

## Homework

### The Thief's story (Chapter - 2)

#### Short Answer questions

1. Did Hare Singh really know how to cook? What happened to the meal cooked by him?
- ans → Hare 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 Hare'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 different to anyone.
3. Why did Hare Singh say that it was pleasant working for Anil?
- ans → He made a profit of one rupee from buying the day supplies. Anil knew everything about Hare Singh's stealing but didn't seem to mind them. Hare started to accept the way of earning by money by following the path of honesty. Hence, Hare Singh found it quite pleasant work with Anil.

4. ~~Why~~ <sup>what</sup> did Hare Singh mean when he said that it was time to do some real work?

ans → By 'real work' Hare Singh means stealing. He went to steal Anji's money because he has not stole anything for a long time.

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

ans → Hare 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 to not to stand at ticket office.

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

ans → In the excitement of the theft, Hare 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 Hare Singh feel the necessity of going back to Anil?

ans → Hare Singh feel the necessity of going back 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, some show acceptance. But Hare knew that Anil would be sad, not for the loss of money but the loss of trust.

8. <sup>what</sup> what did Hare Singh discover when he woke up the next morning? why did he feel uneasy?

ans → ~~the~~ Next morning ~~Hare Singh~~ Anil had already made tea because having fifty rupee note in his hand and Hare felt that he had been discovered. But Anil gave notes back and said that he would be paid regularly.

Long Answer Questions

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

ans → Anil was a kind, simple and easy going young man. He was tall and lean in stature and interested in sports like wrestling. He was a wrestler who wrote for magazines and made money in fits and starts. The narrator was wrestling match. During this match the narrator started talking

to him to make him his friend. Anil was not very rich and could not afford to employ Hari as a cook, yet he became ready to have him in his room on his request. He had the patience and goodness to not only teach Hari to cook but also to read, write and do numbers. Many times he himself made tea and cooked food and served it to Hari Singh. Through he knew that Hari was stealing little bit of money from him, he ignored this fact. He was a very honest and trustworthy person. Even when he earned a large amount of money, he kept the money under his mattress and not under lock and key. He was generous and paid Hari whenever he got some money. Hari had the habit to steal the money from him. He was forgiving and he forgave Hari for the theft and continued to be good to him.

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.

ans → The thief story, the author narrated the story of Hari Singh the thief and Anil. Hari steals money from Anil by making him to be a trustee. But he couldn't run away with that money because the trust of Anil on Hari made him come back and keep the money in the same place. So he stated 'he was the most trusted person I had ever met' because a person's trust make the other to maintain a proper relationship.

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

ans → Hare Singh was a thief. He came to Anil with an intention of robbing him and for this he had to gain his trust and that is why he made his friend. ~~He came to Anil with an intention of robbing him and for this he knew~~ that Anil would spend his time on his friends. So he decided to rob him.

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

ans → man is a product of circumstances and environment. Hare Singh was just a boy of fifteen but was an successful, experienced and fairly hard. In spite of being no use to Anil. he was retained to work for him. They said old habits die hard. After all, a thief couldn't leave stealing and cheating. He made a rupee everyday from the buying of the day's supplies. However Anil was not a fool. He knew everything and also all about the theft. But he was kind, warm hearted and full of human sympathy. He taught the unfortunate boy to write his name.

He also promised him to <sup>teach</sup> write and read numbers. That left a deep impression on the boy. He started that education ~~and~~ ~~that~~ would bring him respect and money.