Story 14 — Over Coat

Text Book Exercise Solved

OBJECTIVE

1. Choose the correct answers:

i. What was the colour of the overcoat of the young man?
a. It was red **b.** *It was brown* c. It was green d. It was black

ii. What happened when the evening advanced?
a. The weather became pleasant **b.** *The cold became more intense*
c. The pleasant air began to blow d. The sky was covered with clouds and it started raining

iii. What was the condition of the overcoat, which the young man was wearing?
a. *It was old* b. It was new c. It was ragged d. It was full of dust

iv. When the young man visited the music shop what did he find?
a. *There were musical instruments in the shop*
b. There was nothing in the shop
c. He found many people in the shop
d. There were books in the shop

v. When the young man died in the hospital after accident what amount of money was discovered on him?
a. 200 rupees only **b.** *Only six annas and a few pies*
c. Nothing was found in his pocket d. Only 51 rupees

vi. What were the names of 2 nurses who were on duty in the hospital?
a. Nasreen and Jamila **b.** *Shehnaz and Gill*
c. Zakia and Surraya d. Zahida and Kausar

vii. What was the owner of the shop wearing on his head?
a. A cap **b.** *Silk turban*
c. Wearing nothing d. A handkerchief of green colour

viii. After accident when the driver sped away what were the words which were uttered by the passers by:
a. Catch him **b.** *Stop him* c. Kill him d. Find him

ix. After the accident what was the state of the young man?
a. *He was in a very precarious state* b. He was in a stable state
c. He was in a normal state d. He bled profusely

x. After accident what was the first thing removed from the body of young man?
a. Overcoat b. Shoes and socks
c. *White silk scarf* d. An old cotton sweater

2. Mark the statements true or false ان Statements کو درست یا غلط Mark کیجیے۔

(i) The young man had on a brown overcoat with a rose in his button hole. **False**

(ii) It was a Sunday evening in mid-winter. **False**

(iii) As the evening advanced, the cold became more intense. **True**

(iv) The pavement thronged with pedestrians. **True**

(v) As the young man smoked, he seemed to relish every puff. **True**

(vi) On a long table, attractively-displayed, were the old hit songs. **False**

(vii) The owner of the carpet shop did not pay attention to the young man. **False**

(viii) The girl wore a floppy shalwar; she was short and slim. **False**

(ix) After the accident, the young man was not in a precarious state. **False**

(x) He could not have had- a bath for at least two months. **True**

3. Answer the following questions (in one to three sentences)

Ans: Please go to Text Exercise Questions and answers at the start.

4. Answers the following questions in 100 - 150 words.

مندرجہ ذیل سوالات کے جوابات 100-150 الفاظ میں لکھیے۔

(i) Give the list of the articles which were found from the coat of the young man.

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Ans: The following articles were found from various pockets of the coat of deceased young man:-

i) a small comb,
ii) a handkerchief,
iii) six annas and a few pies,
iv) a half smoked cigarette,
v) a little diary in which the names and addresses of a few people were noted,
vi) a list of gramophone records, and
vii) a few handbills given by distributors.

(ii) What is the moral of the story? کہانی کا اخلاقی سبق کیا ہے؟

Ans: The moral of the story is that we should be happy with our lot under all circumstances. We must be contented with what we have. Society should also give respect to the downtrodden people so that they may not pose themselves as rich like the young man. If society has accepted him with his poverty, he would not have concealed his true identity. Poverty is not a bad thing itself; it is attitude of the people that makes it shameful. So 'character and not the appearance' is the moral of this story.

(iii) Write a gist of the story in ten lines. کہانی کا خلاصہ دس سطروں میں تحریر کیجیے۔

Ans: A well groomed young man comes on the Mall Road of Lahore and walks along the footpath. He is wearing overcoat, a hat, a scarf around his neck and has a cane stick in his hand. He poses himself as if he were member of a rich family. He treats people like a lord. He goes into musical instruments shop, carpet shop and so on. He ignores a tonga wala's call. He walks like a baron. He succeeds in proving himself a rich man. But on his

way back to McLeod Road, he is hit by a speedy truck. He receives serious injuries. He is taken to the hospital where he dies. When his coat is removed, we are stunned to look at his precarious condition. Thus, an accident reveals his true identity.

(iv) What is the theme of the story? کہانی کا موضوع کیا ہے؟

Ans: A young man conceals his poverty in an overcoat. He walks like a rich man on the Mall Road. It seems as if he were free from all worries and cares of life. He goes freely wherever he wants. He enjoys every bit of his time. But a truck crushes him and he is taken to the hospital. Here his true identity comes out before the nurses. The nurses who take him as the member of a wealthy family come to the fact that he is a penniless person with only a few pies in his pocket.

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