



Comprehension Check (Page 65)

1. Why didn't he pay the school fees on the day he brought money to school?
2. (i) What were the coins 'saying' to him?
(ii) Do you think they were misguiding him?
3. Why didn't he take the coin's advice? Give two or three reasons.
4. (i) What did the oldest coin tell him?
(ii) Did he follow his advice? If not, why not?
5. He reached home with the coins in his pocket. What happened then?

Answers:

1. The boy couldn't pay the school fees on the day he brought to school because the teacher Master Ghulam Mohammed was on leave.
2. (i) The coins in the boy's pocket urged him to buy hot and fresh jalebis.
(ii) Yes, the coins were misguiding him because the money was meant for paying school fees.
3. Initially, the boy didn't take the advice of the coins seriously for a couple of reasons. He could not spend the money meant for paying school fees on jalebis. Secondly, the boy knew the harsh nature of the master and the punishment.
4. (i) The oldest coin convinced him that they were telling him for his own good. He can pay his fee next day with his scholarship money. So he should not suppress his desire for jalebis.
(ii) He didn't follow his advice. He was a promising student. He was from a good family of repute. He didn't want to get defame for it
5. After reaching home he couldn't suppress his temptation for fresh Jalabis. He rushed to the shop of halwai. He bought jalebis and enjoyed them.

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1. (i) Why didn't he eat all the jalebis he had bought?
(ii) What did he do with the remaining Jalebis?
2. "The fear was killing me." What was the fear?
3. "Children's stomachs are like digestion machines." What do you understand by that? Do you agree?
4. How did he plan to pay the fees the next day?
5. When it is time to pay the fees, what does he do? How is he disobeying the elders by doing so?

Answers

1. (i) He had bought jalebis for one rupee. But he couldn't eat all of them because of their quantity.
(ii) He distributed the remaining jalebis among the boys from the neighbourhood.
2. He had eaten so many jalebis that there was the problem of digesting them all. His fear was that one jalebi or two would come out with a burp.

3. It means that children have the capacity to digest a lot of things that they overeat. I agree with the statement but only partly.

4. He planned to pay the fees the next day when he would get his monthly scholarship.

5. When the time draws near to pay the fees, he tucked the bag under his arm and slips out of the school. He had disobeyed his elders by crossing the railway track.

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