

Maharashtra Board Class 10 My English Coursebook Solutions Chapter 2.2 The Boy who Broke The Bank

English Workshop:

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Answer:

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- (e) I am the hair dresser. Who am I? – Deep Chand
- (f) I have a crooked leg, who am I? – The beggar Ganpat.

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- 1. Betel-seller
- 2. Tailor
- 3. Free vendor
- 4. Jeweller
- 5. Beggar
- 6. Deep Chand, the barber
- 7. Elderly Gentleman
- 8. Ganpat, the beggar

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4. Write who said to whom.

Question a.

“Don’t raise such dust!”

Answer:

Sitaram, the washerman’s son said this to Nathu, the sweeper.

Question b.

“Who would have thought the bank would collapse !“

Answer:

Nathu said this to himself.

Question c.

“Where did you disappear?”

Answer:

Mrs. Bhushan said this to her husband.

Question d.

“The bird has flown!”

Answer:

The elderly gentleman said to Deep Chand, the barber.

5. Why was the Manager of the Bank in a dilemma? Write down in 5 to 6 lines in your notebook.

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Answer:

1. The news of the collapse of the bank spread through Pipalnagar like wildfire and people rushed to the bank to withdraw their money.
2. By noon, the bank had exhausted all its ready cash.
3. This put the manager of the bank in a dilemma because emergency funds could only be obtained from another bank that was thirty miles away and he wasn't sure that he would be able to convince the crowd to wait that long.
4. He was also worried because he had no way of contacting the owner of the bank, Seth Govind Ram, on his houseboat in Kashmir.

6. Cross out the odd man.

Question 1.

- (a) sweeper, hooligan, beggar, declare, locker
- (b) hurriedly, carelessly, salary, definitely, suddenly
- (c) imminent, latest, pavement, awful, shocking
- (d) morning, scattering, raising, collecting, shouting

Answer:

- (a) sweeper, hooligan, beggar, declare, locker – declare
- (b) hurriedly, carelessly, salary, definitely, suddenly – salary
- (c) imminent, latest, pavement, awful, shocking – pavement
- (d) morning, scattering, raising, collecting, shouting – morning

7. Find the describing words for the following from the text.

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- tour
- shop
- window
- leg

Answer:

- customary tour
- photography shop
- plate glass window
- crooked leg

8. Complete the following table.

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Verb	Noun	Adjective	Adverb
.....	payment
×	suddenly
declare
.....	cheerful

Answer:

Verb	Noun	Adjectives	Adverb
pay	payment	payable	×
×	suddenness	sudden	suddenly
declare	declaration	declarable	×
cheer	cheer	cheerful	cheerfully

9. Write in your own words a few sentences about each of the following :

(a) Nathu

(b) Mrs. Shrivastava

(c) Seth Govind Ram

(d) Sitaram

Question a.

Nathu

Answer:

Nathu: Nathu was a sweeper working with the Pipalnagar Bank, owned by Seth Govind Ram. He was annoyed because the Bank had not paid his salary though they were the last days of the month. He was sweeping hurriedly and carelessly because he was not happy with the owner. He was thinking of leaving that job.

Question b.

Mrs. Shrivastava

Answer:

Mrs Srivastava was Sitaram's customer and was the lady of the house he visited. She gave some instructions to the ayah and the cook and then went the Pipalnagar market place, to make her usual tour of the cloth market. At one end of the bazaar she met her friend Mrs Bhushan. They both complained of the hot summer and they talked about a sample of cloth. Then Mrs Srivastava told Mrs Bhushan that Seth Govind Ram's bank could not pay their sweeper for over a month. She seems to be very talkative lady and was the root cause of the rumour about Pipalnagar Bank.

Question c.

Seth Govind Ram

Answer:

Seth Govind Ram was the owner of the Pipalnagar Bank. A rumour was spread that the bank was about to go bankrupt. There was chaos among the people of Pipalnagar. Seth was holidaying in Kashmir and the manager of the Bank was in dilemma as he was unable to contact Seth Govind Ram who was on his houseboat in Kashmir. There were rumours about Seth's absence in Pipalnagar.

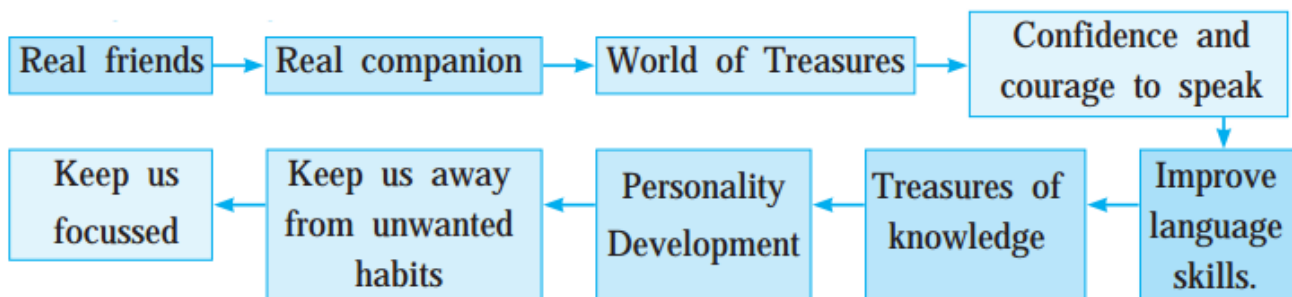
Question d.

Sitaram

Answer:

Sitaram: Sitaram was a washerman's son. He used to deliver freshly pressed clothes to every home. He plodded barefoot along the road to deliver a big bundle of clothes on his head. He was a helpful person. He was glad that he would be of service to both, a customer and his friend, Nathu.

10. Expand the theme in a write-up of about 20 lines.



Question a.

‘Rumours are spread by fools and accepted by greater fools’.

Answer:

‘Rumours are spread by fools and accepted by greater fools’ It is a common tendency of idle people or mischief-makers to spread rumours. These rumour-mongers themselves are fools. They spread some nasty, false news. They themselves do not know the truth or fact in the news. Many a times they have not heard or seen anything but repeat some story/news to people without believing it themselves.

A rumour is any talk, report or hearsay of doubtful nature or unverified statement or assertion. If we track such a rumour, we will find that it either is a falsehood, gossip or an exaggeration of the truth. So we can say that those who start spreading such rumours are fools. Every rumour suggests something more than it conveys and gives people uncomfortable sense of suspicion, mystery and sometimes dreadful traumas.

Some rumours are harmless though, they are spread by fools who intend to get joy and fun in doing so. Any kind of rumour does not stop at one place it goes from one person to another and one place to another. But greater fools are those who satisfy their natural tendency to believe what they want to believe and that also without going to the root of the news. People accept these rumours, add something to each and tell others and they go on nastier and nastier.

So responsibility, who accept the rumours, is greater. Not only gullible, ignorant people fall prey to rumours but also some educated, knowledgeable persons believe them because at that moment they do not use their reason and common sense or rational explanation and then suffer themselves. These people are greater fools because they never care to examine if that particular rumour is reliable, true or if it can stand to their reason.

Before you accept any such rumour be sure it is a fact, nothing untrue and unreliable in it. Or you will have to face unpleasant memories and experiences. So keep away from rumours.

Question b.

'Books are our real friends'

Answer:

Books are our real friends Books are our never-failing friends. They have their own value. As we need food for our body so we need books for our mind. They are our closest friends who give us precious wealth of knowledge and experience. They deal with various subjects in the world and on every aspect of our life. They are the world of treasures.

The books entertain us, advise us and give comfort and contentment to our soul and most importantly they impart wisdom that helps us throughout our life. They help you in your sufferings, depression and soothe your soul. They give you company when you are alone.

They are your real companions. Making friendship with books itself is a blessing. They take us to the journey into the beautiful world and help you to achieve your success like your true best friends. Good books also teach you the qualities that last long in your life. They give you confidence and courage to speak, to improve your language skills and develop your personality.

They accompany you in painful struggles, difficulties and bad days. They also help you to avoid your mistakes, flaws, teaching you wise conduct and wise tolerance towards others.

The books influence you forever and make you a gentle and knowledgeable person. So, borrow books, buy books, preserve them and make friends with them as your true, real friends!

11. Project: Collect the names of books written by Ruskin Bond.

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Answer:

The names of books written by Ruskin Bond.

The Room of the Roof, Blue Umbrella, The Night Train at Deoli, Rusty, the Boy from the Hills, Road to Musoorie, Tales and Legends from India, Our Trees still Grow in Dehra, The India I love, Maharani, The Flight of Pigeons, Dust of the Mountain, The Book of Simple Living, The Kitemakers, All Roads Lead to Ganga, A Season of Ghosts, Vagrants in the Valley, etc.

Language Study:

1. I know of a sweeper boy who's looking for work.

Observe the underlined part of the sentence. It tells us more about the sweeper boy. An adjective clause begins with words such as how, that, what, whatever, who, which, where,

why etc.

Now, complete the sentences given below using your own adjective clauses.

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- I know the joke
- I know of a doctor
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Answer:

- I know of a school boy who is expert in horse riding.
- I know the joke that will split your sides with laughter.
- I know of a doctor who is hard of hearing.
- I know of a place where people crave for . bull-fights.
- I know the reason why the girl is always gloomy in the class.

2. Rewrite the following sentences joining them with 'when', 'where', 'which', 'why'.

Question a.

Sitaram had a bundle of freshly pressed clothes. He balanced it on his head.

Answer:

Sitaram had a bundle of freshly pressed clothes which he balanced on his head.

Question b.

A large shady tamarind tree grew at one end of the bazaar. Mrs. Srivastava found her friend Mrs.

Bhushan there.

Answer:

Mrs Srivastava found her friend Mrs Bhushan where a large shady tamarind tree grew at one end of the bazaar.

Question c.

The Pipalnagar Bank has stopped paying employees. It is about to collapse.

Answer:

Pipalnagar bank which is about to collapse, has stopped paying his employees.

Question d.

He had finished his work. He sat down on the highest step.

Answer:

He sat down on the highest step when he had finished his work.