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Subject : English

Topic : The Thief's Story

Worksheet .No. : 7

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S.No. **Read the following extracts and answer the questions.** **4**

1. *"You look a bit of a wrestler yourself". I said A little flattery helps in making friends."*

- (a) Who was the speaker? Who was he trying to flatter?
Hari Singh was the speaker and he was trying to flatter Anil.
- (b) Why did the speaker want to be friends with the listener?
The speaker wanted to be friends with the listener because he wanted to rob him after gaining his trust.
- (c) Find the antonym of 'criticism' in the extract.
The antonym is 'flattery'.
- (d) What is the opposite of 'friends'?
'Enemies' is its opposite.

2. *"Well, it's time I did some real work, I told myself; I'm out of practice."*

- (a) What 'real work' is the speaker talking about?
The 'real work' in the extract refers to stealing.
- (b) Why does the speaker say 'I'm out of practice'?
The speaker says so because he is a thief and he has not robbed anyone recently.
- (c) Give a synonym of 'practice'.
Here, habit is a synonym of 'practice'.
- (d) What part of speech is the word 'real' in the extract?
It is an adjective

3. *"When the train had gone, I found myself standing alone on the deserted platform. I had no idea where to spend the night. I had no friends."*

- (a) Why was the speaker standing alone on the platform?
The speaker was standing alone on the platform because a train had just left.
- (b) Why did he not have any friends?
The speaker did not have any friends because he thought that friends were more trouble than help.
- (c) Which word in the extract is an antonym of the word 'crowded'?
The word is 'deserted'.
- (d) What does 'deserted' mean?
It means empty.

"He knew. But neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything."

- (a) Who is 'he' in the extract? What did he know?
'He' refers to Anil in the extract. He knew about the theft of his money.
- (b) Why did he not show anything?
Anil did not show anything because he was understanding and Hari's return gave him the hope of a change in him.

- (c) Which word in the extract means the same as 'reveal'.
'Showed' means the same as 'reveal'.
(d) What is the antonym of 'showed'?
'Hide' is its antonym.

Short answer questions (30-40 words)

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- (a) **Why did Hari Singh approach Anil?**

Ans: Hari Singh was a thief who had not much luck in his work recently. So he approached Anil with the intention of robbing him, as he seemed to be an easygoing and simple man. According to Hari, winning Anil's confidence was an easy task.

- (b) **What did Anil and Hari agree upon to be the mode of payment?**

Ans: When Anil stated his inability to pay Hari, Anil questioned Hari if he could feed Hari. Hari realised that he had misjudged his target and molded the situation for his benefit. Anil then agreed to feed him if he knew how to cook.

- (c) **Did Hari like working for Anil? Give reasons in support of your answer.**

Ans: Yes, Hari liked working for Anil. He was happy to carry on the chores for him and was grateful for the education he was receiving. He used to make profit of about a rupee a day as well, which was a decent amount besides being fed.

- (d) **State the events that took place on the night of the theft.**

Ans: The night of robbery was quite eventful for Hari Singh. After stealing Anil's money and leaving Anil's house, Hari went to the railway station but didn't board the train to Lucknow. He walked slowly through the bazaar as he did not know anyone who would provide him shelter except Anil, for he didn't have any friends. He was forced to take shelter under the clock tower later when it started raining heavily. That is where he realised the importance of education and decided to go back to Anil.

- (e) **What made Hari Singh go back to Anil's house?**

Ans: Hari Singh realised the importance of education he was receiving from Anil. He knew that learning how to read and write and being a literate person would open doors to many opportunities. He was sure that he would then be able to earn more than a few hundred rupees he had in hand at that time. This made him go back to Anil.

- (f) **What are the different reactions of the people when they are robbed?**

Ans: According to Hari Singh, different people react differently upon being robbed. The greedy man displays fear, the rich man shows anger, and the poor man shows acceptance. However, a trusting man like Anil would be sad due to the loss of trust.

LONG ANSWER QUESTION (100-120 words)

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- i) **Money can't make a man as much as education can. Elucidate the statement.**

Ans: The statement stands true in almost all the aspects of life. Money may buy us all the luxuries and fulfil our needs but it cannot buy us knowledge, civilised thinking, skills and abilities to achieve our dreams. Education lays the platform for all to act upon our goals according to our abilities. Education enables us to keep up with the fast moving world. It opens the door to opportunities we do not know even exist. Money, on the other hand, can assist us to a certain level. It can buy us a plan but education gives us the knowledge of its execution. Just as in the story 'The Thief's Story', Hari Singh prioritised the chance of being literate over a few hundred rupees, we must understand that education can help us to achieve whatever we desire.

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