



Working with Text (Page 91)

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B. Who says this to whom and why?

1. "My wife knows best how to run the house."
2. "But is it right, my son, to keep mum and not say what you consider just and fair?"
3. "What have you to say in your defence?"
4. "I can't pay you a penny for the wretched beast you sold me."
5. "Victory to the This is justice."

Ans:

1. Jumman speaks these words to his aunt. He wanted to get rid of his aunt. He did not want to give her any allowance.
2. The old aunt says these words to Algu Chowdhry. Algu was unwilling to give his judgement against his best friend.
3. Algu said these words to Jumman when he occupied the seat of the head He was keen to do justice.

4. Sahu said this to Algu Chowdhry. Algu had sold his bullock to Samjhu Sahu. The bullock died because Sahu overworked and underfed the animal. When Algu demanded his money, Algu dishonestly refused to pay him a penny.
5. Jumman was the head He could easily give his verdict against Algu. But the seat of panch made him fair and just. He asked Sahu to pay the money to Algu. At this Algu shouted with joy and welcomed the fair judgement.

C. Answer the following questions.

1. "Then the situation changed." What is being referred to? (2)

Ans: The situation changed after the transfer of property. Jumman forgot his promise to look after his old aunt. He as well as his wife began to ill-treat her.

2. When Jumman's aunt realised that she was not welcome in his house, what arrangement did she suggest? (3)

Ans: Jumman's aunt could not bear insults any more. She wanted to cook her food separately. She demanded monthly allowance from her nephew.

3. What was the villagers' reaction when the aunt explained her case to them? (4)

Ans. The old woman went to several villagers to explain her case and get their support. But some showed sympathy, and some laughed at her. A few advised her to make peace with Jumman.

4. Why was Jumman happy over Algu's nomination as head Panch? (6)

Ans: Algu and Jumman were fast friends. So Jumman hoped to get the verdict in his favour. Naturally he felt happy when the aunt named Algu to act as head Panch.

5. "God lives in the heart of the Panch", the aunt said. What did she mean? (6)

Ans. The aunt meant that a person in the seat of a judge becomes fair and just like God. He is not guided by his personal likes and dislikes. He can not do any injustice. He is God's representative.

6. What was Algu's verdict as head Panch? How did Jumman take it? (7, 8)

Ans: Algu heard the case and gave a fair judgement. He asked Jumman either to pay a monthly allowance to his aunt or transfer the property in her name. Jumman was stunned. He became Algu's enemy. He decided to take revenge on Algu.

7. Algu found himself in a tight spot. What was his problem? (9)

Ans: Algu sold his bullock to Samjhu Sahu, a cartman. Sahu promised to pay the price within a month. But during this period he took so much work from the animal that it died. Sahu became dishonest. He refused to pay the money.

8. Why was Algu upset over Jumman's nomination as head Panch? (12, 13)

Ans: Algu was upset because Jumman was already annoyed with him. So he thought Jumman would take his revenge.

9. What was Jumman's verdict as head Panch? How did Algu take it? (14, 15)

Ans: Jumman's verdict was that Sahu had to pay the price of bullock to Algu. Because when Sahu purchased the bullock from Algu it was hale and hearty. This was a genuine decision. Algu took it happily and said it was victory of panchayat.

10. Which of the following sums up the story best?

(i) "I also know that you will not kill your conscience for the sake of

friendship.”

(ii) “Let no one deviate from the path of justice and truth for friendship or enmity.”

(iii) ‘The voice of the Panch is the voice of God.’

Give a reason for your choice.

Ans: I think the second statement sums up the story best.

The person in the seat of a judge becomes fair and just.

Working with Language (Page 92)

A. Replace the italicised portion of each sentence below with a suitable phrase from the box. Make necessary changes, wherever required.

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| look after | swallow | make it up | keep mum |
| go into | ease one's conscience | as ill luck would have it | |
| a tight spot | take chances | my heart sank | |

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2. Unfortunately, the train I was trying to catch was cancelled.
3. He has been told not to take risks while driving a car through a crowded street.
4. The patient needs to be properly taken care of.
5. Why don't the two of you end your quarrel by shaking hands?
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