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CLASS IX
ENGLISH LITERATURE READER
CHAPTER 2 - THANK YOU, MA'AM
LANSTON HUGHES

SOLUTIONS

EXERCISES

COMPREHENSION

A. Complete the following statements with information from the text:

- i) Mrs. Washington Jones said she would not turn the boy loose because he would run.
- ii) Mrs. Washington Jones said to the boy that if he were her son she would teach right from wrong.
- iii) When Roger asked the woman if she was going to take him to the jail she said that she would not take him with the dirty face.
- iv) Mrs. Washington Jones did not ask the boy anything about him because the boy will be embarrassed.
- v) Before he was allowed to leave, Roger wanted to say something more to the woman but only managed to say thank you.

B. Answer the following questions in a statement each:

Q1. What did the woman do after she picked up the boy by his shirt front?

Ans: After the woman picked up the boy by his shirt front, she shook the boy until his teeth rattled.

Q2. What did the woman want to do to the boy's dirty face?

Ans: The woman wanted to wash the boy's dirty face.

Q3. What did Mrs. Jones tell Roger he should have done to buy his shoes instead of trying to snatch her purse?

Ans: Mrs. Jones told Roger that he should have asked her instead of trying to snatch her purse.



Q4. What should Roger do to make him look presentable?

Ans: Rozer should comb his hair to make him look presentable.

Q5. “Do you need somebody to go to the store,” asked the boy? Why did the boy ask so?

Ans: The boy asked, “Do you need somebody to go to the store” because he did not want to be mistrusted then.

C. Answer the following questions briefly:

Q1. How did the boy fall on the sidewalk?

Ans: When the boy, Rozer, tried to snatch Mrs. Jones’ purse and run away, he lost his balance and fell on his back on the sidewalk, and his legs flew up.

Q2. “If you think that contact is not going to last awhile, you got another thing coming.....”

Explain what Mrs. Jones meant by it?

Ans: “If you think that contact is not going to last awhile, you got another thing coming.....”

Mrs. Jones meant to tell Roger that if he had expected the meeting between them was going to be short then he should consider his thoughts again.

Q3. “Roger looked at the door- looked at the woman- looked at the door- and went to the sink.”

Why did Roger not run away?

Ans: “Roger looked at the door- looked at the woman- looked at the door- and went to the sink.”

He did not run away because he respects Mrs. Jones’s authority and is intrigued by this women’s concern for him and apparent trust in him- despite the fact that he just tried to steal from her.

Q4. Do you think Mrs. Jones was completely free from any wrongdoing? Quote the relevant line from the text to support your answer.

Ans: No, Mrs. Jones was not completely free from any wrongdoing.

The line quoted by Mrs. Jones, “I have done things, too, which I would not tell you, son neither tell God if he didn’t already know” clearly showed that she wasn’t completely free from any wrong doing.



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Q5. “Eat some more, son.” She said, Comment on the significance of the line.

Ans: “Eat some more, son.” she said.

Mrs. Jones understood the condition of the boy. She felt that the boy was hungry and even took him as her own son. The statement shows that sympathy was aroused in the heart of the lady.

D. Answer the following questions in about 80 words:

Q1. Write how Roger ends up in Mrs. Jones’ hall?

Ans: One night at around 11 o’clock, Mrs. Jones was walking alone down a street. A boy, Rozer ran up behind her and tried to snatch her purse. The strap broke with the single tug he gave it from behind. But he was unlucky as he lost his balance and instead of taking full blast as he had hoped, he fell on his back on the sidewalk with his legs flew up. Mrs. Jones kicked him and picked him up by his shirt front. She dragged him down the street by his shirt front to her home. In this way, Rozer ended up in Mrs.Jones’ hall.

Q2. Comment on Mrs. Jones’ treatment of Roger at her home.

Ans: Mrs. Jones treated Roger kindly because she understood what he was going through. She took him home and made him something to eat. She was nice to him. It was clear that she had sympathy for him as she probably grew up under similar circumstances. She told him to wash his face and offered him food, and he also appreciated her opening up to him. She was tough but firm and she taught Roger a good lesson about forgiveness and need. She did not judge him, but took care of him for an evening.

Q3. “Well you didn’t have to snatch my pocket book to get some suede shoes,” said Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones. “You could have asked me,” Bring out the character of Mrs. Jones based on her above remark.

Ans: Mrs. Jones was a tough yet generous woman whom Roger attempted to rob. She at first scolded him, and then- upon realizing that he likely had no family looking out for him- dragged him home with her. The given remark established her as a maternal figure for the young boy. She wanted to change the boy from wrong to right. She would be happy if Roger simply asked her to give him some money instead of snatching her pocket book.