

## Text Book Exercise

**Q.1 Why did Norma consider the tone and attitude of Mr. Steward offensive?**

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نورمہ کو مسٹر سٹیورڈ کا لہجہ اور انداز جارحانہ لگا کیونکہ وہ اُس کو ڈبے کے متعلق معلومات فراہم کرنے پر بضد تھا۔ اگرچہ نورمہ نے اُسے بتا دیا تھا کہ وہ اس پیشکش میں دلچسپی نہیں رکھتی۔

**Q.2 Why did Arthur disagree with his wife?**

**Ans.** Arthur disagreed with his wife because he considered that the killing of a human being is an immoral act. Whether one knows the person or not.

آرتھر اپنی بیوی سے متفق نہ تھا۔ کیونکہ وہ سمجھتا تھا کہ کسی بھی انسان کو قتل کرنا ایک غیر اخلاقی عمل ہے چاہے وہ اُسے جانتے ہوں یا نہ جانتے ہوں۔

**Q.3 Why did Norma try to persuade her husband to agree with her?**

نورمہ اپنے خاوند کو اپنی سوچ سے متفق کرنے کے لیے کیوں راغب کر رہی تھی؟

**Ans.** Norma tried to persuade her husband because she wanted to materialize her dreams, e.g, she wanted to go on a trip to Europe, to buy a cottage on the island, to have a nice apartment with furniture and a car.

نورمہ اپنے خاوند کو اپنی سوچ سے متفق کرنے کی کوشش کر رہی تھی کیونکہ وہ اپنے خوابوں کو حقیقی جامعہ پہنانا چاہتی تھی۔ مثلاً وہ یورپ کے سفر پر جانا چاہتی تھی، جزیرے پر ایک گھر بنانا چاہتی تھی، ایک اعلیٰ گھر، فرنیچر اور ایک گاڑی حاصل کرنا چاہتی تھی۔

**Q.4 . What were the reasons Norma gave to her husband to accept the offer?**

نورمہ نے پیشکش قبول کرنے کے لیے اپنے شوہر کو کیا وجوہات بتائیں؟

**Ans.** Norma tried to convince Arthur that it would not be a murder if they did not know the person who died, and that probably some eccentric millionaire might be doing it for some research purpose.

نورمہ نے آرتھر کو قاتل کرنے کی کوشش کی کہ اگر وہ مرنے والے شخص کو نہیں جانتے تو یہ ایک قتل نہیں ہوگا۔ اور یہ کہ شاید کوئی خطی عرب پتی آدمی کسی خاص مقصد کے لیے ایسا کر رہا ہو۔



**Q.5 Why did Mr. Steward continue persuading Norma?**

(Bwp-G1)-15

مسٹر سٹیورڈ نے نورمہ کو قائل کرنا کیوں جاری رکھا؟

(Lhr-G2)-15

**Ans.** Mr. Steward continued persuading Norma because he was sure that she would ultimately fall a prey to his temptation of prize-money as she had not declined the offer outrightly.

(wp-G2)-15

(Ajk-G2)-15

(Rwp-G2)-14

مسٹر سٹیورڈ نے نورمہ کو قائل کرنا جاری رکھا کیونکہ اُس نے اندازہ لگالیا تھا کہ بالآخر وہ نعامی رقم کی لالچ کے جال میں پھنس جائے گی۔ کیونکہ اُس نے پیشکش کو یکسر رد نہیں کیا تھا۔

**Q.6 What was the message Norma received on pushing the button?**

(Dgk-G1)-16

بٹن کو دبانے پر نورمہ کو کیا پیغام وصول ہوا؟

(Mtn-G1)-14

(Lhr-G2)-14

Bwp-G1)-14

**Ans.** On pushing the button, Norma received the message of the accidental death of her husband. A voice on the telephone informed her that a shoving crowd had pushed Arthur in front of the subway train.

بٹن کو دبانے پر نورمہ کو اپنے شوہر کی حادثاتی موت کا پیغام وصول ہوا۔ ٹیلی فون پر ایک آواز نے اُسے زمین دوز ٹرین حادثے کے متعلق بتایا کہ ایک دھکم پیل جھوم نے آر تھر کو زمین دوز ٹرین کے سامنے دھکا دے دیا۔

**Q.7 What is the significance of Arthur's life insurance policy?**

(Ajk-G1)-15

آر تھر کی بیمہ پالیسی کی کیا اہمیت ہے؟

(Rwp-G1)-14

**Ans.** Arthur's life insurance policy was for \$ 25,000. In case of accidental death, its worth was \$50,000, with double indemnity. And the same amount of \$50,000 was offered as prize money.

آر تھر کی بیمہ پالیسی 25,000 ہزار کی تھی۔ حادثاتی موت پر دو گنے ہر جانے کے ساتھ اس کی قیمت پچاس ہزار ڈالر بن جانی تھی۔ اور مسٹر سٹیورڈ نے بھی پچاس ہزار ڈالر کی پیشکش کی تھی۔

**Q.8 Did Norma remain normal on hearing the news of the accident of her husband.**

(Mtn-G1)-16

کیا نورمہ اپنے شوہر کی حادثاتی موت کی خبر سن کر توازن میں رہی؟

(Bwp-G2)-15

**Ans.** Norma did not remain normal on hearing the news of the accidental death of her husband, even she could not breathe, she was feeling numbness due to sudden shock.

نورمہ اپنے شوہر کی حادثاتی موت کی خبر سن کر توازن میں نہ رہی۔ وہ سانس نہ کھینچ پا رہی تھی۔ وہ اس صدمے سے بالکل شل ہو گئی تھی۔



# Additional Questions

**Q.1. What was lying by the front door and what was written on it?**

**Ans.** A cube-shaped carton, sealed with tape was lying by the front door. The names and address of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis were printed by hand on it.

**Q.2. What was inside the carton?**

**Ans.** There was a push-button unit fastened to a small wooden box.

**Q.3. What message was attached with scotch tap on the bottom of carton.**

**Ans.** The message attached with the scotch-tape on the bottom of the box was that Mr. Steward would call on them at 8: 00 p.m.

**Q.4. Why did Norma repress a smile?**

**Ans:** Norma repressed a smile because she was sure it was a sales pitch.

**Q.5. Why did Norma consider the tone and attitude of Mr. Steward offensive?** (Text Q No. 1)

**Ans.** Norma considered the tone and attitude of Mr. Steward offensive because he insisted on giving information to her about the gadget, though she had told him that she was not interested in the offer.

**Q.6. What did Mr. Steward withdraw from his pocket?**

**Ans:** Mr. Steward withdrew a small sealed envelope carrying the key to the bell-unit.

**Q.7. Who was Mr. Steward and what was his offer? OR**

**What did Mr. Steward explain about the push button gadget?**

**Ans:** Mr. Steward was a sales representative of an anonymous organization. He explained if they push the button, somewhere in the world, some one, they don't know, will die. In return, they will receive a payment of \$ 50,000.

**Q.8. What did Mr . Steward reply about his company?**

**Ans:** Mr. Steward replied that he was not at liberty to tell them, however, he assured them that the organization was of international scope.

**Q.9. How did Arthur react on the offer of Mr. Steward?**

**Ans.** Arthur became angry at Mr. Steward and asked him to leave. He also tore his card into pieces.

**Q.10. What did Arthur do with the card?**

**Ans:** Arthur tore it into two halves and tossed the pieces onto the table and asked Mr. Steward to leave.



**Q.11. How did Norma try to convince Arthur about Mr. Steward's Offer?**

**Ans:** Norma tried to convince her husband by saying that it would not be a murder if they don't know the person who died and that probably some eccentric millionaire might be doing it.

**Q.12. Why did Arthur disagree with his wife?**

**(Text Q.No.2)**

**(Bwp-G2)-16**

**(Fsd-G2)-16**

**(Rwp-G2)-14**

**(Lhr-G2)-11**

**(Dgk-G1)-13**

**Ans:** Arthur disagreed with his wife because he considered that the killing of a human being is an immoral act. Whether one knows the person or not.

**Q.13. Why and how did Norma pick the card halves?**

**Ans:** While Norma was leaving for her office, she saw the card halves on the table. Impulsively, she dropped them into her purse to contact to Mr. Steward.

**Q.14. What was printed on the card presented by Mr. Steward?**

**Ans:** Only the name of Mr. Steward and his telephone number were printed on the card.

**Q.15. What did Mr. Steward assure Norma about the dying person?**

**Ans:** Mr. Steward assured Norma that it could be anyone in the world. Of course, she would not know and see the person who died.

**Q.16. What people might be killed according to Norma?**

**Ans:** According to Norma, some old Chinese peasant, ten thousand miles away or some diseased native in the Congo might be killed.

**Q.17. According to Arthur, who might be killed on pushing the button?**

**Ans:** Arthur asks Norma what would happen if some baby boy in Pennsylvania or some beautiful girl in the next block are killed.

**Q.18. What is Arthur's opinion about murdering an unknown person?**

**Ans:** Arthur is against killing any man. He believes that it makes no difference who is murdered. Murder is still a murder.

**Q.19. What justification Norma give to Arthur about murdering an unknown person?**

**Ans:** Norma believes that it makes no difference to kill a person, if one has never seen him in one's life and will never see, and someone whose death one does not even have to know about.



**Q.20. Why did Norma get up earlier than usual to cook things for Arthur's breakfast?**

**Ans.** Norma wanted to please her husband. She also wanted to prove him that she was not selfish. That is why she got up earlier and offered him a good breakfast.

**Q.21. Why did Norma try to persuade her husband to agree with her?**

(Text Q.No. 3)

(Lhr-G1)-12

**Ans:** Norma tried to persuade her husband because she wanted to materialize her dreams, e.g, she wanted to go on a trip to Europe, to buy a cottage on the island, to have a nice apartment with nice furniture and a car.

**Q.22. Where did Norma want to visit and what did she want to buy with money.**

**Ans:** Norma wanted to go on a trip to Europe, and to buy a cottage on the Island. She wanted to have a nicer apartment, furniture, nicer clothes, and a nice car.

**Q.23. What were the reasons, Norma gave to her husband to accept the offer?**

(Text Q.No.4)

(Sgd-G1)-16

(Mtn-G2)-16

(Ajk-G2)-15

(Lhr-G1)-13

**Ans.** Norma tried to convince Arthur that it would not be a murder if they did not know the person who died, and that probably some eccentric millionaire might be doing it for some research purpose.

**Q.24. What were the feelings of Norma after pushing the button?**

**Ans.** She shuddered for a while and a chill of horror swept across her body. She thought it was ridiculous to get worked up over nothing.

**Q.25. What was the message Norma received on pushing the button?**

(Text Q.No. 6)

(Dgk-G1)-16

(Mtn-G1)-14

(Lhr-G2)-14

(Bwp-G1)-14

**Ans.** On pushing the button, Norma received the message of the accidental death of her husband. A voice on the telephone informed her that a shoving crowd had pushed Arthur in front of the subway train.

**Q.26. What is the significance of Arthur's life insurance policy? (Text Q.7)**

(Ajk-G1)-15

**Ans:** Arthur's life insurance policy was for \$ 25,000. In case of accidental death, its worth was \$50,000, with double indemnity. And the same amount of \$50,000 was offered as prize money.

(Rwp-G1)-14



**Q.27. What was inside the button unit when Norma smashed it into pieces?** (Bwp-G1)-14

**Ans.** There was nothing in the box. There were no transistors, no wires and no circuit, even no nails or screws were seen.

**Q.28. Did Norma remain Normal on hearing the news of the death of the husband?** (Mtn-G1)-16  
(Text Q.8) (Bwp-G2)-15

**Ans.** Norma did not remain normal on hearing the news of the accidental death of her husband, even she could not breathe, she was feeling numbness due to sudden shock.

**Q.29. What did Mr. Steward reply to Norma about the death of her husband?** (Lhr-G1)-11

**Ans:** Mr. Steward sarcastically asked to Norma if she really thinks she knew her husband.

## General Questions

**Q.30. Why did Mr. Steward continue persuading Norma?** (Text Q.5) (Lhr-G2)-15

**Ans.** Mr. Steward continued persuading Norma because he was sure that she would ultimately fall a prey to his temptation of prize-money as she had not declined the offer outrightly. (wp-G2)-15  
(Ajk-G2)-15  
(Bwp-G1)-15  
(Rwp-G2)-14

**Q.31. Why did Mr. Steward return the package to Norma?**

**Ans.** Norma's call to Mr. Steward made him realize that she would be interested in the offer. So, he returned the package.

**Q.32. Why did Norma push the button?**

**Ans.** Norma was curious by nature, she couldn't control her desires. She wanted to improve her life style and wanted to live the life of her dreams. Therefore, she pushed the button.

**Q.33. How was Arthur different from his wife?**

**Ans.** Arthur and Norma were two different persons with different natures, different desires and different moral ideas. Arthur was a thorough gentle man, whereas, Norma was curious and greedy.

**Q.34. How did Arthur die?**

**Ans.** Arthur died in an accident. A shoving crowd pushed him from the platform in front of the subway train.

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