**1. What did Lencho hope for?**

**Ans:** Lencho hoped that hailstorm should go as quickly as possible.

**2. Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like ‘new coins’?**

**Ans:** As raindrops would have helped in getting a better harvest, resulting in more prosperity, so Lencho compared them with new coins.

**3. How did the rain change? What happened to Lencho’s fields?**

**Ans:** The rain changed to hailstorm. All the crop in the field was destroyed.

**4. What were Lencho’s feelings when the hail stopped?**

**Ans:** After the destruction caused by hail, Lencho was shattered. He could see a bleak future for him and his family. Hew was worried about lack of food for the coming year.

**5. Who or what did Lencho have faith in? What did he do?**

**Answer:** Lencho had faith in God. He believed that God could see everything and would help him out. Lencho wrote a letter to the God, explained his situation and asked for some money from God.

**6. Who read the letter?**

**Answer:** The postmaster read the letter.

**7. What did the postmaster do then?**

**Answer:** Postmaster was deeply touched by Lencho’s faith in the God. The postmaster asked his colleagues to contribute some money so that they could send that to Lencho.

**8. Who does Lencho have complete faith in? Which sentences in the story tell you this?**

**Answer:** The following sentences explain Lencho’s faith in the God, “But in the hearts of all who lived in that solitary house in the middle of the valley, there was a single hope: help from God. “Don’t be so upset, even though this seems like a total loss. Remember, no one dies of hunger.”

**9. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter ‘God’?**

**Answer:** Postmaster was moved by Lencho’s complete faith in the God. So, he decided to send money to Lencho. Moreover, the postmaster did not want to shake Lencho’s faith in God. So, he signed the letter ‘God’. It was a good ploy to convey a message that God had himself written the letter.

**10. Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money to him? Why/Why not?**

**Answer:** As Lencho had complete faith in God, so he did not try to find out the actual sender of money.

**11. Who does Lencho think has taken the rest of the money? What is the irony in the situation?**

**Answer:** Lencho had all his doubts on people working in the post office. The irony of the situation is the finger pointing on those who had tried to help out Lencho. In real life also we come across such situations. Many a time you would have tried helping someone and he may get a wrong message.

**12. Was Lencho surprised to find a letter for him with money in it?**

**Answer:** Lencho was not surprised to get the money.

**13. What made him angry?**

**Answer:** The fact that he received half the amount he had requested for, made him angry.

**14. Are there people like Lencho in the real world? What kind of a person would you say he is? You may select appropriate words from the following list to answer the question.**

***Greedy, naïve, stupid, ungrateful, selfish, comical, unquestioning***

**Answer:** In the real world it almost impossible to find people, like Lencho. Lencho seems to be naïve and unquestioning. Naïve in the sense that he doesn’t even bother to think about who sent the money or if God would actually send the money. Probably his naiveté comes from his unquestioning belief in the God.

**15. There are two kinds of conflict in the story: between humans and nature, and between humans themselves. How are these conflicts illustrated?**

**Answer:** In the initial part of the story the episode of rainfall turning into a hailstorm shows the conflict between man and nature. When it is a rainfall the man is very happy dreaming about happy days ahead. But once the rain turns into hail the man is ruing the happening of hailstorm. The way Lencho is feeling sad and gloomy after the storm appropriately projects the conflict of the nature and the man. In the later part of the story when Lencho blames post office people for stealing part of the money then it is showing the conflict between humans. Although nothing is written what happened after that, but anybody can imagine the mental situation when postmaster read the letter.