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Class:X

Sub:English

Topic: Ch- The Thief's Story

Q1. Why did Hari Singh tell a lie about cooking?

Ans. Hari Singh said that he could cook but when he cooked the meal at night, it was so terrible that Anil gave it to a stray dog and told him to be off. But then, Anil patted him and said that he would teach him to cook.

Q2. Why did Anil decide to pay Hari Singh regularly?

Ans. Anil handed Hari Singh, a fifty-rupee note as payment for his services. He went on to say that since he had started making money, he would pay Hari Singh regularly. Also, he must have guessed that Hari had stolen the money. Appreciating the reformation in the younger boy, Anil wanted to perhaps ensure that he does not indulge in thieving again.

Q3. What made him come back to Anil?

Ans. Anil had been teaching Hari Singh to read and write. He thought that without education, he would remain only a thief. But with education, he would become a big, clever and respected man. This made him come back to Anil.

Q4. What was Anil's job? What did he usually do with the money he earned?

Ans. Anil was a writer. He wrote articles for magazines. He did not had any fixed source of income. He earned his money by fits and starts. He wrote for a magazine for which he received cheque. As soon as he received his cheque, he would pay money and would go out to celebrate.

Q5. Draw a character sketch of Anil.

Ans. Anil was a young man of twenty-five years. He was a tall and lean fellow, and interested in sports like wrestling. He was a kind, simple and easy-going young man. One day, he met a small boy whose intention was to rob him. The boy found Anil fit for his purpose, so the boy persuaded Anil and told him that he wanted to do a job for him. After much convincing, Anil gave him a job as a cook at his home. But later on, he studied that the boy did not know how to cook. Anil had the patience and goodness to not only teach Hari Singh how to cook but also to read and write. Anil earned money by fits and starts. He wrote articles for magazines. He trusted Hari Singh very much. This was evident when he earned a large amount of money and



did not keep the money locked but rather kept the money under his mattress, believing that it was safe. He was also a large- hearted person. When Anil discovered the truth about the stolen money, he did not say anything to him rather promised him to pay regularly and continued to be good to him.



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