

## Chapter - 3 A Retrieved Reformation

(A) Read to understand

\* Answer the following questions.

Q-1 why did Jimmy Valentine go to Mike Dolan's Cafe?

Ans-1 Jimmy Valentine wanted to go to Mike Dolan's cafe because he was alone in his Cafe.

Q-2 How did Ben Price guess that the burglaries were done by Jimmy Valentine?

Ans-2 Ben Price guessed that the burglars were done by Jimmy Valentine because they were neat jobs of safe-burglary with no clue and he was the only burglar with the skills and the tools to do such a clean job.

Q-3 How did Jimmy get information about Annabel and the town?

Ans-3 Jimmy collared a boy that was loafing on the steps of the bank and began to ask him questions about Annabel and the town, feeding him coins at intervals. This how he got information about Annabel and the town.



Q4 Why was the clerk at the Planters' Hotel impressed with Ralph Spencer?

Ans-4 The clerk at the Planters' Hotel impressed with Ralph Spencer because he saved the life of Agatha.

Q5 What happened to Agatha at the bank?

Ans-5 Agatha was accidentally locked in the New vault at the Elmore Bank while playing with her elder sister, May.

Q6 Why was Annabel's father worried about Agatha?

Ans Annabel's father worried about Agatha because she was locked in the Bank vault due to the feeling of playing.

\* B Read to infer.

Q 1 Ben Price never handled petty criminals. How do you know this?

Ans-1 Ben Price never handled petty criminals. We know this from the line: "The losses mounted and were now high enough to bring the matter up into Ben Price's class of work."

Q2 Why did Spencer show a courteous but not too intelligent interest in the safe?

Ans-2 Spencer showed a courteous but not too



intelligent interest in the safe because he himself was a skilled safecracker and knew everything about it. However, he showed some interest in the inner workings of the safe to please Mr. Adams, his future father-in-law.

Q3

'with that act, Ralph D. Spences passed away and Jimmy Valentine took his place.'

(a) What does 'that act' refer to?

Ans 'That act' refers to Jimmy Valentine throwing off his coat and pulling up his shirt sleeves to resume his previous occupation of breaking the safe.

(b) In what sense did Ralph D. Spencer 'pass away'?

Ans Ralph D. Spencer passed away when Jimmy begins to crack the safe and settles back into his true identity in order to save Agatha's life.


Q4

Why do you think Ben Price pretended not to recognize him?

Ans Ben Price pretended not to recognize him because he witnesses valentin's reformation and wanted to give him a chance to enjoy his new life.



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 Discuss and write

Q1

'Sorry, we couldn't make it sooner ...' who is the 'we' the speaker could be referring to?

Ans 1

In my opinion 'we' the speaker could be referring to Mike Dolan and the advocate.

Q2

The safe had to be broken to save a life. Was it an easy decision for Jimmy Valentine to make? Why/why not?

Ans 2

No, it was not an easy decision for Jimmy Valentine to make because breaking the safe in order to save the girl's life would reveal his true identity and risk his freedom.

Q3

Do you think Ben Price did the right thing by saying, 'I don't believe I know you'? What does this show about Ben's sense of justice?

Ans 3

Yes, I think Ben Price did the right thing in letting Jimmy Valentine go because the man is truly reformed from his life of crime. Ben Price had acted appropriately because Jimmy deserves a great reward for saving a little girl at the risk of losing his freedom and all his claims to happiness.



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## A Retrieved

## Reformation

\* word      Meaning

- ① retrieved - recovered.
- ② eminent - famous.
- ③ loafing - wandering around.
- ④ sauntered - strolled.
- ⑤ unperceived - not noticed.
- ⑥ Captivated - attracted and interested in someone.
- ⑦ Commotion - sudden noisy confusion.
- ⑧ clamps - tools which hold two things together.
- ⑨ hysterically - in a state of extreme excitement.
- ⑩ frantic - extremely frightened and worried.