

Reported Speech

1. Look at the dialogue between an American and Swami Ram Tirtha. Using this information complete the paragraph by writing suitable words or phrases in the space provided.

American: Gentleman, where is your luggage?

Swami Ram Tirtha: My whole luggage is on my body.

American: Where is your purse?

Swami Ram Tirtha: I don't possess any money with me.

American: Do you have any friend in America?

Swami Ram Tirtha: Yes, I have one; you are that friend of mine.

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Answer:

When Swami Ram Tirtha visited America, he came across an American who asked him about his luggage. He replied to him that his whole luggage was on his body. Then the American asked him where his purse was. Swami Ram Tirtha replied that he didn't possess any money with him. The American asked if he had any friend in America. Replying positively Swami Ram Tirtha replied that he had one and that he was that friend of his.

Exercise

1. Read the following dialogue and fill in the blanks with the appropriate indirect forms. Yesterday Roshan attended an interview with the manager of ICICI bank.

Roshan: May I come in, Sir?

manager: Yes, come in. Sit down, what is your name?

Roshan: My name is Roshan.

manager: Can you drive a car?

Roshan: Yes, I can. I have been driving for three years.

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Answer:

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2. Report the following conversation:

Customer: I must be at that meeting at once. I can't spare another minute.

Barber: I know all about the meeting.

Customer: Then you'll let me go there?

Barber: I am afraid, I won't, sir.

Answer:

The customer informed the barber that he should be at that meeting immediately. He added that he couldn't spare another minute.

The barber replied that he knew all about the meeting.

The customer then wanted to know if the barber would let him go there.

The barber told him politely that he wouldn't.

3. "Who is that lady?" the children asked their mother.

"She is a close friend, very dear to me," said the mother.

"How come you never told us about her?" asked the children.

"When the time comes, you will know everything," the mother replied.

Answer:

The children wanted to know from their mother who that lady was. The mother replied that she was a close friend who was very dear to her. The children asked their mother why she had never told them about her. The mother replied that when the time came, they would know everything.

4. Reporter: Congratulations Sachin! You have now another world record to your credit.

Sachin: God is great, I only enjoy my cricket.

Reporter: After 200 not out in an ODI, what next? Can we hope for 400 plus innings in a test match?

Sachin: I shall try my best.

Answer:

The reporter congratulated Sachin since he then had another world record to his credit. Sachin acknowledged that God was great and he added that he only enjoyed his cricket. The reporter further asked what would be the next record after 200 not out in an ODI. The reporter wondered if they could hope for 400 plus innings in a test match. Sachin replied that he would try his best.

5. Dona Laura: Do you use a handkerchief as a shoe brush?

Don Gonzalo: Why not?

Dona Laura: Do you use a shoe brush as a handkerchief?

Don Gonzalo: What right have you to criticise my action?

Dona Laura: A neighbour's right.

Answer:

Dona Laura asked Don Gonzalo if he used a handkerchief as a shoe brush. When Don Gonzalo reported why he shouldn't, Dona Laura further asked if he used a shoe brush as a handkerchief. Don Gonzalo asked angrily what right she had to criticize his action. Dona Laura replied that she had the right of a neighbour.

6. Read the following conversation and complete the passage given below.

Policeman: What is her full name?

Woman: She is Veena Sharma.

Policeman: Can you describe her?

Woman: She is thin and fair in complexion.

The policeman asked the woman (a) ____ The woman replied (b) ____ Veena Sharma. The policeman further asked her (c) ____ The woman said (d) ____ and fair in complexion.

a) (i) that was her full name (ii) what her full name is (iii) what her full name was (iv) that what her full name was

b) (i) if she was (ii) that she was (iii) she was (iv) she is

c) (i) whether she could describe her (ii) whether she can describe her (iii) if could she describe her (iv) if she can describe her

d) (i) that she was thin (ii) that she is thin (iii) if she was thin (iv) if she is thin

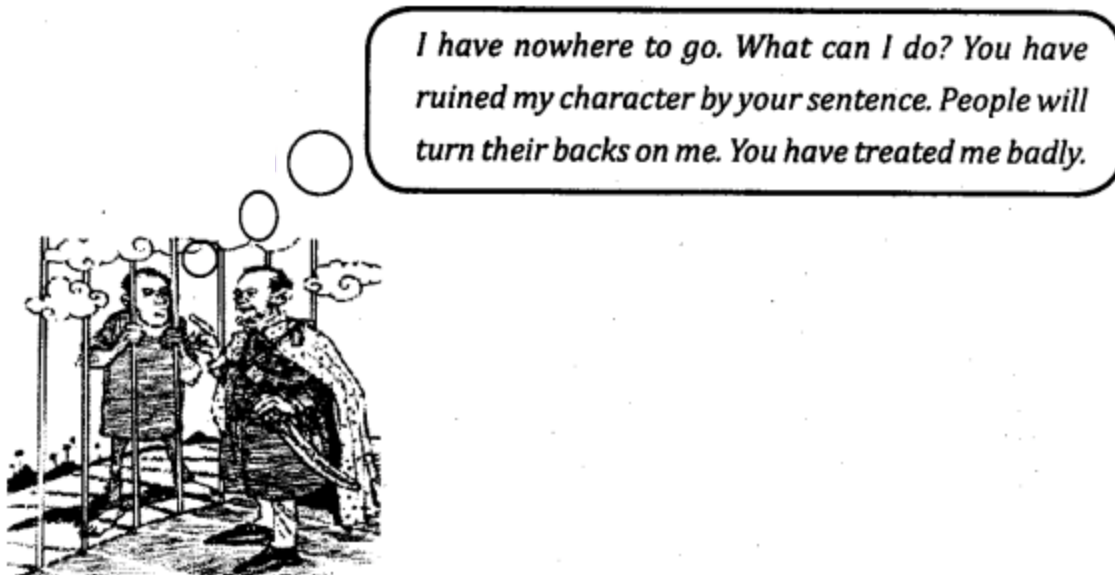
Answer:

a – (iii) what her full name was

b – (ii) that she was

c – (i) whether she could describe her

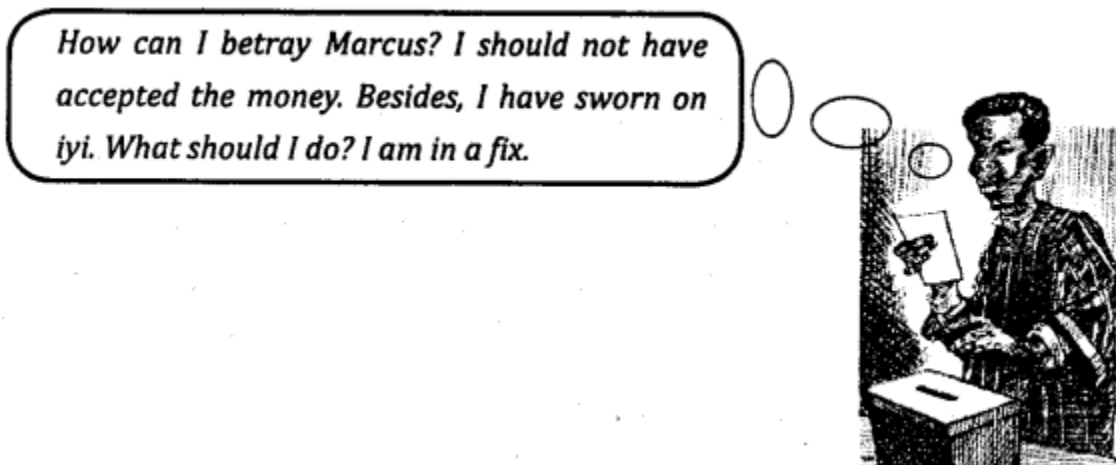
d – (i) that she was thin.



Based on the following pictures, rewrite the dialogues in reported speech.

Answer:

The man said in desperation that he had nowhere to go. He asked helplessly what he could do. He further accused the judge that he had ruined his character by his sentence. He added that people would turn their backs on him. He remarked that he had treated him badly.



How can I betray Marcus? I should not have accepted the money. Besides, I have sworn on What should I do? I am in a fix.

Answer:

He wondered how he could betray Marcus. He regretted accepting the money. Since he had sworn on iyi, it was all the more reason that he should not have accepted the money. He once again wondered what he should do. He admitted that he was in a fix.