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Class 10 English (Footprints without Feet) Notes

A Question of Trust



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Lesson-4 A QUESTION OF TRUST By

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Characters

Horace Danby	Woman In Red
* about fifty years old and unmarried * usually very well and happy except for attacks of hay fever in summer * made locks and was successful enough at his business, respectable but not completely honest * loved rare, expensive books * he robbed a safe every year * Each year he planned carefully * stole enough to last for twelve months * secretly bought the books he loved through an agent.	- young and beautiful - perfectly fits in rich woman attire and accent - Cool and calm - good planner - dupes the smart thief easily - gets away with robbery

Comprehension Passage-1

It was a quiet, kindly voice, but one with firmness in it. A woman was standing in the doorway, and Sherry was rubbing against her. She was young, quite pretty, and was dressed in red. She walked to the fireplace and straightened the ornaments there.

Questions:

- a) Whose voice was it?
- b) Who was Sherry?
- c) 'Sherry was rubbing against her'- What does it signify?

Answers :

- a) It was the voice of a woman in real who claimed to be the mistress.
- b) It was a dog.
- c) It shows the dog a had an acquaintance with the lady.

Passage-2

Horace is now the assistant librarian in the prison. He often thinks of the charming, clever young lady who was in the same profession as he was, and who tricked him. He gets very, angry when anyone talks about 'honour among thieves'.

Questions

- a) Give the noun form of word 'assistant'.
- b) In which profession was the lady?
- c) Why does he get angry when anyone talks about 'honour among thieves'?

Passage-3

- a. The safe was not going to be hard to open. After all, he had lived with locks and safes all his life. The burglar alarm was poorly built. He went into the hall to cut its wire. He came back and sneezed loudly as the smell of the flowers came to him again.

Questions :

- a) Why was it easy for the man to break the safe?
- b) What was the real profession of the robber?
- c) Why did he cut the wire of the alarm?

SA.-Qs**Type-II Short Answer type Questions (Solved)**

1. What did Horace hear from the doorway ?
A. Horace heard a voice from the doorway. It was the voice of a lady. As Horace had sneezed loudly, therefore the lady asked what it was and he replied that it was due to hay fever.
2. How did the lady in red convince Horace to open the lock ?
A. The Lady told Horace that she had promised her husband to take her jewels to the bank but she left them in the safe. As she had forgotten the numbers to open the safe and wanted to wear the jewels to a party. Horace believed her and opened the safe for her.
3. How did the lady in red prove to be smarter than Horace.
4. Why would Horace get angry if anyone talked about 'honour among thieves?

Type- III Long Answer Type (Solved)

1. Lying and stealing are next Door Neighbours . Comment.
A. A path of truthfulness and honesty is always better than an easy path of deceit. Horace Danby was a thief. He robbed safe every year. But, in the end he was befooled by another thief and was arrested. Stealing or lying cannot bring happiness or success. A truthful and honest person always leads a happy and peaceful life. She/he does not have to live with any kind of guilt. Stealing or lying robs one of ones' peace.

Those who are honest do not live a life of tension and are able to get peace of mind too.

Q2. Sincerity is a must in every profession. Do you agree? Elaborate.

Q3. Honesty is the best Policy. Elucidate.

Q4. As you sow, so shall you reap. Explain with reference to the chapter, 'A Question of Trust.'

