

Text Book Exercise

- Q.1 How much did she save for Christmas? ڈیلہ نے کرسمس کے لیے کتنے (پیسے) جمع کیے؟
Ans. Della saved one dollar and eighty-seven cents for Christmas gift.
- Q.2 Why did she feel proud in the beauty of her hair? وہ اپنے بالوں کی خوبصورتی پر کیوں فخر کرتی تھی؟
Ans. Della felt pride in the beauty of her hair because her hair were more beautiful than any queen's Jewels and they shine like a falling stream of brown water. They reached below her knees and looked like a dress for her. ڈیلہ اپنے بالوں کی خوبصورتی پر فخر کرتی تھی کیونکہ اس کی بال بھی ملکہ کے جواہرات سے زیادہ قیمتی تھے۔ یہ سنہرے پانی کے بہتے ہوئے چشمے جیسے تھے۔ یہ اس کے گھٹنوں تک لمبے تھے۔
- Q.3 Why did she sell her hair? اُس نے اپنے بال کیوں بیچ دیئے؟
Ans. Della did not have enough money to buy a Christmas gift for Jim. ڈیلہ کے پاس رقم کے لیے کرسمس کا تحفہ خریدنے کے لیے کافی نہ تھی اس لیے اُس نے اپنے بال بیس ڈالر میں بیچ دیئے۔
Therefore, she sold her hair for twenty dollars. لیے رقم کافی نہ تھی اس لیے اُس نے اپنے بال بیس ڈالر میں بیچ دیئے۔
- Q.4 Why did Jim sell the gold watch? جم نے سونے کی گھڑی کیوں بیچ دی؟
Ans. Jim sold his gold watch to get money to buy a nice Christmas gift for Della. جم نے اپنی سونے کی گھڑی ڈیلہ کے لیے کرسمس کا ایک عمدہ تحفہ خریدنے کے لیے بیچی۔
- Q.5 Why did they want to exchange the gifts? وہ ایک دوسرے کو تحفے کیوں دینا چاہتے تھے؟
Ans. The Magi were famous for their gifts. Della and Jim loved and respected each other, they could not celebrate Christmas without presenting gifts to each other. میجائی اپنے تحفوں کی وجہ سے مشہور تھے۔ ڈیلہ اور جم ایک دوسرے سے محبت اور عزت کرتے تھے۔ وہ کرسمس پر ایک دوسرے کو تحفے دیئے بغیر نہ رہ سکتے تھے۔
- Q.6 Why did she feel sad on losing her hair? وہ اپنے بالوں کو کھو کر افسردہ کیوں ہو گئی؟
Ans. Della felt sad on losing her hair because she was afraid that Jim might not find her attractive without her beautiful hair. ڈیلہ اپنے بالوں کو کھو کر افسردہ ہو گئی تھی کیونکہ وہ ڈرتی تھی کہ اپنے بالوں کے بغیر وہ جم کو دلکش نہ لگے گی۔

(Bwp-G1)-16

(Bwp-G2)-16

(Rwp-G2)-15

(Ajk-G1&2)-15

(Lhr-G1)-16

(Rwp-G1)-14

(Dgk-G1)-12

(Lhr-G2)-14

(Lhr-G1)-13

(Lhr-G1)-12

(Fsd-G2)-16

(Dgk-G1)-12

Q.7 Why did Jim not welcome her when he stepped in?
جب وہ اندر داخل ہوئی تو جم نے اُس کو خوش آمدید کیوں نہ کیا؟

Ans. Jim didn't welcome her when he stepped in because he had bought combs for her hair. But she had sold her hair. اُس نے اُس کے بالوں کے لیے کنگھے خریدے تھے لیکن اُس نے اپنے بالوں کو بیچ دیا تھا۔
جم نے اپنے کوٹ سے کیا نکالا؟ (Dgk-G1)-16

Q.8 What did he bring out of his coat?

Ans. From his coat, Jim took out something tied in paper. It was a comb for Della's hair. But now he threw it upon the table.

جم نے اپنے کوٹ کی جیب سے خوبصورت کنگھے نکالے۔ وہ یہ کنگھے ڈیلہ کے لیے کرمس کے تحفے کے طور پر لایا تھا۔
سونے کی گھڑی کی چین کتنی خوبصورت تھی؟

Q.9 How beautiful was the gold watch chain?

Ans. The golden watch chain was simple but its real value was in its rich and pure material. It was a perfect chain for Jim's gold watch.

سونے کی چین سادہ تھی لیکن اس کی اصل قدر اس کے عمدہ اور خالص مادے کی تھی۔ یہ جم کی سونے کی گھڑی کے لیے ایک موزوں چین تھی۔

Q.10 What was the wisdom in selling the most valuable things?

(اپنی) قیمتی چیزوں کو بیچنے میں کیا عقلمندی تھی؟

Ans. The wisdom in selling their most valuable things was that material things are not important in life. We should sacrifice our valuables for our beloved because love begets love.

اپنی بیش قیمت چیزوں کو بیچنے میں اُن کا ایک دوسرے کے لیے قربانی کا احساس تھا۔
یہ ظاہر کرتا ہے کہ مادی اشیاء زندگی میں اہم نہ ہیں۔ محبت کے پر خلوص احساسات زندگی میں زیادہ اہم ہیں۔ محبت سے محبت پیدا ہوتی ہے۔

Additional Questions

Q.1 How much did she save for Christmas? (Text Q.No.1)

Ans. Della saved one dollar and eighty-seven cents for Christmas gift.

Q.2 How many times Della counted her savings?

Ans: Della counted her savings for three times.

Q.3 Why did Della fall on the bed and cry? OR (Mtn-G1)-16
Why was Della worried?

Ans: Della fell on the bed and cried because she had insufficient amount to buy a nice gift for Jim.

Q.4 What type of gift Della was planning to present to Jim?

Ans: Della was planning something nice, something worth of belonging to Jim.

Q.5 What did the James Dillingham Youngs proud of?

Ans: James Dillingham Young's were proud of two things: one was Jim's gold watch and the other thing was Della's beautiful hair.

Q.6 Why did she feel proud in the beauty of her hair? (Text Q.No.2) (Bwp-G1)-16

(OR) Why did Della feel proud in the beauty of her hair? (Bwp-G2)-16

(OR) How did the hair of Della look? (Rwp-G2)-15

Ans: Ans. Della felt pride in the beauty of her hair because her hair were more beautiful than any queen's Jewels and they shine like a falling stream of brown water. They reached below her knees and looked like a dress for her. **(Ajk-G1)-15**
(Ajk-G2)-15

Q.7 What did Della wear before going out into the street?

Ans: Della wore her old brown coat and hat and went out into the street to buy a gift for Jim.

Q.8 Describe the character of Mrs. Sofronie.

Ans: Mrs. Sofronie was a large, white and cold-eyed lady who dealt in hair articles of all kinds.

Q.9 How much amount did Della get for her hair?

Ans: Della got twenty dollars for selling her hair.

Q.10 Why did she sell her hair?

(Text Q.No.3) (Lhr-G1)-16

(OR) What was the wisdom in selling the most valuable things? (Rwp-G1)-14,

Ans. Della did not have enough money to buy a Christmas gift for Jim. Therefore, she sold her hair for twenty dollars. **(Dgk-G1)-12,**

Q.11 How beautiful was the gold watch chain?

Ans: The golden watch chain was simple but its real value was in its rich and pure material. It was a perfect chain for Jim's gold watch.

Q.12 What was the common between Jim and the Chain?

Ans: Both Jim and the chain had the common qualities of quietness and value.

Q.13 What will it cost to bring a gift for Jim?

Ans: Della needed twenty one dollars to buy a gift for Jim. But she had only one dollar and eighty seven cents.

Q.14. What were Della's feelings when she returned home after selling her hair?

Ans: When Della returned home after selling her hair, her mind quietened a little. She began to think more reasonably. She tried to cover the sad marks of what she had done.

Q.15. How did Della look after short hair?

Ans: After getting short hair, Della looked wonderfully like a schoolboy.

Q.16 What did Della think about her short hair while standing before a looking glass?

Ans: Della thought if Jim did not kill her before looking at her for the second time, he would say that she looked like a girl who worked for money.

Q.17 What did Della pray to Almighty after getting short-hair?

Ans: Della prayed to Almighty that Jim might still think her pretty after getting short hair.

Q.18 What was Jim's age?

Ans: Jim was only twenty two years old.

Q.19 Why did Della become afraid when Jim looked at her?

Ans: When Jim looked strangely at Della, it filled her with fear. It was not anger, nor surprise nor anything. He simply looked at her with the strange expression on his face.

Q.20 How did Della react to see Jim's strangeness?

Ans: Della told Jim that she had her hair cut off and sold it. She couldn't live through Christmas without giving him a gift.

Q.21 Did Jim believe to see Della's short hair?

Ans: No, Jim did not feel sure of it. He seemed to labour to understand what had happened, with her.

Q.22 How did Della account for her love for Jim?

Ans: Della said that the hair on her head could be counted but no one could count her love and regard for Jim.

Q.23 What did Jim bring out of his coat?

(Text Q.No.8) (Dgk-G1)-16

Ans: From his coat, Jim took out something tied in paper. It was a comb for Della's hair. But now he threw it upon the table.

Q.24 Why did Della remain indifferent to see the beautiful combs?

Ans: Della looked at the combs without the least hope of owning them. Though, the combs were hers now, yet her hair were gone.

Q.25. Why did Jim sell the gold watch?

(Text Q.No.4) (Lhr-G2)-14

Ans: Jim sold his gold watch to get money to buy a nice Christmas gift for Della.

(Lhr-G1)-13

Q.26 Who were the Magi?

OR

(Bwp-G2)-15

How did the Magi want to celebrate their Christmas?

(Grw-G1)-14

(OR) Why Della and Jim have been called Magi?

(Lhr-G2)-12

Ans: The Magi were wonderfully wise men who brought gifts to the newborn Christ-child. The Magi set the tradition of presenting gifts to new borns. Both Della and Jim wanted to present gifts to each other, they were Magi at heart.

Q.27 What was the wisdom in selling the most valuable things?

(Fsd-G2)-16

(Text Q.No.10) (Dgk-G1)-12

(OR) What is the underlying message?

(Mtn-G2)-16

(OR) Why did Jim and Della want to present the gifts to each other?

(Mtn-G1)-15

(Sgd-G2)-15

Ans: The wisdom in selling their most valuable things was that material things are not important in life. We should sacrifice our valuables for our beloved because love begets love.

(Fsd-G2)-15

Q.28 Discuss the irony in the story?

OR

(Sgd-G1)-15

Why were the gifts of Jim and Della useless for them?

(Fsd-G1)-15

Ans: The story is full of irony from beginning to end. Della aspired for combs for her long hair but ironically when she got the combs, she had sold her hair. Similarly, Jim longed for a chain for his wrist watch but ironically, he could not wear new chain because he had to sell his gold watch.