

# Completing Story

(Year change Exam-2020)

## 1. Money can never bring happiness / Happiness lies in Contentment

Once there lived a happy cobbler in a village. He passed his days in working and singing from morning till night. He used to maintain his family with his earning. He was satisfied with what he got. He had a lot of happiness in his mind.

One of his neighbors is a banker. One day he said to him, "How much do you earn in a year?" The cobbler laughed and said, "I never count in this way but what I can tell you is that I can somehow maintain my life." The banker said, "I am going to end your poverty. Take these gold coins and remove your poverty."



The cobbler took the bag full of gold coin and went to his house. He told his wife about the gold coin. His wife kept the gold coins secretly. They buried the gold coin in the earth. But alas! He buried his happiness with it because he could not sleep at night peacefully. He would remain alert the whole night. He would think of the gold coins whether anybody would steal the gold coins. Thus he lost his sleep and happiness.

At last the cobbler went to the banker and told him that his gold coin has snatched away his sleep. So, he told the banker to take his gold coin back and finally the cobbler returned the gold coins to the banker.

Then the cobbler was able to enjoy sound sleep, mental peace and happiness. Thus it was prove that true happiness lies in contentment/ money can never bring happiness.

## 2. The Fox and The Crow

A crow stole a piece of meat from the kitchen of a rich man's house. He flew away and sat in a tree. A hungry fox was also sitting near the tree. He saw the crow with a big piece of meat in his beak. The fox could not sit quite. He wanted to eat that piece himself. So he thought of a plan to cheat the crow.

The fox said "Good morning, dear Mr. Crow." The crow did not answer. The fox said, "How do you do, my dear friend?" Still the crow did not greet him. He kept silent saying to him, "How can I speak. If I open my beak, the meat will fall down."

The fox did not lose heart. He kept on urging him to speak. He said to the crow, "Hello, my dear. Why don't you answer me? Why don't you sing a sweet song? You are among the top ten singers of the world. Everyone is so keen to hear your melodious songs" When the crow heard this, he forgot about the meat in his beak.



He started singing, "Caw, caw, caw." The piece of meat fell down on the ground. The fox took it up and ate it. Then he said to the crow, "Thank you. I'll come again someday to hear another song from you when you have another piece of meat".

**[Moral: Flattery makes one foolish.]**

## 3. Photograph

*In an afternoon, grandmother was knitting a scarf under a mango tree in the yard. Ramim, her grand son, suddenly came running to her with an old photograph in his hand and shouted, "Granny! Look at the picture! I found it in the box of old things. Whose picture is it? Grandmother took the photograph from Ramim's hand and they both stared at it for quite a long time. The girl had long, loose hair, and she wore a long dress that nearly covered her ankles, and sleeves that reached her wrists, and there were a lot of bangles on her hands; but, despite all this drapery, the girl appeared to be full of freedom and movement; she stood with her legs apart and her hands on her hips, and she had a wide, almost devilish smile on her face.*

After a while she said, “A little girl’s, of course.” Ramim asked, “Did you know the girl?” She replied “Yes, but she was a very wicked girl and I should not tell you about her. But I will tell you about the photograph. It was taken in your grandfather’s house about sixty years ago.” Ramim again said, “You see, there is a wall behind her and from other side of the wall a pair of hands reaching up. Did somebody climb up?” grandmother replied, “No, at least. I don’t remember.” Grandmother refused to tell anything about the girl because it was she herself. But Ramim could understand as grandmother still smiled the same way.

#### **4. A Thirsty crow**

*One hot day, a thirsty crow flew all over the fields looking for water. For a long time, it could not find any water. It felt very weak, almost giving up hope. Suddenly, it saw a water jug below her. It flew straight down to see if there was any water inside. Yes, it could see some water inside the jug!*



The crow tried to push her head into the jug. Sadly, it found that the neck of the jug was too narrow. Then it tried to push the jug down for the water to flow out. It found that the jug was too heavy.

The crow thought hard for a while. Then looking around, it saw some pebbles. It suddenly had a good idea. Then the crow started picking up the pebbles one by one and dropped each into the jug. As more and more pebbles filled the jug, the water level kept rising. Soon it was high enough for the crow to drink. The crow drank water and flew away.

**[Moral: If you try hard enough, you may soon find an answer to your problem.]**

#### **5. Convincing Parents with reason**

*Rima is a girl of HSC 1<sup>st</sup> year at a renowned college. In the month of February, she was eagerly waiting to join a “Book Fair” but her Parents interrupted her saying that she didn’t need to join the fair. They said, “You can visit the fair, buy books and just be a reader. Why should you work there?” then Rima said that she could learn many things by working in a book fair as it was a meeting place for authors, publishers, readers and critics. Her parents said that as she was a good student, she must concentrate on her studies. If she worked there, she would not get enough time of her own. Besides, it was not safe for a young girl to return home at night. Rima argued that the book fair would begin at 3 o’clock. She could complete her studies before that. And she won’t have to come back alone. She would come with some of her friends. Moreover, she could gain a lot of experience which would help her in her career life. She could even learn the importance of labour as she would be paid for her work. So, she wanted to join the fair. Her parents loved her very much and realizing her arguments they finally allowed her to do that. Rima was thankful to them.*

#### **6. Parul, A Poor but Visionary Girl**

Parul was a School girl whose parents were landless. They were unable to bear her educational expenses. But Parul was determined. Though Parul’s parents were very poor, she had a strong desire to be educated since her childhood. So, she wanted to continue her education at any cost. She worked in others people’s house as a part time maid servant to earn her educational cost. In spite of having many obstacles, she continued her education. She was a brilliant student. She studied all by herself without taking help from others. In this way she made brilliant result in PEC, JSC exams. In both exams, she got scholarship. This helped her greatly to pursue her education. In the SSC exam she obtained GPA-5. Here also she got scholarship. She saved her scholarship money to get herself admitted into a college. To procure additional expense, she worked as a house tutor of a rich man’s children. However, in the HSC exam she also did brilliant result. Then she took preparation to get admission into a medical college. To her utter surprise, she got chance in Dhaka Medical College. After five years she returned to her village as an MBBS doctor.