

NCERT SOLUTIONS

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Chapter : 5

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Q1 How did Tao Ying's son influence the way she led her life?

Answer. Tao Ying did not belong to a family of importance, she was not an educated lady but lived a humble life. Her life greatly influenced her son's life. She wanted to set a good example in front of her son, she would always remain gracious and gentle in front of her son. She always kept her up to mark and poise to set a good impression upon her son.

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Q2 Pick out instances from the story to show that official rules are often arbitrary.

Answer. The events that depict arbitrariness is, when Tao Ying buys a ticket for Xiao Ye, even though there is no need for him to buy. The old lady is shown keeping scales imbalanced for the reason, to make the populace feel good about themselves.

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Q3 Tao Ying was very careful about spending money. What were her reasons for refusing the compensation offered by the temple officials?

Answer. For Tao Ying, Xiao Ye mattered more than anything else in the world the compensation that temple officials were distributing were of no importance to her. Tao Ying believed that day's happiness cannot be bought and happiness of her son was above everything.

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Q4 Why was her final vindication important to Tao Ying?

Answer. Tao Ying felt it was important to clear things to her son that she was not wrong about his height and that she was not trying to exempt him intentionally from the ticket. Her son's trust in her, mattered more than anything to her, even that compensation didn't matter anything to her.

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Q1 Comment on the significance of the first sentence of the story to its theme.

Answer. The sentence that mentions about the arbitrary nature of rules and how Tao Ying's ideology of the world was based on her values, that didn't always match her values. Both theme and first sentence reflect the same meaning of arbitrariness of rules.

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Q2 Would you describe the author's portrayal of Tao Ying's character in the story as sympathetic, critical or realistic?

Answer. She is realistic and analyses the whole situation in advance. She makes sure that she acts within the diameter of her taught values as her son is influenced by her.

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Q3 Identify the episodes that bring out the ambivalent attitude to ethics commonly seen in human life?

Answer. Ambivalent means having mixed kind of feeling about something, while ethic means set of moral values. Ambivalent attitude to ethics is commonly visible in the story when Tao Ye pays for her son's bill and the old lady is kind enough to keep the scale inaccurate in order to flatter people.

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Q4 How effectively does the narrative technique adopted in this story illustrate 'unity of thought'?

Answer. The narrator depicts all the emotions of its people. Depicting personal thoughts, feelings emotions connects readers to the plot very closely. As the ancient rules put down by Aristotle tells about the unity of time, action, and place, in the same way narrator maintains the unity of thought that makes narration more understandable and connective to readers. By depicting the inner most thoughts, inner character is shown of the character.

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Q1 The way a child looks at the world is very different from that of an adult.

Answer. Children do not analyse deeply and rationally as adults do that makes them quick in giving their review . Children view others and learn from them how they need to react in a particular situation. Children do not understand the deeper truth and reasons that affects their response to world deeply.

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Q2 There is always a gap between what we really are and what we wish to appear to be to others.

Answer. In today's world people don't show who they really are due to the fear of being rejected or not being accepted by the society. The society greatly affects the person and the way he presents himself to the outside world.

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