

# **NCERT SOLUTIONS**

**CLASS - 7TH**



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Q1 What did Nishad give Mr Nath? Why?

Answer. Nishad gave Mr Nath a bar of chocolate. He did so because he thought Mr Nath was starving.

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Q2 What is “strange” about Mr Nath’s Sundays?

Answer. The strange thing about Mr Nath’s Sundays was that almost every Sunday, Ramesh carried two lunches to Mr Nath’s room and the same man was with him each time. He was tall, fair, stout, and wore spectacles. Ramesh said that his visitor talked a lot, unlike Mr Nath who hardly spoke.

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Q3 Why did Nishad and Maya get a holiday?

Answer. Nishad and Maya got a holiday because of a heavy downpour. The streets were flooded due to the rain. Since no traffic could move through the flooded roads, they got a holiday.

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Q1 What does Nishad find out about Mr Nath from Ramesh? Arrange the information as suggested below.

- (i) What he eats
- (ii) When he eats
- (iii) What he drinks, and when
- (iv) How he pays

Answer. Ramesh told Nishad that Mr Nath was not very particular about what he ate. It was always the same food—two chapatis, some dal and a vegetable. He used to have this food in the morning and in the evening. Mr Nath would drink tea once in the morning

and once in the afternoon. Ramesh said that Mr Nath would pay in cash and was also a generous tipper.

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Q2 Why does Maya think Mr Nath is a crook? Who does she say the Sunday visitor is?

Answer. Maya thought that Mr Nath was a crook because he had a strange appearance. He did not work but always had money to order his meals from restaurants, and even gave tips. The tenants at Shankar House said that he was mad, strange and unfriendly. He sat in his room all day, and nobody except a spectacled, fair, fat man visited him. He had no friends and she thought that it was so because he feared someone might recognise him and inform the police. She thought that the Sunday visitor was his accomplice in crime. She said that the visitor perhaps kept all the loot, and would come now and then to give a part of it to his partner for expenses.

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Q3 Does Nishad agree with Maya about Mr Nath? How does he feel about him?

Answer. No, Nishad did not agree with Maya about Mr Nath. He wanted to find out why Mr Nath was so thin and so lonely. He also wanted to know why he did not have any friends and lived alone. When Maya said that he did so because he feared someone might recognise him and inform the police, Nishad responded by saying that perhaps no one had ever tried to make friends with him. He finally said that he liked Mr Nath and was going to try and be his friend. Maya's theories did not make any impression on him.

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Q1 The word 'tip' has only three letters but many meanings. Match the word with its meanings below.

(i) finger tips	- be about to say something
(ii) the tip of your nose,	- make the boat overturn
(iii) tip the water out of the bucket	- the ends of one's fingers
(iv) have something on the tip of your tongue	- give a rupee to him, to thank him
(v) tip the boat over	- empty a bucket by tilting it
(vi) tip him a rupee	- the pointed end of your nose
(vii) the tip of the bat	- if you take this advice
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Q2 The words helper, companion, partner and accomplice have very similar meanings, but each word is typically used in certain phrases. Can you fill in the blanks below with the most commonly used words? A dictionary may help you.

- (i) business \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) my \_\_\_\_\_ on the journey  
(iii) I'm mother's little \_\_\_\_\_.  
(iv) a faithful \_\_\_\_\_ such as a dog  
(v) the thief's \_\_\_\_\_  
(vi) find a good \_\_\_\_\_  
(vii) tennis/ golf / bridge \_\_\_\_\_  
(viii) his \_\_\_\_\_ in his criminal activities

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Q3 Now let us look at the uses of the word break. Match the word with its meanings below. Try to find at least three other ways in which to use the word.

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| (i) The storm broke                                       | – could not speak; was too sad to speak |
| (ii) daybreak   | – this kind of weather ended            |
| (iii) His voice is beginning to break                     | – it began or burst into activity       |
| (iv) Her voice broke and she cried                        | – the beginning of daylight             |
| (v) The heat wave broke                                   | – changing as he grows up               |
| (vi) broke the bad news                                   | – end it by making the workers submit   |
| (vii) break a strike                                      | – gently told someone the bad news      |
| (viii) (Find your own expression. Give its meaning here.) |   |

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Q1 Play detectives with each other. Find a person in your class (or some other acquaintance) to speak to. Find out the answers to the questions given below. Be careful to ask your questions in a polite and inoffensive way. Do not force the person to answer you. Then allow the person to ask you the same questions.

- (i) Name?
- (ii) What newspapers or magazines does the person read?
- (iii) How long has the person lived at the current address?
- (iv) What does she/he do during the day, i.e. the daily routine?
- (v) What do neighbours and friends say about the person?
- (vi) Who are his/her visitors and what are his/her eating habits? (You can ask a few

others about this.)

(vii) What do you think about the person?

Answer. DIY

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Q1 Who do you think Mr Nath is? Write a paragraph or two about him.

Answer. Mr Nath is a lean and thin person. He might have met with some serious accident with fire which has resulted in many scars on his face. People are scared about him for those scars which give his face an ugly impression.

He realises the same and that is why he prefers living alone and avoids going out. He talks less, but is a well-mannered person and is polite towards everyone.

He is regularly consulting Maya and Nishad's mother, who is a doctor. May be he is not keeping well and that could be the reason behind his gaunt appearance. He has a brother who visits him every Sunday to find out about his health. Mr Nishad is not much interested about nitty-gritty's of life and prefer eating same simple food daily.

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Q2 What else do you think Nishad and Maya will find out about him? How? Will they ever be friends? Think about these questions and write a paragraph or two to continue the story.

Answer. Nishad and Maya would have found out that the Sunday visitor is Mr Nath's brother. Mr Nath used to work for a big private company and has left the job for while because he was not keeping well. He is suffering from some liver ailment and will be undergoing a surgery soon. Nishad succeeds in befriending him and goes to his house every evening to play with him. He finds Mr Nath a caring and loving person. He becomes a frequent visitor to his place. Maya regrets about her earlier thoughts about Mr Nath. She feels sorry about it. Nishad takes her along one day and the they all become friends.

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Q3 Conducting a Survey



Step I:Study the following questionnaire and discuss the points in small groups.

	Yes	No	Don't know
A home is a place where			
• you feel secure and happy.			
• you can be alone.			
• you can keep all your things.			
• you can bring up a family.			
• you can invite friends/relatives.			
• you can make a noise if you want to.			
• you can do whatever you like.			
• you are at peace.			
• you can look after your parents.			
• you receive and give love.			

Step II: Collect information. Contact people in the school/ your locality and put these questions to them. Tick-mark ( ) their answers in the relevant column.

Step III: Analyse the results in the group by asking

- (i) How many people think that a home is a place where you feel secure and happy?
- (ii)How many people think that a home isn't a place where you feel secure and happy?
- (iii) How many people don't know about it?

Step IV: Present a brief oral report on the result of your survey. Use phrases such as the following

- (i) Most people think that...
- (ii) Few people think that...
- (iii) Hardly anyone thinks that...
- (iv) No one thinks that...

Answer. DIY

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Q1 Fans don't talk, but it is possible to imagine that they do. What is it, then, that sounds like the fan's chatter?

Answer. The noise created by the fan's motor due to lack of oiling was being compared to the fan's chatter.

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Q2 Complete the following sentences.

(i) The chatter is electrical Because \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) It is mysterious because \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer. (i) the fan functions on an electrical motor and the attention to my chatter. noise was being produced by its motor.

(ii) the poet was unable to comprehend what the fan was saying.

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Q3 What do you think the talking fan was demanding?

Answer. The talking fan seems to be demanding They need some oiling to some attention. It was demanding oiling. The moment it was oiled. it fell silent.

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Q4 How does an electric fan manage to throw so much air when it is switched on?

Answer. An electrical fan comprises of three blades and a whirling motor. The moment it is switched on. the motor starts and begins to rotate, forcing the blades to move in circular movement. this generates a lot of pressure, which forces the air downwards in all directions.

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Q5 Is there a 'talking fan' in your house? Create a dialogue between the fan and a mechanic.

Answer. Yes: There is a talking fan in my house, which perhaps requires some oiling.

A: Hi I just realised that you are a talking fan.

Talking fan: Oh great Finally! I had been waiting for someone to pay attention to my chatter.

A: Why so? I never knew you were trying to Seek attention.

Talking fan: Of course, I was. What else am expected to do when nobody worries about



my maintenance. My parts in a wretched state. they need some oiling to function smoothly. Alas, nobody is bothered.

Talking fan: Thank you so much. That would indeed be kind.

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