Sanjeevani Public School

Class 10th English

Foot Prints without Feet(L-2 The Thief's Story)

(Note down in FOOT PRINTS WITHOUT FEET 'S REGISTER)

Q -1 Where does he say about the different reactions of people when they are robbed?

He says that a rich man feels fear, a greedy man anger and the poor man acceptance on being robbed. Anil being different would feel sad not because of the loss of money but for the loss of trust.

Q-2 Does Anil realize that he has been robbed?

Yes, Anil realize that he has been robbed because the notes he found in the morning, from under his mattress were damp. He knew it but was pleased that Hari Singh had overcome his weakness.

Q-3 Why did the thief meet Anil? Why and how did he win Anil's confidence?

The thief met Anil when he was watching a wrestling match. He found Anil suitable for his purpose as he was kind, easy-going and simple. He won Anil's confidence by flattering him, giving him his most appealing smile and following him everywhere. He also offered to be his cook and be fed by him in return

Q-4 Why was the thief grateful to Anil? Why did he want to become and educated man?

The thief was grateful to Anil because Anil because Anil kept him though he did not know how to cook. Rather he told him that he would teach him how to cook. Anil was very patient with him and trusted him completely. He was kind and generous. Moreover,Anil had also promised to teach him to write him name, make sentences and add numbers. Initially, the thief wanted to become an educated man, just to win the confidence of vulnerable people and prosper but later to lead a respectable life.

Q-5 The thief had to reason with himself for justifying robbing Anil. What were the reasons?

The thief justified robbing Anil by giving the following reasons:

- He had been out of practice and it was an appropriate time to strike.
- If not robbed, Anil would waste the money on friends.
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- He did not pay him.
- He did not pay him and he was too careless to care for the money robbed.
- Q-6 Why did the thief say, "It's easy to rob a greedy man……but it's difficult to rob a careless man…."?
- The thief said "It's easy to rob a greedy man ….but it's difficult to rob a careless man…."because a careless man does not even notice that he has been robbed. It takes away the pleasure or thrill of stealing from such a person. He said so in the context of Anil who was careless and very trusting. Moreover, these thoughts also indicate the conflict in Hari Singh's mind between his temptation to steal and betraying the trust of his friend and benefactor.
- Q-7 How did the thief steal the money from Anil? Why could he not escape from there?
- The thief stole money from Anil when he was asleep. He slipped his hand under the sleeping Anil's mattress and removed the bundle of notes. He then ran away speedily from there. A moment's hesitation made him miss his train. Sense of guilt did not let him betray Anil and make good his escape.
- Q-8 How, did the thief think, Anil would react to the theft? Why?
- The thief thought that Anil would be sad and disappointed to know about the theft. He knew Anil well. He knew that more than the loss of money, the loss of trust would hurt Anil.
- Q-9 Why did the thief smile in his most appealing way at the end of the story? How was this smile different from the previous smile?
- He did it to prove his honesty and loyalty for Anil. He had won Anil's trust' once again. He had no hidden purpose and was grateful to Anil. His smile was different as it was natural. It came without any effort. It came by itself while earlier it used to be fake and planned.

Foot Prints without Feet (L-3 The Midnight Visitor)

Q-1 How is Ausable different from other secret agents?

Ausable's physical appearance was totally different from other secret agents. The impression of an agent to be smart, mysterious and romantic, as held by Fowler, Ausable was very unlike. He was a very fat and ordinary man.

Q-2 Who is Fowler and what is his first authentic thrill of the day?

Fowler is a writer who goes to visit Ausable , a secret agent. As soon as they enter the room, Ausable switches on the light, only to bring Fowler his first authentic thrill of the day, as a person with pistol pointed towards them was standing in the room.

Q-3 Who was Fowler? Why did he want to meet Ausable, a secret agent?

Fowler was a young romantic writer. He used to write suspense stories full of mysterious characters and action. He wanted to meet Ausable, a secret agent, to know about his life.He wanted to know how he tackled dangerous situations, so that he could use this experience in his new story.

Q-4 How did Ausable get rid of Max?

Ausable did not lose his cool on seeing Max . He used his presence of mind and intelligence to make up a story to deal with the present situation. He convinced Max about a balcony under the single window of his room. When there was a knock at the door, Ausable announced the arrival of the police. It frightened Max who jumped out of the window,on to the non-existing balcony and died.

Q-5 How did Max enter Ausable's room ? Why did he do it in that way?

Max entered Ausable's room using a passkey. He did this because he was a spy working for a different organization. He had come to know that the report was being delivered to Ausable. He had been deputed by his organization to get that report for them so he had to break into Ausable'a room in his absence.

Q-6 Who was Henry? How did he help Ausable?

Henry was a waiter in the hotel Ausable was staying in. He only brought the ordered drinks to Ausable. However, Ausable used his knocking at the door to terrify Max by announcing the arrival of the police which provoked him to jump out of the window. Thus, he used it to his advantage.

Q-7Why did Max get a sudden shock ?

Max jumped up when he heard a knock at the door. Actually there was a delay of 31 minutes for the report to reach the room. He was shocked when someone came and knocked at the door. He had not expected anyone to come before the scheduled time for the papers to be delivered.