him out.

Q2. Why did the thief say that he was grateful to Anil?

A → The thief was grateful to Anil because he prompted 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.

Q3. 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 path of honesty.

Q4. What did Hari Singh mean when he said that it was time to do some real work?

A → When Hari Singh says so that it was time to do work which he knew the best & had a good experience of. At that time he was working as a cooking at Anil's home.

Q5. What prompted Hari Singh not to stop at the ticket office?

A → Hari Singh was illiterate / he could not read & write. At railway station the list was attached but as he was illiterate he



Q5. Couldn't find a train which went to Lucknow. This prompted him not to stand at ticket office.

Q6. Why did Hari Singh say that he had <sup>gone</sup> gotten 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 & respect which he could have earned in his future because of education.

Q7. Why did Hari Singh feel the necessity of going back to Anil?

A → Hari Singh returns back to Anil because he shows his positive attitude after committing so many crimes. He actually realises his mistakes and understands Anil's love towards him. It shows that the caring nature of Anil changes the mind and heart of Hari Singh, and that is how he returns back.

Q8. What did Hari Singh discover when he woke up the next morning? Why did he feel uneasy?

A → Next morning Anil had already made tea. He was having fifty rupee note in his hand & Hari felt that he had been discovered.



## Long Questions →

Q9. What is your view about Anil's quality / qualities as a man and as an employer with reference to the text?

A → He has the patience & goodness to not only help tall and lean stature and has interest in sports like wrestling. He is a kind, simple & easy going young man. He is not very rich and cannot offer to employ had as a cook. He has patience & goodness to not only teach had to cook but also to read, write & add numbers.

Q10. '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 answers.

A → 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. This trust stopped him from robbing Anil & he found Anil the most trusting person he had ever met.

Q11. '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 & what happened at last.

A → Hari Singh is a 15 years old thief was the speaker. He was trying to flatter Anil who had come to watch the wrestling.



Q11.

Match. The speaker want to be friends with the listener because he wanted to earn Anil's trust then rob him. The speaker himself was an experienced thief and fairly successful hand. The speaker made Anil his friend because he thought he could get into young man's confidence easily. He befriended Anil so that he could get with him with an intention of robbing/robbed but due to the kindness that he shows to the thief, the thief return the money that he stole.

Q12.

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

Ans →

Love and affection is such a thing that can transform even a criminal because it is a feeling that cannot be put into any words. In the case of Hari he was only 15 & as was still young he thought that if Anil thought him to learn & write he can become a successful person in life & every person will respect him. As Anil was a nice person he also gave Hari a chance to become a nice person. This is all because of the love Anil had. As a person we should also be the same.