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Class: X Subject: English Topic: A Question of Trust (Footprints without Feet)

Answer the following questions:

Q1. How did Horace know all the details of the house?

Ans. Horace had been studying the house for the past two weeks. Moreover, a magazine article had described this house, giving a plan of all the rooms and a picture of the room. There were also the details of the safe, hidden behind a poor painting.

Q2. Though Horace planned everything meticulously, why did he fail?

Ans. Though Horace planned everything meticulously, he failed because of the smart lady. She posed herself to be the owner of the house and convinced him to open the safe as if she did not had the password of the safe. Horace got trapped in her plot and was arrested by the police.

Q3. "The most successful people work smart, not hard". Justify the quote with reference to "A Question of Trust".

Ans. In the story, the successful one is the woman. She is the real culprit. She managed to trick Horace for breaking the safe for her. Without touching the safe herself, she managed to get all the jewels without leaving any single fingerprint.

Q4. Horace Danby represents such people who adopt the wrong ways to fulfil their wishes. What values would you like such people to imbibe to reform themselves?

Ans. Horace Danby was a successful businessman. He was a respectable citizen, but had a habit that led him to do robberies. Danby loved rare, expensive books and to get them, he used to rob a safe every year. Every year, he planned carefully just to get what he wanted. Danby adopted wrong ways to fulfil his wishes and hence, later got trapped in a plot by a thief like him. People should imbibe good values. They should learn that hard work is the only key to success. One should work hard to fulfil their desires. I think such people should imbibe the values of honesty, responsibility, hard work, dedication, and self-confidence, in order to reform themselves.



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