

Dear Students, a very good morning. Let me continue with my yesterday's task. Today you will find question answer of the topic 'AFTER TWENTY YEARS'

Dear students these answer are just guidelines & raw material. Based on these you can form your own answers. Now let me take textual questions and answer Q 1

How impressive was the policeman? How would you justify your answer?

Ans :- The policeman, 'the guardian of peace' was really very impressive. He was well-built, strong and walking along the street in a manner not to show off. As he went along he moved his club or stick in a complicated and skillful manner. He also cast his watchful eyes down the wide street as went along. This showed that he was very impressive.

Q2. Why did the man tell the policeman 'it's alright officer'?

Ans The man standing at the doorway of a hardware store spoke these words to the policeman to assure him that there was nothing to worry as he (the man) was waiting for a friend with whom he had an appointment. In fact cold outside had made the roads empty. The man was standing all alone. It was natural for an alert policeman to smell something fishy. When the policeman walked up to the man standing in the dark doorway, he felt that he might have been suspected. That is why he told the policeman that it was alright and there was nothing wrong or suspicious

Q3. Were the two friends in the regular contact with each other during twenty years? Why? Why not?

No, the two friends were not in regular contact with each other. When they parted company with each other twenty years ago and Bob went to the West to make his fortune, the two did keep in touch with each other as they corresponded for a year or two but after that they lost contact with each other as Bob kept moving from one place to another in Europe.

Q4. How did Jimmy's friend prosper in life? How do you know?

Jimmy's friend prospered very well in life. He had become very rich. This is evident from his dress and outlook. His scarf pin was made of a large diamond. He had a beautiful watch lids of which were set with small diamonds. But all his wealth was earned through unlawful and illegal activities.

Q5 When a tall man in a long overcoat walked up to Bob, what made him think that it was Jimmy and not anyone else.

.Ans :- Bob was waiting for his friend Jimmy Wells. So when a tall man in long overcoat walked along the deserted road in chilly cold and came straight to Bob, and asked if he was Bob, he naturally could only think that the tall man in raincoat was none other than Jimmy Wells.

Q6. Why was Bob arrested?

Ans:- Bob was involved in unlawful and illegal activities. For that he was wanted in Chicago. Jimmy Wells recognized that his friend was the same man wanted by Chicago police. So he got him arrested. He sent a policeman in plain clothes to arrest Bob.

Q7. Why did Bob's hand begin to tremble as he almost finished reading the note?

Ans:- Bob's hand began to tremble, when he finished reading the note because he realized that the man, he was talking to earlier was Jimmy wells. He trembled with the thought that his friend had recognized that he was a criminal. His hands trembled because he had been arrested.

OR Bob's hands began to tremble as he almost finished reading the note because he could not believe that his own friend could bring about his arrest. It was for this friend that he had come across a long distance just to keep a promise made twenty years ago. He loved his friend a lot and to him his friend was the 'truest, staunchest, old chap in the world'. When he read the note he could not believe that it was the same friend who got him arrested.

Q8. Jimmy did not arrest his friend because

D) He could not bring himself to arrest his friend.

Q9. Why is this story titled 'After Twenty Years'

Ans :- The title of the story 'After Twenty Years' reflects the main content of the story and is the most appropriate one. The story is about two childhood friend, Bob and Jimmy, who part company with each other to make their individual fortune and meet each other at Joe Brandy's restaurant after 20 years on the same day and same time, when they parted twenty years ago. Twenty years is a long gap of time. Drastic changes take place in their lives. Bob who is over ambitions and seeks his fortune in Wild West, makes his fortune using his sharp wits and by hustling his way through the world of crime and unlawful activities. Jimmy sticks to New York and he earns an honourable position for himself in the society as a policeman. After 20 years two friends came face to face with each other. Twenty years is a big time to change a man, his life, his behaviour and even change his

fortune. It is this time that is an important factor and that ultimately decides Bob's fortune. Had he not made a promise to meet his friend, he would not have been arrested.

Q10. If you were in Jimmy's shoes, what would have been the best thing to do from the following points of view?

Ans :- Part c.

SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Q1. Why were the streets deserted?

Ans:- The streets were deserted because it was 10'o clock at night. It was the month of December and chilly gusts of wind with rain were blowing.

Q2. Who was the man at the doorway of the hardware store waiting for?

Ans:- The man, Silky Bob standing at the doorway of the Hardware Store was waiting for his friend Jimmy Wells. Bob and Jimmy Wells had promised each other twenty years ago that they would meet each other at that very place at 10'o clock, in the night. So, Bob was waiting for Jimmy.

3:- Did Bob notice any change in his friend Jimmy?

Ans:- Yes, Bob did notice the change in the height of his friend Jimmy Wells. He noticed that Jimmy had grown taller by two or three inches.

Q4. What was the real identity of the man in the overcoat? Why had he gone there? Who had sent him?

Ans:- The real identity of the tall man in the overcoat was that he was a policeman in plainclothes. He had gone there to arrest Bob who was involved in illegal and unlawful activities in the West. He was wanted in Chicago. Jimmy Wells had recognized that Bob was the man who was being chased by the police. But he could not arrest Bob himself. So, he sent a policeman in plain clothes to arrest him.

Q5. How was Jimmy able to recognize the man in the dark?

Ans:- Jimmy Wells was on his patrolling duty. He saw a man standing in the doorway of a darkened hardware store. The man was holding an unlighted cigar in his mouth. The man told Jimmy that he was waiting for his friend. When the man struck a match to light his cigar, Jimmy Wells saw his face and was able to recognize that the man in the doorway was the one wanted in Chicago

RTC

'You are not Jimmy Wellsa Roman to a pug.'

a. 'He' in these lines is Silky Bob

b. He was shocked and surprised when he realized that the man he was walking with was not Jimmy wells. He had spilled beans and told everything about himself to the man who in fact was a policeman in plain clothes and had come to arrest him.

c. He recognized him from his nose. His friend Jimmy Wells had a Roman nose where as the man who was with him had a pug nose

d)The man was there to arrest Silky Bob who was wanted by Chicago Police. Silky Bob's friend Jimmy Wells had sent him to arrest Bob.

RTC WITH EXPLANATION (Example)

When about midwayan appointment made 20 years ago.

Reference : - These lines have been taken from the story, 'After Twenty Years', written by 'O' Henry', a writer known for his stories based on first hand experience.

Context: - The story is about two friends who move out in opposite directions to try their destiny after promising each other to meet after twenty years at a fixed place at an appointed time on a

particular day. Bob , one of the two friends who grows into an underworld character and is being haunted by the police, travels a long way to meet his friend

Explanation – in the lines under reference the writer tells us about Bob who is waiting for his friend. A placeman on the patrolling duty happens to come along that way. Bob is leaning against the doorway of a darkened hardware store. On seeing the policeman approaching him realizes that he might be suspected as some dubious character, immediately reacts by telling the officer that there is nothing wrong in his being there at that odd time of the evening. He makes it clear that he is waiting for his friend with whom he had made a promise twenty years before.

VOCABULARY

1	Inspect	inspecting	inspection	inspector
2	Advertise	advertising	advertisement	advertiser
3	Introduce	introductory	introduction	introducer
4	Support	supportive/ supporting	support	supporter
5	Impose	imposing	imposition	imposer
6	Compose	composite	composition	compositor
7	Oppress	oppressive	oppression	oppressor

GRAMMAR

1.it is the nicest room in the hotel. 2. it is the cheapest watch in the shop.

3. She is the most intelligent student in the class. 4. It is the most valuable painting in the gallery.

5. It was the happiest day of my life. 6. Which is the longest river in the world.

7. What is the quickest method of reaching the station? 8. What is the most popular sport in your school?

9. That is the most boring film I have ever seen. 10. Mr. and Mrs. Das have three sons. The eldest is 16 Years

STUDY SKILL

a. Get out. b. Get through c. Got away with d. Get behind e. Getting up