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Topic :AQuestion of Trust

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Read the extracts given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(a) *The voice went on, "You can cure it with a special treatment, you know, if you find out just what plant gives you the disease. I think you'd better see a doctor, if you're serious about your work."*

(a) Whose voice is referred to in the above extract?

The voice referred to in the above extract is of the young lady who pretended to be a member of the household.

(b) What disease was the voice referring to?

The disease the voice was referring to was hay fever, with which Horace Danby was afflicted.

(c) Find a word from the passage that means the same as 'ailment'.

The word is 'disease'.

(d) What part of speech is the word 'it' in the extract?

'It' is a pronoun.

(b) *"She laughed, and he begged, thinking that he had persuaded her, "Look, I have no right to ask you for anything, but I'm desperate."*

(a) Who are 'she' and 'he' in the above extract?

'She' is young lady who Horace met in the house and 'he' is Horace Danby.

(b) Why did 'he' say that he was desperate?

Horace was desperate because he had been caught stealing and did not want to go to prison.

(c) Find a word in the passage that means the same as 'convinced'.

The word is 'persuaded'.

(d) What is the opposite of 'persuaded'?

Its opposite is 'dissuaded'

Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

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i) Whom did Horace Danby see in the kitchen? How did they greet each other? What tact did Horace apply there?

Answer:Horace Danby saw the family dog, Sherry, in the kitchen. The dog greeted Horace by stirring, making a noise and wagging its tail in a friendly way. Horace greeted the dog by tactfully calming it down, calling it by its name and showing love to it.

ii) What was the passion of Horace Danby and how did he satisfy it?

Answer:The passion of Horace Danby was collecting rare and expensive books. To satisfy this passion, he needed money and arranged it by robbing one safe every year and then secretly buying the books through an agent.

iii) Describe the safe at Shotover Grange.

Answer:The safe at Shotover Grange was kept in the drawing room behind a poor painting and had jewels worth about 15000 pounds kept in it. It had a poorly built

burglar alarm, but could be opened only through a specific code. Horace expected to get 5000 pounds if he sold the jewels one by one.

iv) How can you say that Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest?

Answer: Horace Danby was good and respectable because he was an expert in his profession of making locks. However, as he loved collecting rare and expensive books, he robbed a safe every year to finance the purchase of these books through an agent. Thus, he was not completely honest.

v) How did flowers hinder Horace in his work?

Answer: Flowers hindered Horace in his work because he had hay fever, a disorder affecting the nose and throat, caused by allergy to pollen or dust. Due to this problem, whenever he came close to flowers, he began to sneeze and could be caught. He had to cover his face.

vi) Why was Horace Danby sure that his robbery at Shotover Grange would be a successful one?

Answer: Horace Danby was sure that his robbery at Shotover Grange would be a successful one because he had studied the house, the drawing room where the safe was kept, the wiring and its garden. He had also studied the movement of the servants, so he had planned well, thus ensuring that nothing could go wrong.

vii) What did Horace Danby wonder about for a moment? What did he think and decide?

Answer: On seeing the poor painting in front of the safe, Horace Danby wondered for a moment whether to collect pictures instead of books. But then, he thought that books were better in a small house like his, as paintings took up too much room.

Answer the following question in 100-120 words:

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What precautions did Danby take to avoid arrest? What blunder did he commit in his last venture?

To avoid arrest, Danby always studied all aspects of the safe he had targeted that year thoroughly, including the habits of the owners and servants, the layout of the house, any burglar alarms etc. He carried a set of select tools to break open safes and always wore gloves, so that he left behind no fingerprints.

In his last venture at Shotover Grange, he committed the blunder of not wearing gloves while cracking open the safe, probably because he was distracted by the young lady threatening to call the police, thus leading to his arrest soon afterwards.