Story

## The Piece of String

#### **Text Book Exercise**

Why did Manana accuse Hubert of picking the lost pocket-book? Q.1

منانہ نے ہبرٹ پر تمشدہ ہؤہ کے چرانے کا الزام کیوں لگایا تھا؟

Mr. Manana, the harness man, saw Mr. Hubert picking something from Ans. the ground. In fact, it was a piece of string but Manana misunderstood it for the lost pocket-book. Therefore, he accused Hubert of stealing.

> منانہ نے ہبرٹ کوز مین سے پچھاُٹھاتے ویکھا۔ دراصل بیایک ڈوری کائکڑا تھالیکن منانہ اس کو کمشدہ بٹوہ مجھی۔اس لیےاس نے ہیرٹ پر چوری کا الزام لگایا۔

Q.2 What did people think of Hubert when they heard of the return of the pocket-book by some other person?

لوگوں نے ہبرٹ کے متعلق کیا سوچا جب اُنہوں نے کسی اور مخص کے بٹوہ واپس کرنے کے متعلق سُنا؟

Ans. Despite knowing the fact that the pocket-book has been found by some other person, the people still thought that Hubert had invented the story of a piece of string to prove himself innocent. Whatever reasons Hubert gave to them, the people called them lying excuses.

> جب لوگوں نے کسی اور شخص کو ہوہ واپس کرنے کے متعلق سُنا۔ اُنہوں نے سوچا کہ ہبرٹ نے ری کے مکڑے کی کہانی خودکو معصوم ثابت کرنے کے لیے گڑھ لی ہے۔وہ اُس کوجھوٹے بہانے بچھتے تھے جو کچھ بھی بہرٹ اُن کو بتا تاتھا۔

Why did George give the pocket-book to the employer? Q.3

جارج نے بوہ اسے مالک کو کیوں دیا؟

Ans. Mr. George gave the pocket book to his employer because he could not read the name of the owner of pocket book.

مسر جارج نے بوہ اپنے مالک کواس لیے دیا کیونکہ وہ (اصل) مالک کا نام نہ پڑھ سکتا تھا۔

What made Hubert ashamed? Q.4

ہرٹ کوس چزنے شرمندہ کیا؟

Mr. Hubert believed that nothing was so shameful as to be called a liar. Ans.

مسٹر ہبر کے لیقین تھا کہ جھوٹا کہلوانے سے بڑھ کر کچھ بھی زیادہ قابل شرمندگی بائے ہیں ہے۔

Why did people make fun of his innocence? الوك أس كامعوميت كانداق كيون أرات سيخ ؟ Q.5 Ans.

In order to amuse themselves, most of the People made fun of Hubert's innocence by telling the story of the string to one another.

بہت ہے لوگ ہبرٹ کی معصومیت کا نداق 'ای کی کہانی' ایک دوسرے کوئنا کرکرتے تھے۔

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(Sgd-G2)-16

(Mtn-G1)-14

(Mtn-G1)-16 (Lhr-G1)-15

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(Dgk-G2)-15 (Lhr-G1)-12

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(Lhr-G2)-11

Q.6 Why did Hubert keep claiming his innocence before his death?

ہرے اپی موت سے پہلے تک اپنی بے گنائی کا دعویٰ کیوں کر تار ہاتھا؟

Ans. Mr. Hubert kept on trying to establish his innocence before his death because he was not a liar and he believed that nothing was more shameful for a man as to be called a liar.

مسٹر ہبرٹ اپنی موت سے پہلے تک اپنی بے گنا ہی کو ٹابت کرنے کی کوشش کرتا رہا ، کیونکہ وہ جھوٹا نہ تھا اور اس کا خیال تھا کہ جھوٹا • کہلوانے سے زیادہ شرمناک کچھ بہ تھا۔

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# **Additional Questions**

- Q.1 Why did the people gather at a great hall, and what vehicles did they ride on?
- **Ans.** The people gathered at a great big hall for a great feast at the end of a market day. They came on vehicles of all kinds, e.g., carts gigs, wagons and dumpcarts.
- Q.2 What were the dishes served at the big hall Feast?
- Ans. Roasted Chicken, pigeons, beef and mutton chops were served at the feast.
- Q.3 What did increase the appetite and make everybody's mouth watered?
- **Ans.** There were roasted chickens, pigeons, mutton and beef to increase their appetite and water their month.
- Q.4 What did the diners discuss?
- Ans. The diners discussed the crops and favourable weather for green crops.
- Q.5 What was the public announcement made by the drum beater?
- Ans. The public announcement made by the drum-beater was about the loss of a black pocket book, containing five hundred shilling and some business papers, lost on the road, between 9:00 to 10:00 in the morning.
- Q.6 What request was made to the finder of the pocket book?
- Ans. It was requested to return the pocket book to the Mayor's office or to the caretaker of the public hall. There will be a reward of 20 shillings.
- Q.7 What reward was announced on returning the lost pocket book?
- **Ans.** A reward of 20 shillings was announced for the person who returned the lost pocket book.
- Q. 8 What did police officer ask Mr. Hubert?
- Ans. The Police officer asked Mr. Hubert to accompany him to the mayor's office because the mayor wanted to talk with him about the lost pocket-book
- Q. 9 Who was the owner of the pocket book?

OR

### What did mayor tell to Mr. Hubert about lost pocket book?

Ans. Mr. James, the caretaker of the public hall, was the owner of the lost pocket book. The Mayor told Mr. Hubert that he had been seen picking up the lost pocket book.

Q.10 What was Mr. Hubert's reaction, when he was accused by the mayor? Ans. Mr. Hubert looked astounded and terrified due to the suspicion resting on him by the mayor. He swore that he had never heard of it. (Dgk-G2)-16 Q.11 Why did Manana accuse Hubert of picking the lost pocket-book? (Sgd-G2)-16 (Text Q.No.1) OR (Mtn-G1)-14 Who saw Mr. Hubert picking up the lost pocket book? Ans. Mr. Manana, the harness man, saw Mr. Hubert picking something from the ground. In fact, it was a piece of string but Manana misunderstood it for the lost pocket-book. Therefore, he accused Hubert of stealing. Q.12 What did Hubert draw out from his pocket for clarification? Ans. Hubert drew out the little piece of string from his pocket for clarification. Q.13 Why did the mayor not believe in the innocence of Mr. Hubert? (Lhr-G2)-15 Ans. The mayor considered Mr. Manana a worthy man, therefore, he did not (Bwp-G1)-15 believe in Hubert's innocence. (Dgk-G2)-12 Q.14 How did Mr. Hubert try to prove his innocence? Ans. Mr. Hubert lifted his hand and spat at one side to attest his honour, saying that what he had told was the sacred truth of good God. He repeated it on his soul and salvation. 0.15 Was anything found from Mr. Hubert's pocket? Ans. Mr. Hubert was searched on his own request but nothing was found from him. 0.16 How did the mayor finally warn Mr. Hubert? Ans. The mayor finally warned Mr. Hubert that he would consult to the public prosecutor and ask for further orders. Q.17 What did Mr. Hubert say to his friend to prove his innocence? Ans. Mr. Hubert kept on stopping his friends and showing them his empty pockets that he had nothing but they disbelieved him. Q.18 Who returned the pocket book to Mr. James? Ans. A man named George returned the pocket book and its contents to Mr. James, the owner of the pocket book. Q.19 Why did George give the pocket book to his employer?(Text Q.No.3) (Lhr-G1)-15 Ans. Mr. George gave the pocket book to his employer because he could not read (Rwp-G1)-15

the name of the owner of pocket book.

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(Text Q.No.4) Q.20 What made Hubert ashamed? Ans. Mr. Hubert believed that nothing was so shameful as to be called a liar. (Lhr-G1)-12 Q.21 What did people think of Hubert when they heard of the return of (Text Q.No.2) the pocket-book by some other person? What did people say behind Mr. Hubert's back? Ans. Despite knowing the fact that the pocket-book has been found by some other person, the people still thought that Hubert had invented the story of a piece of string to prove himself innocent. Whatever reasons Hubert gave to them, the people called them lying excuses. Q.22 Why did Mr. Hubert fall ill? Ans. Mr. Hubert felt deeply ashamed and disgraced. He believed that there was nothing so shameful as to be called a liar. Therefore, he began to grow weak day by day and took to bed in a few days. (Text Q.No.5) (Lhr-G2)-16 Q.23 Why did people make fun of his innocence? Ans. In order to amuse themselves, most of the People made fun of Hubert's (Mtn-G2)-15 innocence by telling the story of the string to one another. (Lhr-G2)-11 Q.24 What did old man keep claiming while he was dying? (Text Q.No.6) (Fbd-G2)-16 Ans. Mr. Hubert kept on trying to establish his innocence before his death (Sgd-G2)-15 because he was not a liar and he believed that nothing was more shameful (Fbd-G2)-15 (Rwp-G2)-14

for a man as to be called a liar.

0.25 How was the innocence of Mr. Hubert proved? How did the flood prove Hubert's innocence?

Ans. It is said that a great flood in its great wrath carried away the people and all their belongings. Only Mr. Hubert's grave withstood the havocs of the flood.

Q.26 What was engraved on Hubert's tombstone?

Ans. The words engraved on Huberts tomb-stone were: "Here lies a man who told nothing but truth. Here lies the man who would not prove his innocence but the flood proved it."

#### **General Question**

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#### Q.27 Write some qualities of Hubert's character.

Ans. Mr. Hubert was a simple, straightforward, innocent and sensitive man. He had a habit of picking things from the ground. He was unable to prove his innocence till his death.

#### Q.28 What is the moral lesson of the story?

Ans. The moral lesson of the story is that one should not blame others for nothing, because it can take away the life of a person. On the other hand, an honest and truthful person should also be bold enough to face the bitter realities of life without taking them to heart.