



## Lesson- 3

### Always Room for Goodness

#### SOLUTIONS:

#### Comprehension

#### 1. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

i) Why was Khagemba going to Delhi?

Ans: Khagemba went to Delhi to attend to some personal business.

ii) Who looked after the goods of Khagemba when he got off to have breakfast with the stranger?

Ans: A passenger in the compartment looked after his goods.

iii) What was the tall man's brother?

Ans: The tall man's brother was an Army officer.

iv) Why did Bina and Chandra go to Trichur?

Ans: Bina and Chandra went to Trichur for Bina's admission to a medical college at Trichur.

v) How did things become easy for Chandra at the medical college?

Ans: Things became easy with the help of Mr. Nair.

vi) Why did not Mr. Nair get off at his own home town?

Ans: Because Mr. Nair wanted to help and take care of Bina and Chandra.

vii) Where were the four Manipuri young men going to?

Ans: The four young Manipuri men were travelling to Kolkata from Bangalore.

viii) What happened to the Bengali gentleman when he got off the train at the station?

Ans: His pocket had been picked when he got off to buy a few things.

ix) Where was the Bengali gentleman's home?

Ans: His home was at Coochbehar.

x) What did the four young men buy in a station?

Ans: They bought a copy of a newspaper and a film magazine.

xi) What were inside the envelope that the Bengali gentleman found on the top of his suitcase?

Ans: There were five notes of one hundred rupees.

## 2. Answer the following questions in about 20- 25 each words:

i) What habit did Panthoi have?

Ans: Panthoi had a habit of asking questions on many things to her grandfather, and some of which were quite unusual for a girl of her age.

ii) Why was Khagemba irritated?

Ans: Khagemba felt irritated because he saw a man watching him with great interest in the compartment he was sitting. He was travelling to Delhi and he thought this man must have plans to steal his goods.

iii) Why was the tall man pleased at the hotel where Khagemba was to stay?

Ans: The tall man was pleased by the way the hotel manager who was an old acquaintance of Khagemba received him.

iv) What did Khagemba ask the man?

Ans: Khagemba asked why that man was so concerned about him since he was a complete stranger to him and that they were from different places, so he could not find any explanation for his action.

v) Why did Mr. Nair want to go along with Chandra and Bina to the medical college?

Ans: Mr. Nair wanted to go along with Chandra and Bina because he wanted to help and take care of them and he took it as a GOD-given duty. He was worried because they were new in Kerala, and any undesirable might happen as there were rogues ready to pounce on innocent strangers.

vi) Why was Chandra surprised?

Ans: Chandra was surprised to learn that Mr. Nair had left his hometown and had travelled along with them only to help and take care of them.

vii) Why did the Bengali gentleman look worried after he came back to the apartment?

Ans: The Bengali gentleman looked worried because his pocket had been picked when he got off the train to buy a few things, and he was left with only 20 rupees.

viii) Why couldn't the Bengali gentleman borrow some money from his friends in Kolkata?

Ans: The Bengali gentleman could not borrow money in Kolkata because he did not have anyone known to him there, he was new at the place.

### **3. Answer the following questions in about 50- 60 words each:**

i) Why was Ramprakash interested in Khagemba?

Ans: Ramprakash was interested in Khagemba because Khagemba looked almost like his brother who was an Army officer but he was killed in Kashmir. So, he wanted to help Khagemba in any way possible. He looked after for his breakfast and dropped him off to the hotel where he was going to stay.

ii) What were Mr. Nair's explanations for accompanying Chandra and Bina to Trichur?

Ans: Mr. Nair after learning that Chandra and Bina were from Manipur, that they were new in Kerala, he wanted to take care of them. He explained that he did not want anything undesirable to happen to the innocent strangers, and took it as a GOD- given duty to him to help them.

iii) What was the problem of the Bengali family? How was it solved?

Ans: The Bengali gentleman had been pick pocketed when he got off the train to buy some things. They were left with only 20 rupees and they needed about 500 rupees to reach their home at Coochbehar. The problem was solved when the four younger Manipuri men left five notes of 100 rupees in an envelope for the family to use to reach home.

iv) Do you think that people are basically good? Justify your answer.

Ans: Yes, people are basically good, we are always ready to help and love other fellow human beings because we are a noble creature. The bond of humanity enables us to live happily together, all of us in our heart always have a room for goodness.

v) What did the grandfather say at the end of the stories?

Ans: Panthoi's grandfather says that men are noble creatures whose heart is filled with thoughts of mutual love and help. Also in the face of dividing themselves into different religion and caste, there is a common human bond of love and desire to help each other that runs through all of us. And that there is always room for goodness.

**4. Choose the correct answer from the four alternative given and write it in the space provided:**

**i) In Delhi, Khagemba stayed.**

- a) in a hotel which was new.
- b) with Ramprakash.
- c) with a friend.
- d) in a hotel where he usually stayed.

Ans: a) in hotel which was new.

**ii) Mr. Nair helped Chandra because**

- a) Chandra was in difficulty in the medical college
- b) he thought he ought to help a stranger who came to his state.
- c) he knew some rogues were ready to pounce on Chandra and Bina.
- d) he wanted to see if he could get some money from Chandra.

Ans: c) he knew some rogues were ready to pounce on Chandra and Bina.

## Vocabulary

5. Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the words given in the box:

eager    misfortune    compartment    acquaintances

- i) It was a big compartment but there were only a few passengers.
- ii) I have many acquaintances but only two friends.
- iii) The boys are tired and eager to go home.
- iv) Misfortune struck the man, and he lost money in his business.

6. Some of the words given below are wrongly spelt. Encircle those words which are wrongly spelt. Then re-write them correctly.

basicaly    surprise    pasenger    exaplination  
acquaintances    formalities    inocent    certainly    mutual

Ans: basically, passenger, explanation, acquaintances, innocent, certainly.

## Language Work:

### 1. Jumbled words

The letters of the following words are jumbled. Rewrite them meaningfully

- i) hviaoubre    ii) psemgli    iii) ngyouiv) hepo    v) lpeh

Ans: i) behaviour    ii) glimpse    iii) young    iv) hope    v) help

### 8. Look at the following sentences:

Baffled by the man's behaviour, Khagemba said, "But I've something to ask you."

This sentence is actually a combination of two sentences.

**Khagemba was baffled by the man's behaviour.**

**Khagemba said, "But I've something to ask you."**

These two sentences have been combined into a single sentence with the help of the past participle 'Baffled'.

Also note that the first sentence contains the passive verb 'was baffled.'

**Now, combine the following pair of sentences into one with the help of the past participle form of the verb:**

i) The singer was praised by the people. She smiled back at them.

Ans: Praised by the people, the singer smiled back at them.

ii) The girl was knocked down by a taxi. She was taken to a hospital.

Ans: Knocked down by a taxi, the girl was taken to a hospital.

iii) Mr. Chaoba came to our school. He was accompanied by his son.

Ans: Mr. Chaoba came to our school, accompanied by his son.

iv) Mr. Nair was thanked by Chandra. He went home.

Ans: Thanked by Chandra, Mr. Nair went home.

v) The gentleman was helped by the Manipuris. He can reach his home now.

Ans: Helped by the Manipuris, the gentleman can reach his home now.



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