

1. Describe the early morning scene, when Ali visited the post office.
2. Who was Ali? Where did he go every morning?
3. How was Ali looked upon by the post office officials?
4. What did Ali do in his youth? What made him leave his old ways?
5. What view of life did Ali come to acquire and when?
6. How does the author describe the postmaster?
7. What did the official at the post office have to say about Ali?
8. Why did Ali go to the postmaster one fine day? How was he received by the postmaster?
9. How did Ali react when the postmaster behaved very rudely with him?
10. The Postmaster says to Ali "What a pest you are brother!" Do you agree with this statement. Give reasons for your answer.
11. Who was Amelia Slater. Describe her as daughter.
12. Why did the Slaters bring the bureau down before the arrival of the Jordans?
13. What do you make of Mr. Slater's character?
14. "Are we pinching it before Aunt Elizebeth comes?" What were they pinching? How was that pinching? What does this reveal about Victoria's character?
15. Why did Mrs. Slater instruct Victoria that Mr. Abel hadn't been drunk that morning?
16. "That was a near thing. Open the door, Victoria." What was a near thing?
17. "I am amazed at you, Victoria; I really am. How can you gallivanting about in the streets with your grandfather lying dead and cold upstairs? It would never do for them to find you in colors." (a) What does the last line refer to?
(b) Who is Victoria? Why is the speaker amazed at Victoria? (c) Name the speaker.
18. "I suppose it is in the family." (a) What does Henry mean by this?
19. "Are we pinching it before aunt Elizabeth comes?" (a) Name the speaker. (b) Who were pinching and what?
20. How did the Slaters and the Jordans respond to Mr. Abel's death?
21. What kind of a character is Mr. Ben Jordan?
22. How do Amelia and Henry give an account of Mr. Abel's death?
23. "Of course I did. Do you take me for a fool? I sent Henry at once for Dr. Pringle but he was out."
(a) What was Dr. Pringle sent for?
(b) What is referred to as the fatal mistake? Why does Elizabeth call it a fatal mistake?
(c) Do you think it was a fatal mistake? Support your answer.

(d) How does Amelia justify her not calling another doctor?

24. "After all I've done for him, having to put up with him in the house these three years. It's nothing short of swindling." "I had to put up with him for five years."

(a) What does 'swindling' mean?

(b) What was nothing sort of swindling in Amelia's opinion?

(c) What does this statement speak about Amelia's character?

25. How was Elizabeth different from her sister?

26. What surprises awaited Abel Merry Weather when he came from the world of the 'dead'?

27. How did Ben react when Mr. Abel offered him his hand for a shake? Why did he do so?

28. Why was Mr. Abel glad that his bureau had been brought downstairs?

29. Why did Mr. Abel decide to make a new will?

30. "That doesn't matter now. I'm thinking of destroying it and making another."

(a) Who is the speaker?

(b) What doesn't matter at this point?

(c) What does the speaker want to destroy? Why does the speaker think of destroying it?

31. How does the author bring out the modern world's insensitivity to the old and dying?

32. You are interested in taking online classes/tuition from www.studyonline.com, a reputed provider of online classes in New York. Having found the site's information inadequate, write a letter enquiring various details regarding the functioning of the classes that you intend to avail from. You are Min Ein, Yu Shang, from Beijing.

33. You are Mallika, student of class XII, Towvale Girls' School, Shimla, is all eager to enter the National Film Academy, Shimla, after her board results. Write a letter to the director of the film academy seeking information regarding admission procedure, eligibility criteria, fee structure, placement opportunities, etc.

34. Write a letter to the Tours Manager, Ashoka Tours and Travels, Bangalore, seeking information regarding the tour packages offered by the company. You are Mr. Ajay Mittal from Chandigarh, Punjab, who is planning to visit all the holy places of South India with your aged mother and father for a month's time this September.

35. You are Druv Gupta, 12/B, Ashok Vihar, Delhi. Write a letter of inquiry to Extra Marks Coaching, 1, Mount Road, Pitampura, inquiring about the courses offered by the institute, timing, fee, teachers, etc.

36. Write a letter to the Director, Nehru College of Aeronautics, New Delhi, making inquiries about the Engineering Courses, commencement time, duration of courses, fee, mode of fee payments, etc. You are Peter Samson/Anne Aggarwal, Mohali, Chandigarh.

37. You are Meghna/Mohan, the assistant manager of Falcon Ink, Delhi, a leading manufacturer of ink cartridges for all kinds of printers. As your company is expanding to the eastern side of India and to Nepal, you wish to enter into a business ties with Everywhere, a national distributor with its headquarters in Patna, Bihar. Write a letter of enquiry to the Zonal Manager of Everywhere, demanding information leading to the terms and conditions of their services, payment methods, samples, etc.

38. You are Nitish /Nikita, head boy girl of Tagore Public School Jaipur. Write a letter to New Star Sports Company, Kalkaji, New Delhi asking him to send more popular sports material for your games and sports department.

39. Write a letter to the Export Manager, Falcon Dye Inc. Tokyo, a leading provider of dyes for all sorts of clothes, enquiring about the availability of dye in bulk quantity for which you would like to place an immediate order. You are Abraham Samuel, purchase manager, Overseas Cotton, Mumbai.

40. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, MMS Books, Ashok Vihar, Delhi, placing order for five titles of books that you need for educational purpose. You are Sanjeev/Sanjana, 12/CA, Model Town, Kurukshetra.

41. You are Mohan Bhagat, Eureka Forbes, NOIDA. You have received the reply to your inquiry letter from Woddcutters Inc, dated 2rd March, 2018. You feel positive about the company's terms and conditions. Write a letter placing order for the furniture that you have mentioned in the previous communication.

42. Write a letter to Steel House, Rawalpindi, Punjab, placing order for steel utensils for your new home. You are Abu Malik, 343, Old Fort Road, Rawalpindi.

43. What did the traveller tell the poet about the broken statue?

44. What was written on the pedestal of the statue and what does it signify?

45. What is the theme of the poem Ozymandias?

46. What do you get to know about the sculptor from the poem Ozymandias?

47. Who are the three people who speak in the poem Ozymandias?

48. The poem Ozymandias highlights how vanity can lead to one's fall. Elaborate.

49. What made the poem 'Ozymandias' memorable?

50. Change the following dialogues in indirect speech of narration.

(a) Ajay : Do you want to play with us?
Mohan : Yes, But I have been too late.
Ajay : It does not matter, come in the ground.
Mohan : Thanks.

Ajay asked Mohan _____. Mohan replied him in positive and _____. Further Ajay said _____ and advised him _____. Then Mohan _____ him.

(b) Sonu : What are you thinking about now?
Shiela : I am thinking about my future.
Sonu : What is your future plan?
Shiela : I want to be a poltician.

Sonu asked Shiela _____ then. Shiela said _____. Sonu asked _____ plan. Shiela informed _____.

(c) Ankit : Where are you going?
Atul : To the airport.
Ankit : May I drop you there in my car?
Atul : Thanks a lot. It will be a great help to me.

Ankit asked Atul _____. Atul informed _____. Ankit enquired _____ in his car. Atul thanked and added _____.

- (d) Vinay : Are you ready to run?
Kapil : Of course, if you support me.
Vinay : What support do you want?
Kapil : You will have to run before me to show the way.

Vinay asked Kapil _____ to run. Kapil said _____ supported him.
Vinay was bewildered and asked _____. Kapil said _____ the way.

- (e) Sonu : What makes you weep?
Rohan : Someone has stolen my wallet.
Sonu : Where did you keep it.
Rohan : In the back pocket of my trousers.

Sonu asked Rohan _____. Rohan informed _____ wallet. Sonu enquired _____ it. Rohan said _____ trousers.

- (f) Doctor : Since when do you fall ill?
Patient : Since 10 September 2009.
Doctor : What do you take in food?
Patient : I take bread and butter.
Doctor : You must not take butter. It will damage your liver.
Patient : O.K, thank you sir.

The doctor asked the patient since _____ ill. The patient said _____. The doctor enquired _____. The patient informed _____. The doctor told the patient _____ as _____ liver. The patient agreed and thanked him.

- (g) Suraj : What do you think about your career?
Sanjana : I will do a computer course after XII.
Suraj : Will you apply for any job?
Sanjana : If my parents allow me.

Suraj asked Sanjana _____ career. Sanjana informed _____ after XII. Suraj enquired _____ any job. Sanjana said _____.

- (h) Renu : What do you want?
Shashi : I want to take rest.
Renu : Are you tired?
Shashi : Yes, I have done a lot of work.

Renu asked Shashi _____. Shashi informed _____. Renu asked _____. Shashi replied in positive and said _____.

- (i) Teacher : Why are you late?
Sumit : I missed my school bus.
Teacher : Why didn't you leave in time?
Sumit : Sorry, I will do so from tomorrow.

Teacher asked Sumit _____. Sumit informed _____. The teacher enquired _____ in time. Sumit apologised and informed _____.

- (j) Doctor : Since when are you facing headache?
Patient : I had felt it yesterday morning during morning walk.
Doctor : Have you ever felt it before ?
Patient : No, I have not felt such pain.

The doctor asked the patient _____ headache. The patient informed _____. The doctor asked _____ before. The patient denied and added _____.

51. In the following passage one word is missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the previous and the next word .

- (a) My day begins five O'clock in the morning
- (b) It had been so since last forty years
- (c) except the two years when I was
- (d) very ill. I wake up t the sound of an
- (e) alarm clock bought 1952.
- (f) From then today, it has never
- (g) let down. My routine, however turns topsy-turvy
- (h) holidays when I cannot sleep till ten O'clock. I have
- (i) maintained a fairly regular routine during working years.
- (j) When I retire two years' time, I hope I will be
- (k) able to continue practice.

52. The following passage is incomplete. One word has been omitted in every line . Write the missing word along with the before word and the after word.

- (a) Parmesh and his friends planning a trip
- (b) during the summer vacations. While all of them
- (c) keen to get away from the heat, none them were able to suggest which place to visit.
- (d) It only draw of lots which could finally decide the matter.
- (e) They decided on Ooty as it neither too far away nor too crowded.
- (f) The date of departure and the duration of their stay still to be decided.
- (g) The announcement of their final exam date sheet still two weeks away.
- (h) Until then, each of them resolved
- (i) collect information about the hill station.