

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What do you mean 'The Auspicious Vision'?

The auspicious vision is nothing but the bride and bridegroom see each at first time on the wedding. The bridegroom would take off the bride's Veil and look at her after the wedding ceremony was over. It is Auspicious in the sense that they become united in life.

2. Give a brief note - Kanti Chandra.

Kanti Chandra was a young man. He did not want to remarry. He had concentrated his attention on hunting. He dressed like a country man and took with him his followers in a boat for hunting.

3. Describe the appearance of sudha's father

He was a middle aged Brahmin. He had a shaven face with a peaceful look. He was a man of greatness and virtue.

4. What kind of man was Satyajit?

Satyajit was a man of hope. He was born in a very poor family in a humble village. He had faced many struggles throughout his life. He had a strong determination mingled with hope. It was his fortune that he secured a clerkship in a bank. He did not lose his hope even after the sudden collapse of the bank.

5. How did Satyajit solve the dowry problem?

Uncle Srinath believed that he could get the dowry money from Satyajit. It was an unfortunate time to Satyajit because he had lost everything by the fury of nature. He pledged his house in the village to a money lender and helped Srinath to offer the dowry amount. Thus Satyajit solved the dowry problem faced by uncle Srinath.

6. Why did the girl reject the student's love?

The girl rejected the student's love because she was not as rich as the Chamberlain's nephew who had given jewels. She considered gold jewels more valuable than the student's love.

7. What did the Nightingale think about love?

The Nightingale thought that love was more precious than its life. Though it was a bird, it understood the value of love. So the bird decided to offer some help to the student. It sacrificed its life to get a red rose for the love of the student.

8. What happened to the red rose at the end?

The professor's daughter rejected the student's love. The student became angry and threw the red rose into the street. It fell into the dirt and a cart's wheel ran over it and crushed it.

9. What was the gold- mine? How?

The gold mine was collection of stories written by Bruce. Bruce had written a perfect scenario. It needed some professional touching. It was a little gold- mine and any good film company would catch at it.

10. Why was Bruce in a financial problem?

Bruce was in a financial problem because he had undergone an operation. He had spent all his money to doctors.

11. Describe the village, Lentshin.

Lentshin was a small village. . This village surrounded by natural atmosphere. There were many thatched roofs. The chimneys looked like pots. There were fields and the owners planted vegetables. Some people pastured their goats.

12. What is Synagogue?

Synagogue is a building in which Jews meet for religious worship or instruction.

13. Why didn't Berl and Berlcha spend the money sent by their son?

Berl and Berlcha did not spend the money that their son sent because the garden, the cow, the goat and the chickens provided them with all they needed.

14. Why was Crime ebbing?

Crime was ebbing because there was only one police in the city of million people. There was only one police car left out.

15. What happened to Leonard Mead at the end?

Leonard Mead was taken by the police car to the psychiatric centre for Research on Regressive Tendencies. If human being advanced, the society would lose its humanity.

16. What is the mood of the story 'A Nincompoop'?

The mood of the story is that we should not crush and exploit the poor and the weak.

17. What was the pleasant shock for Julia?

The pleasant shock for Julia was that the master gave her the entire eighty rubles as her two months' salary. She had not expected it.

18 Why did Julia say 'merci' to her master?

Julia said merci to her master for giving her the salary. Her previous employers did not pay anything to her. Even though it was a meagre amount, she accepted it with thanks.

19. What is the theme of the story "The Diamond Necklace"? The theme of the story is life oriented. The theme of the story is that Matilda borrowed the necklace thinking it as real wealth. She toiled hard for ten years to clear the debts. Women should be guided by wisdom and not by wealth.

20. Why did Matilda fling the invitation petulantly?

Matilda flung the invitation petulantly because she had no costly dress and jewels to wear for the party.

21. The mother of sun and moon was busy. Why?

The mother of sun and moon was busy because she was welcoming the guests. She was running all over the house and telephoning to father not to forget things.

22. What kind of dishes were mentioned in the story?

Blancmange, almond finger, fish, jellies; cream biscuits and ice pudding with a nut were mentioned in the story.

23. Whom did sun like?

Sun liked a man who had grey whiskers. He was very kind and he was ready to fetch a puppy to sun.

24. What kind of person was Betram?

Betram was a kind man with a generous heart to help others. He was also rich and satisfy the desires of others who asked his help.

25. Write a short note about 'Hector Hugh Munro'.

Hector Hugh Munro was born in Burma (Myanmar) in 1870. He was a witty British author. He published his work under the pen name Saki. He was a master of the shortstory. 'The Open Window' is a fine example of humorous work. Munro passed away on November 13, 1916 in France.