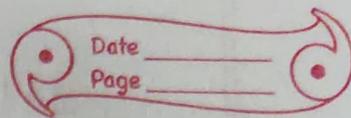


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# The Thief's Story



## Short answer questions

q1) 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.

q2) 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 ~~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?

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 meaning money by

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

Q4) What did Hari Singh ~~me~~ when he said that it was time to do some 'real work'?

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

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

ans Hari Singh was illiterate or 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.

Q6) Why did Hari Singh say that he had forgotten in the excitement of the theft?

ans 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.

Q77 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. 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.

Q84 What did Hari 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

Q99: 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 had interests in sports like wrestling. He is not very rich cannot offer to employ had as a cook. He has the patience and goodness to not only teach had to cook but also to read, write and add numbers.

Q10: "He was the most trusted person I have ever met." Do you agree with this statement of Hari Singh about Anil? Give reasons for your answer.

ans 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 made Hari to come back and keep the money in the same place. So, he started, "He was the most trusted person I had ever met," about Anil.

Q11: "You look a bit of a wrestler yourself," I said. "A little flattery helps in making friends." Why did the look make Anil in his friend? Did he really want

to be friend, 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.

Q127 "Love and affection can transform even a criminal." Explain how it is true in the case of Hari Singh.

ans Hari planned to take the money that is kept under the mattress. When he was executing his plan his heart was not allowing to do that because of Anil's love and affection towards him so he came back to home and placed the money under the mattress this shown love and sympathy changes a thief into a good person.