

Case study based questions
10th English

The Thief's Story

Passage - 1

5 Marks

Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Well, it's time I did some real work, I told myself; I'm out of practice. And if I don't take the money, he'll only waste it on his friends.

Q1. (1) The speaker is Hari Singh. He is a thief who robs people of money and is always looking for his next prey.

Q2. (2) The speaker says so because he is a thief and he has not robbed anyone recently.

Q3. (3) Hari thought that the owner would waste the money on his friends and will not pay him the salary.

Q4. (1) Real work means stealing. He wants to steal Anil's money, as he thought that Anil will carelessly spend his money.

Q5. (2) Habit is a synonym of 'practice'.

Passage - 2

5 Marks

Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

My spirits rose. But when I took the note, I saw it was still wet from the night's rain. "Today we'll start writing sentences", he said.

Q1. (1) Anil gave the note to Hari Singh.

Q2. (2) it was raining the last night and it was in Hari Singh's pocket where it got wet.

Q3. (1) I' refers to Hari Singh.

Q4. (3) rise

Q5. (4) The synonym of spirit is soul.

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Passage - 1**5 Marks**

Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

I was still a thief when I met Anil. And though only 15, I was an experienced and fairly successful hand.

Anil was watching a wrestling match when I approached him. He was about 25 – a tall, lean fellow – and he looked easy-going, kind and simple enough for my purpose. I hadn't had much luck of late and thought I might be able to get into the young man's confidence.

Q1. (2) I' refers to Hari Singh. He was a 25 year old man and was tall and thin.

Q2. (3) He is “a fairly successful hand” at stealing things from the houses, without being caught.

Q3. (1) Hari was a thief.

Q4. (4) Anil was watching a wrestling match.

Q5. (2) The word is fate.

Passage - 2**5 Marks**

Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

When I reached the station I did not stop at the ticket office (I had never bought a ticket in my life) but dashed straight to the platform. The Lucknow Express was just moving out. The train had still to pick up speed and I should have been

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able to jump into one of the carriages, but I hesitated – for some reason I can't explain – and I lost the chance to get away.

Q1. (2) The narrator reached the station as he wanted to go away through train, after stealing Anil's money.

Q2. (1) He hesitated to cheat a simple and large-hearted man like Anil.

Q3. (1) I' refers to Hari Singh.

Q4. (3) Dashed' means ran straight away.

Q5. (4) The narrator has stolen Anil's money.
