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A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING

Reading

[A] Answer these questions.

(1) What surprised the speaker when he was on his way home?

Ans The dog and a woman's handbag in ~~the~~ his car rattled

him when he was on his way home.

Q2) What did the speaker find in the cubbyhole? What did he think on seeing the item?

Ans) On seeing the woman's handbag in the cubbyhole, the narrator suspected whether the dog was in his car or he in the dog's car.

Q3) No, there was nothing for it but to drive out... and make a clean breast of it.

(a) Where had the speaker decided to drive to?

Ans) He decided to drive to the farmhouse.

(b) How was he going to 'make a clean breast of it'?

Ans He would narrate how he lost his car and mistakenly drove the woman's car.

(c) How was he feeling when he ~~is~~ made this decision?

Ans He felt nervous when he made this decision.

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(4) Who was Arthur? Who was Sheila?

Ans Arthur was the farmer whose name was written on the collar of the dog and Sheila was the dog itself.

(5) "No, you haven't, darling, you put them in Mr What's - it's car."

(a) Who said this to whom?

Ans Arthur ~~the~~ Arthur said this to his wife.

(b) Who was Mr. What's-it? Why was he called so?

Ans → The narrator was Mr. What's-it. He was called so as the farmer didn't show his car.

(c) What had 'darling' put in his car?

Ans → Darling - the farmer's wife had put her bag and the dog in Mr. What's-it car.

[B] Give reasons why -

① ~~to~~ the speaker disliked shopping in town.

Ans → The speaker disliked shopping in town due to space crunch to park cars and all cars of one colour leading to confusion.

Q2) The speaker thought 'Arthur' was a silly name for a dog.

Ans) He felt strange because 'Arthur' was a masculine name not a dog's name.

Q3) The speaker thought said 'it took quite a bit of courage to turn round and go back.' Because -

Ans) He thought that the farmer might think he had robbed the farmer's car.

Q4) The speaker's wife was upset with him.

Ans) The speaker's wife was upset with him as he couldn't reach home on time and she had to do shopping for home.

[C] Think and answer.

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Q) Why is the story called 'A slight misunderstanding'? Is what happens in fact a slight misunderstanding?

Ans → The apt title 'A slight misunderstanding' is a befitting title to the story narrating incident highlighting that a little care would have saved everyone's time. The farmer's wife ~~is~~ while having a word with Mabel makes the first faux pas when she keeps her dog and the handbag in the narrator's car. The woman is a little scatterbrained who mistook the narrator's as her own and put the dog ~~on~~ which ~~is~~ hastened the acceleration of the story. The narrator was

So beset with all the black cars, he started searching for his own car while already driving it. Everything becomes clear when the farmer points out the car number and narrator is relieved.

Q2) Do you think the speaker's carelessness and inattention are responsible for the events of the story? Or is it to the woman's fault?

Ans) The narrator should have been a little more careful in handling these responsible affairs. He should have parked his car at a strategic location and must have checked his car before having a word for the go. The woman is also

equally held up for the same misunderstanding.

~~she~~ failed to recognise ^{recognise} the car and took left colour-just her bag and the dog in the narrator's car which subsequently snowballed into a full fledged misunderstanding.

Using Words

~~Understand~~ Underline the word in each set that cannot be used to describe the noun.

① slight, serious, heavy, possible -
misunderstanding

② whole, complete, total, Perfect -
stranger

③ loud, nervous, thin, good -
laugh

④ genuine, comma

④ genuine, common, extreme
costly - mistake.

⑤ sure, true, close, special-
friend.