

Prose-3 A Pinch of Snuf

1. Why Under- Secretary always obeyed Nanukaka?

Ans- Under-Secretary (Narrator) always obeyed Nanukaka because he was his Mother's brother (maternal uncle) and his mother insisted on it and he couldn't displease his mother.

2. "This Tie and collar business is no good these days" What did Nanukaka mean to say?

Ans- Through this statement Nanukaka means to say that tie and collar had become a very common dress. We should leave this tie and collar and wear traditional clothes.

3. What did the Under-Secretary change his appearance to accompany Nanukaka?

Ans- The Under- Secretary change his appearance into a **close collar Jodhpur coat and put on a turban**, to accompany Nanukaka.

4. Who is a Zamindar?

Ans- A person is called Zamindar **who has owned much land or large land**.

5. How did Nanukaka impress Sohanlal Ratiram?

Ans- Nanukaka impress Sohanlal Ratiram in a way he talked about his foreign tours with politicians and ministers. Then he began to tell about Hazarat barkat Ali who was the ambassador. He talked in such a way as if they were his best friends.

6. What important information did he collect at Ratiram's Place?

Ans- He collect the information at Ratiram's place is that "When the minister refuses the marriage of his daughter with Sohanlal's son?". The ministers had made up to marry his daughter to the Prince of Ninnore.

7. Who is a Prince?

Ans- A prince is the **son of the King** of a country. He is next claimant for the ruler's post.

8. Who was the second important person Nanukaka had planned to meet?

Ans- The second important person Nanukaka had planned to meet was "the welfare minister".

9. What preparation did he make to meet him?

Ans- He firstly managed to get an enormous, outlandish car to drive to the minister's office. Secondly, he got undersecretary dressed in his Jodhpur coat and turban and lastly he dressed and sat on the car in a manner that he looked a hereditary pundit from a princely state.

10. How did he manage to impress the Sikka Auto Dealers?

Ans- He managed to impress to Sikka Auto Dealers by the demonstration of his wealth. He made a plan with the Dhobi, "When he went to Sikka Auto Dealers, the Dhobi came with an old coat of Nanukaka in his hand showed him the cheque saying that he left a cheque of Rs 1000 in his coat".

11. What did he do at the minister's residence?

Ans- With an idea to produce (present) his image of a big zamindar and highly rich person to high repute Nanukaka did the following at minister's residence:-

- Firstly he managed a luxuries car for his visit to minister's residence.
- The writer sat on the chauffeur's (driver) seat in a white Jodhpur coat and the orange turban.
- Nanukaka set on the back in a royal dress, looking like a hereditary pandit (astrologer) and drove to the minister residence.
- At minister's residence he asked to the minister's secretary the visitor's book as he had not time due to some other urgent appointment and that too he did not like to disturb the minister.
- Nanukaka wrote his name, the writer's (undersecretary) Delhi address as his own and added in his introductory note, "Hereditary Astrologer to

the Maharaja of Ninnore". Thus he left a deep impression on them of his personality.

- Without speaking anything more and directing the writer to take him to "Maharaja Sutkatta's palace". And the car immediately left the place. He was warmly saluted by the secretary and orderly while leaving minister's house.

12. How did Nanukaka impress the minister?

Ans- After writing his name in the visitor's book, he told his 'chauffeur' to drive to Maharaja Sutkatta's place because he had to return the horoscopes. This trick impressed the minister.

13. Is the under secretary impressed with Nanukaka at any point? When and why? Find out the evidence from the story.

Ans- The under secretary is impressed with Nanukaka when the Welfare Minister, whom he wanted to meet, comes to see Nanukaka early in the morning. The minister gladly does what Nanukaka wants him to do. It is indeed a miracle.

14. What is the relation between Sohanlal Ratiram and Ratiram?

Ans- They are father and son. Sohanlal Ratiram is the party boss in Delhi.

15. In what dress did the writer go to the minister along with Nanukaka?

Ans- Writer went there in Jodhpur coat with a huge orange turban tied round his head.

16. Where did Nanukaka go to meet the minister with whom?

Ans- Nanukaka went to the North Block to meet the minister along with the writer.

17. What preparation did he make to meet him?

Ans- To meet minister Nanukaka hired an outlandish large car. He asked the under secretary to act his liveried chauffeur.

18. What new role did Nanukaka give the under secretary to play?

Ans- He gave the under secretary to the role of his chauffeur to play.

19. At mother's inistence, I had taken two days leave from The office and in the afternoon, I drove Nanukaka to the north block.

Ans:- These lines have been taken from "A Pinch Of Snuff" composed by 'Manohar Malgaonkar'. Here, the writer tells that Nanukaka was his guest and his mother's brother so he was assigned the work of taking care of this special guest. Nanukaka had to meet the minister at the North block so the writer took leave from his office to accompany him. Actually, he is doing these things for the sake of her mother's loyalty to his brother.

20. He went in to see the Minister and I waited in the car park.

Ans:- These lines have been taken from "A Pinch Of Snuff" composed by 'Manohar Malgaonkar.' The narrator takes his maternal uncle, Nanukaka to meet the minister at the North block. Nanukaka was his guest and he has to do it for the sake of her mother's loyalty to his brother.

21. What ! That means he will be here for weeks ! Ministers Don't see people for weeks months ! Oh, my god !

Ans:- These lines have been taken from "A Pinch Of Snuff" composed by 'Manohar Malgaonkar.' The narrator exclaims with frustration on hearing that Nanukaka, his maternal uncle is coming to visit his place as he has some urgent piece of work with a Minister. The narrator knows that it is very difficult to get an appointment with a Minister which implies that Nanukaka, an irritating person, is going to have a long stay at the Narrator's home.

22. Nanukaka, opened the silver snuffbox took a pinch.

Ans:- This lines has been taken from "A Pinch Of Snuff" composed by 'Manohar Malgaonkar.' The narrator's maternal uncle Nanukaka is habituated of taking snuff. Nanukaka is a shrewd and witty person. He goes to meet Lala Sohanlal and pretend to be a distinguished person by making false claims. The silver snuff box solidifies his position of a richman.