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## Chapter-09 A Bicycle in Good Repair

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### Comprehension Check

**Ans1:** It implies that (ii) he was a late riser.

**Ans2:** The remark is (i) humorous, (iii) sarcastic and (iv) enjoyable.

**Ans3:**

(i) "Don't do that; you'll hurt it."

(ii) I did not see why he should shake it; it had not done anything to him.

(iii) I felt much as I should have had he started whacking my dog.

(iv) "It doesn't if you don't wobble it."

(v) "Don't you trouble about it anymore; you will make yourself tired. Let us put it back and get off."

**Ans4:** 'It' refers to the little balls bearing of the wheel that rolled all over the path.

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### Working with the Text

Answer the following questions.

**Ans1:** No, the front wheel really didn't wobble. As author himself said that "It doesn't if you don't wobble it. It didn't wobble, as a matter of fact nothing worth calling a wobble." So, my opinion is wheel really didn't wobble at all. It all started after the treatment by that man.

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**Ans2:** When author returned from the tool shed, he that the front wheel of his bicycle was between his legs.

He was playing with it, twiddling it round between his fingers and the remnant of the machine was lying on the gravel path beside him.

**Ans3:** This sentence was said in the sense that taking off the gear case was an easy task. Actually, the author tried to dissuade him from taking off the gear-case by telling him that his one of the friend said that if anything went wrong with gear-case, he can sell the machine and buy a new one; it comes cheaper. But he said that nothing is easier than taking off a gear-case and author's friend didn't have knowledge about machine. In less than five minutes, he had the gear-case in two pieces lying on the path, and was groveling for screws.

**Ans4:** The lunatic man tightened the chain till it did not move and after that he loosened it until it was twice as loose as it was before.

**Ans5:**

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- (i) cheery confidence
- (ii) inexplicable hopefulness

**Ans6:** One moment the bicycle would be on the gravel path, and he on top of it. Next moment, the position would be reversed, he on the gravel path, the bicycle on him. Now he would be standing flushed with victory, the bicycle firmly fixed between his legs. But his triumph would be short-lived. After being dirty and disheveled, cut and bleeding 'the fight between the man and the machine was over. The bicycle looked as if it also had had enough of it.

### Working With Language

**Ans:**

- (i) You ought to do your duty irrespective of consequences.
- (ii) You should study at least for an hour every day.
- (iii) The doctor says she must sleep eight hours every night.
- (iv) You should show respect towards elders and affection towards youngsters.
- (v) You should exercise regularly to stay fit.
- (vi) You should take a walk every morning.
- (vii) You must not stand on your head.
- (viii) As he has a cold, he should go to bed.

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**Ans2:**

- (i) People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.
- (ii) You ought to wipe your feet before coming into the house, especially during the rains.
- (iii) You should do what the teacher tells you.
- (iv) The pupils were told that they should write more neatly.
- (v) Sign in front of a park: You must not walk on the grass.
- (vi) You should be ashamed of yourself having made such a remark.
- (vii) He left home at 9 o'clock. He should be here any minute.
- (viii) "Whatever happened to the chocolate cake?"  
"How should I know? I have just arrived."

**Ans3:**

- (i)
    - (a) I went to the tool shed.
    - (b) I went (there) to see.
    - (c) What I could find?
  - (ii) When I came back he was sitting on the ground. (2 parts)
    - (a) I came back.
    - (b) He was sitting on the ground.
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**(iii)** We may as well see what's the matter with it, now it is out. (3 parts)

(a) We may as well see (it).

(b) What (is) the matter with it?

(c) It is out now.

**(iv)** He said he hoped we had got them all. (3 parts)

(a) He said.

(b) He hoped.

(c) We had got them all.

**(v)** I had to confess he was right. (2 parts)

(a) I had to confess.

(b) He was right.

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**Ans4:**

en (prefix)

encourage

endanger

enclose

enable

en (suffix)

fasten

dampen

soften

weaken

en (part of word)

barren

even

listen

enclave

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