The Piece of String

Text Book Exercise Solved

OBJECTIVE

Choose	the	correct	answers:

The rich people gathered at a big hall

- a) to watch a show
- b) for a discussion
- c) to hear a lecture
- d) for a great meal

) What was the public statement made by the drumbeater?

- a) loss of the black leather pocket-book containing money and business paper
- b) open invitation for dinner
- c) to enjoy a concert
- d) sale of a building

Mr. Hubert was surprised and disturbed when the police officer asked him to accompany him

- a) the police station
- b) the mayor's office
- c) the court
- d) the airport

"By my word of honour I never heard of it" means

- a) that he never saw it
- b) being an honourable man he didn't pick up the lost object
- c) an honourable person never thought of picking up a lost object
- d) he never heard of the lost object

What did Hubert say in the most exasperating tone?

- a) he never stole the pocket-book
- b) he picked up a piece of string
- c) it is, nevertheless, truth of the good God, the sacred truth
- d) "O, him! Yes! He saw me pick up this string here."

What were the feelings of Hubert when he was informed of the recovery of the lost object? He felt

- a) disgusted
- b) triumphed
- c) indifferent
- d) concerned

"But he only met with incredulity" means that he was believed

- a) telling the truth
- b) lying
- c) showing his faith d)
- gentleman

a man of loose character c) he is unreliable d) ix. What did Hubert feel? a) a grace of personality shame and disgrace to his self esteem and character b) C) truthful d) trust worthy What were the last words Hubert uttered before his death? X. "a piece of string! a piece of string!" by my word of honour I am innocent b) c) I picked up a pocket-book I handed over the pocket-book to its owner d) Statements كودرست ياغلط Mark يح Mark the statements true or false 2. Everybody's mouth watered on the sight of wealth. False i. True The finder of the pocket book will be rewarded. ii. He drew out the little pocket book from his pocket. False iii. Mr. Hubert was pleased to hear the allegation. False iv. People greeted Hubert when he came out of the office of the Mayor. False ٧. George found the pocket-book and gave it to Hubert. False vi. The people believed the reason Hubert gave to prove his innocence. False vii. People started to tell the story of the string to amuse themselves. True viii. True A great flood carried away the people. ix. True Nothing but the flood proved Hubert's innocence. X. Answer the following questions (in one to three sentences) 3. Please go to Text Exercise Questions and answers at the start. Ans: Answers the following questions in 100-150 words. 4. منبذيل موالات كے جوايات 150-100 الفاظ ميں للمي Write down a note on the character of Hubert. (i) Mr. Hubert is the unfortunate fellow who is blamed of picking up the lost pocket-book. H Ans: represents the character of those poor and downtrodden people who are alway suspected as and when a similar situation comes. He is a straight forward and sentiment villager who wants to prove his innocence before the mayor and other people. He is in the habit of collecting discarded but useful things from the ground. This habit becomes the very reason of Mr. Manana's misunderstanding of picking up the lost pocket-book by him It was a coincidence that the time and place are the same but the things are different The more he tries to prove his innocence, the more the people mistrust him and mock him. He is a sensitive man who takes this shame and humiliation to heart. It ultimates about his tracic doots brings about his tragic death.

he is innocent

b)

viii. What did the people say behind his back?

those are lying excuses

(ii) Write ten lines on the mentality (زانیت) of the people who did not believe Hubert.

ان لوگول کی ذہنیت پردس مطری تحریر کیجے جنہوں نے ہوبرٹ پریقین نہکیا؟

The Mayor, Mr. Manana and all other people prove themselves to be selfish and mean. They don't believe in the innocence of Mr. Hubert at any cost. They may be jealous of his honesty or they may be the worshiper of the rising sun. They do not respect his statements. They do not believe in his innocence even after the return of the lost pocket-book by George. They call him a liar. They hurt his feelings by saying "you old rascal, get out of here." They give him disrespect when they mock at him behind his back and say "Those are lying excuses". They enjoy the whole incident with mocking amusement. Their behaviour is altogether contrary to the moral values of any religion or belief. They prove themselves to be conservative and narrow-sighted who are devoid of respecting the feelings of others.

Why did the Mayor not believe the innocence of Hubert?

Ans:

(iii)

Ans:

(iv)

Ans:

مير نے ہور فى بائنابى پريقين كول ندكيا؟

The poor are always neglected and the rich are given due respect at every place. Poverty creates suspicion of stealing whereas riches exempt this situation. The simple and honest people like Mr. Hubert are always suspected. While, people like Mr. Manana, a man of worthy credence, are respected everywhere. He was the eye-witness of the incident of picking up something from the ground by Mr. Hubert. The time and place went in his favour and the Mayor believed in him due to his status. He did not believe in Mr. Hubert as he had no proof of his innocence. The Mayor might be right until the pocket book was missing but he seemed to be partial when he did not believe in the innocence of Mr. Hubert even after the return of the purse by George. This clearly shows that he was a careless and partial person.

Was it neceasary for Hubert to continue pleading (ٹیٹر) his innocence?
کیا ہو برٹ کے لیے ضروری تھا کہ وہ اپٹی بے گنا ہی تا بت کرنے کی کوشش کرتا رہتا ؟

It is said that "Wealth can be regained; but honour once gone, cannot be retrieved." Mr. Hubert was a simple country man. He had no more wealth except honour. He was charged with the humiliation of picking up a lost pocket-book. It was a fatal conviction for a respectable and sensitive person like him. Moreover, he was being suspected and mocked by other people. It was a situation of "Prove or die" for him. So, he was just in pleading his innocence. The more he tried to prove his innocence, the more the people insulted him by calling him liar, old rascal etc. Though he could not prove his innocence yet the flood proved it.

What suggestions can you give Hubert to save him from such a humiliating (v) situation?

الله على شرمنده كرنے والى صورت حال سے نجات پانے كے ليے آپ اسے كيا مثوره و سے على بين؟

Mr. Hubert, a respectable country man tried to prove his innocence in every possible way Ans: But the people did not believe. They showed extreme feelings of disrespect by calling him liar and old rascal. When once the lost pocket-book was returned to its owner by George Mr. Hubert should have availed of the opportunity of knocking at the door of court, He should not have considered the Mayor and the people the only forum to prove his innocence rather he should have used his legal right. It would have been much better than facing the humiliation by all. He did not have any proof at the time of conviction by he had sufficient proof after the return of the lost pocket-book. He proved himself an extremely sensitive man who did not use his wit and took the disgrace to heart which finally led him to death.

- 5. Fill in the correct preposition. (on, to, of, at, from)
- i. He was walking to the public square.
- II. Then he pretended to be looking at something on the ground.
- iii. They had decided on the purchase.
- iv. The finder is requested to return the same.
- George claimed to have found the pocket book. ٧.

Punctuate the following lines. 6.

لدردزيل طرول مين اوقاف لكايت.

Unpunctuated	Punctuated
me mr. manana the harness man saw you	"I was seen with the pocket-book? Who saw me?" "Mr. Manana, the harness man, saw you pick up the pocket-book."

Use the following words in sentences of your own. 7.

	purcr	nase, attentive, surprised, as	تادی العاظ اوا یے معول میں استعمال کریں۔
	i.	Purchase(زیرا):	He purchased a new car last year.
	ii.	Attentive (دمتوجه ۱۶):	Please be attentive.
	iii.	Surprised (נאוטואב):	He was surprised to see me in his room.
	iv.	Astounded(چران وپریثان):	Her rude behaviour astounded me.
Service of the servic	٧.	Shook (زورزور سے جھلک دیا):	I shook him forcibly.

Read the passage and answer the questions given at the end. 8.

الالااكورد وكرة فريس ديے كيسوالوں كے جوابات ديں۔ Suddenly, at the sound of drumbeat in the court every body rose from the seats except a few ones who still had the food in their hand. After the drum beat had ceased, the drumbeater called out to the people who were now attentive and impatiently waiting for

him to call out the public announcement. "It is hereby made known to the inhabitants of this place and general to all persons in the market that a black leather pocket-book containing five hundred shillings and some business papers was lost on the road between 9.00 and 10.00 in the morning. The finder is requested to return the same to the Mayor's office or to Mr. James, the caretaker of this public hall. There will be a reward of 20 shillings".

Did all the people rise on hearing the sound of drumbeat? i.

كياد مول كي آوازى كرسب لوك كفر عدو كيد؟

No, some people who had food in their hands did not rise. Ans:

What was the announcement made by the drumbeater? ii.

The drumbeater announced that a leather pocket book containing five hundred shillings Ans: and some business papers had been lost on the road between 9.00 and 10.00 in the morning. The finder was requested to return the same to the Mayor's office or to Mr. James, the caretaker of that public hall. He also announced that there would be a reward of 20 shillings. کم شده بواکاما لککون تفا؟ بواکهان کھویا تھا؟

Who was the owner of the lost pocket-book? iii.

Mr. James was the owner of the lost pocket-book. Ans:

Where was the pocket-book lost? iv.

The pocket-book was lost on the road. Ans: