

HSC Changing Narrative Style/ Changing Speech

“Stop! Didn’t I tell you to stop? You can’t go on there,” said the Sergeant.

“Oh, very well. It’s a hard thing to be poor. All the world’s against the poor,” Said the man. **[CB’22]**

“What happened to you, Tareq?” said Rashed. “I was sick with the flu. Have you heard anything about our exam?” said Tareq. “It is on 23th October. You need to collect the admit card of the exam,” said Rashed. “From where can I get it?” said Tareq. “It is in the office room,” said Rashed. **[RB’22]**

“Could I help you, sir?” said the receptionist. The man replied, “Sure, I want to meet the Managing Director of the company.” The receptionist said, “Do you have an appointment?” “Yes, I have,” he said. **[SB’22]**

“Oh, my Lord, please do not kill the child.” said the woman. “Let her have him,” said the king. “Now everything is clear to me.” Pointing the woman, he said to the servant, “Give her the child. She is the mother of the baby.” **[BB’22]**

He said, "I can chop some wood today." I said, "But I have a boy coming from the orphanage." "I'm the boy." "You? But you're small." "Size doesn't matter chopping wood," he said. "Some of the big boys don't chop good. I've been chopping wood at the orphanage a long time." **[CB’22, MB’22]**

“Where is the cattle which these people graze and where are the fields they plough, uncle?” he asked turning to Daya Ram. “They have no cattle and no fields here, “ said the Chaprasi, pushing his neck back to stiff uprightness. “It is only the rustics in the villages who graze cattle and plough the land,” he said. **[DnjB’22]**

Question 1. “Where do you like to go, sir?” asked the ticket seller: ‘Cox’s Bazar,’ replied the stranger. “How many tickets do you need?”

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“I will buy five tickets.” “Take these tickets. They will cost three thousand taka,” said the ticket seller.

[DB ’19]

Question 2. A cat hearing that a hen was laid up sick in her nest, paid her a visit of condolence and said, “How are you, my dear? What can I do for you? Only tell me. Is there anything in the world that I can bring for you?” “Thank you,” said the hen. “Do you be good enough to leave me, and I have no fear but I shall soon be well.”

[S RB ’19]

Question 3. “Have you learnt your lessons?” father said to Arman. “No, I’ve forgotten,” said he. “That’s very bad. You must be more careful about your preparation for the examination. By doing so, you can make a good result,” said his father. “Thank you very much for your timely advice.” **[JB ’19]**

Question 4. “Why are you loitering here and there now? Are you in trouble?” said the schoolteacher. “I am loitering because I have none to take care of me,” said the boy. The school teacher said, “Do you feel hungry?” “Yes, I am very hungry now” said the boy. **[CB ’19]**

Question 5. “Whose picture is it?” I asked. “A little girl’s of course,” said Grandmother. “Can’t you tell?” “Yes, but did you know the girl?” “Yes, I knew her,” said Granny, “But she was a very wicked girl and I shouldn’t tell you about her.”

[RB ’17: CtgB ’19: Govt. Padma College, Dhohar, Dhaka-2018; Ibn Taimiya School & College, Cumilla-2018; Dhaka City College, Dhaka-2017; BN College, Dhaka-2017]

Question 6. “Why did you stop me? I don’t do anything wrong, did I?” asked Riyad. “You were driving too fast,” said the traffic sergeant, giving him a glare, “Now! Show me your driving license.” **[SB ’19]**

Question 7. Returning home, my mother said to me, “Your progress in studies is very slow. You always move about with a group of your friends. Aren’t you idling away your time with them? Can’t you be more serious?” “I am sorry and I will amend myself,” I replied.

[BB ’19 Faujdarhat Cadet College, Chattogram-2018: Joypurhat Girls’ Cadet College, Joypurhat-2018; Afajuddin Memorial College, Kaliakoir, Gazipur-2017]

Question 8. “My sons” Said he. “A great treasure lies hidden in the estate I am about to leave you.” “Where is it hidden?” Said the sons. “I

am about to tell you.” Said the old man. “But you must dig the land for it.”

[DjB '19: Dhaka City College, Dhaka-2018; Kurigram Gout. Women's College, Kurigram-2017; Notre Dame College, Dhaka-2016]

Question 9. “How much do you want?” said the Mayor. “A thousand guilders,” said the pied piper. “All right”, said. the Mayor. “We’ll pay you a thousand guilders. When will you set to work?” “Now”, said the pied piper. (Combined Board '18 (Code-184); Mirpur Girls' Ideal Laboratory Institute, Dhaka-2018; Bangladesh College Teachers' Association, [Sathkira-2018; Govt. Ashek Mahmud College, Jamalpur-2017]

Question 10. “Will you buy my hair?” asked Della. “I buy hair,” said Madame. “Take your hat off and let’s have a sight at the looks of it.” “Twenty dollars,” said Madame, lifting the mass with a practiced hand. “Give it to me quick,” said Della.

[Adamjee Cantonment College, Dhaka-2017; Rajshahi Govt. Women's College, Rajshahi-2017; Chowmuhan Govt. S.A. College, Chaumuhani, Noakhali-2017]

Question 11. “Follow my example,” she said as we shook hands, “and never eat more than one thing for luncheon.” “I’ll do better than that,” I retorted. “I’ll eat nothing for dinner tonight.” “Humorist”, she cried gaily, jumping into a cab. [DB'22, DB'17, '11: JB 12: CtgB '10: Sristy College of Tangail, Tangail-2018; Rajshahi Govt. City College, Rajshahi-2018; Govt. M.M. College, Jashore-2018; Notre Dame College, Mymensingh-2017]

Question 12. The teacher asked the students if they had heard the name of Aesop. The students respectfully replied that they had not and asked the teacher who he had been. The teacher advised them to listen to his lecture attentively and they would be able to know about him. He also exclaimed with wonder that his fables were very interesting and instructive.

[JB '17: Cumilla Govt. College, Cumilla-2018; Gulshan Commerce College, Gulshan, Dhaka-2017; Govt. H.S.S. College, Magura-2017; Brindaban Govt. College, Habiganj-2017]

Question 13. “Have you saved something for the future?” said the richman. “No,” said the cobbler. “I am happy with the present and think little about tomorrow.” “No, that would not do,” said the richman. “I like to see you above want. Have this money and keep it.”

[CB'17; DjB'16: Milestone College, Uttara, Dhaka-2018; Narayangary Govt. Mohila College, Narayanganj-2018; Al-Amin Academy School & College, Chandpur-2018]

Question 14. The witness told the international crimes tribunal that he had suddenly heard a gunshot and gone towards the door. He added that he had seen many Al-Badr men and the members of the Pakistani army on his house premises. The judge asked him if he had recognized some of the Al-Badr men. The witness answered that he could recognize one Hamid in his village who had brought the members of the Pakistani army to the village.

[CtgB '17; Jalalabad Cantonment Public School & College, Sylhet-2018]

Question 15. “Why are you crying? Do you have any problem?” asked the passer-by. “I am crying because I havenone to look after me”, said the street child. “Are you hungry?” “Yes, I am.” said the boy. [JB'22, Palash Thana Central College, Narsingdi-2018; Chattogram City Corporation Inter College, Chattogram-2018; Lions School & College, Rangpur-2018; Gout. Shah Sultan College, Bogura-2017; Cumilla Commerce College, Cumilla-2017]

Question 16. “Please give me your English grammar book.” said Fahim. “I cannot give it,” said Arman, “I have to take it with me in the class.” “I shall return the book before the class starts,” said Fahim. “Take it.” said Arman. “Thanks.” said Fahim.

[BB'17; Islamia Govt. College, Sirajganj-2018; Adhyapak Abdul Majid College, Muradnagar, Cumilla-2018; Narayanganj College, Narayanganj-2017; Habigonj Govt. Mohila College, Habiganj-2017]

Question 17. He said to me, “I am very sorry to trouble you, but I shall be much obliged if you kindly lend me your dictionary.” “I shall be very glad to be of service to you, and you are welcome to any of my books that

you think of use to you,” said I.

[DjB'17; Jashore Gout. Mohila College-2018: Gout. Fazilatunnesa Women's College, Bhola-2017]

Question 18. “Where do you come from?” I asked him. “From San Carlos,” he said, and smiled. “I was taking care of animals,” “Oh,” I said, not quite understanding. “yes,” he said, “I stayed, you see, taking care of animals. I was the last one to leave the town of San Carlos.” [DB '16; Dhaka Residential Model College-2017; BAF Shaheen College, Jashore-2017; Gout. Begum Rokeya College, Rangpur-2017; Gaibandha Govt. College, Gaibandha-2017]

Question 19. “Have you cut your nails short?” The teacher said to Maruf. “No, I’ve forgotten, Sir,” said Maruf. “That’s very bad. You

must be more careful about neatness and cleanliness. By doing so, you can prevent diarrhoea and some other diseases too,” said the teacher. [RB '16: Netrakona Govt. Mohila College, Netrakona-2018: Govt. Azizul Haque College, Bogura-2018; Brahmanbaria City Model College, Brahmanbaria-2018:- Viqarunnisa Noon College, Dhaka-2017: Chapainawabganj Govt. Women's College, Chapainawabganj-2017]

Question 20. I told the rickshaw puller that he had carried me a long way. Then I asked him how much I should pay him. I further asked him if fifty taka would do. He replied that anything was alright. –

[JB '16: SOS Hermann Gmeiner College, Mirpur, Dhaka-2018]

Question 21. One day Hazrat Omar (R) became shocked to see the sufferings of a woman and said, “Where do you live?” The woman said, “I live in a poor hut south end to this town. I'm hungry but there is no food in my house. Will you give me something to eat?” Hazrat Omar (R) said, “Go back home. I'm coming with food and mortey for you.”

[CB'16: Cumilla Shikkha Board Model College, Cumilla-2017; Chattogram City Corporation Inter College, Chattogram-2017]

Question 22. ‘Why are your children crying, my daughter?’ said the Caliph. “They have been starving,” said the woman. “Have you none else in the world?” “My husband died some months ago. He left them neither money nor any property. So, they are in great distress. They have to starve sometimes.” “Oh! Let me see, how I can help you,” said the Caliph.

[RB'15: CtgB '16; Govt. Science College, Tejgaon, Dhaka-2018: Uttara High School & College, Uttara, Dhaka-2018; Thakurgaon Govt. College, Thakurgaon-2018: Barishal Cadet College, Barishal-2017; Muminunnisa Govt. Women's College, Mymensingh-2017; Shariatpur Govt. College, Shariatpur-2017]

Question 23. Once I asked a little girl what her mother's name was. She replied that she could remember her mother's name but she would not tell me that. She added that she did not tell her mother's name to anyone whom she did not know. I exclaimed with admiration that she was a very clever girl.

[JB '09: SB '16: '09; CtgB'11; Bangladesh Mahila Samity Girls' School & College, Chattogram-2018; Dhaka Imperial College-2017]

Question 24. “Do you know Bangladesh Open University offers an English self-learning course?” Sejan said to Shawan. “Yes, I have heard it from my father who works as a tutor of the course. It is a six-month course known as CELP,” said Shawan

[BB '16: Barishal Govt. Women's College, Barishal-2018: Cox's Bazar Govt. College, Cox's Bazar-2017]

Question 25. The Mayor asked the piper if he had killed the mice. The piper admitted having killed the mice and told him (M) to give him the money he (M) had promised. The Mayor exclaimed with wonder that he was very funny. Then he told him (P) to take only fifty.. [DB'15; Brindaban Govt. College, Habiganj-2018]

Question 26. I faintly asked the person spoken to if he/she was still hungry. He/she denied that he/she was hungry and added that he/she did not eat luncheon. He/she further added that he/she had a cup of coffee in the morning and then dinner, but he/she never ate more than one thing for luncheon. He/she further added that he/she had been speaking for me. I responded to his/her speech. [JB'15]

Question 27. “Why are you putting the foods in your pocket, sir? Why don't you eat?” asked the nobleman. “I'm doing the right thing. My dress deserves these rich dishes.” replied Sheikh Saadi. “I'm sorry. I don't understand what you mean to say,” said the nobleman. [CB'15; CtgB'12: Chandpur Govt. College, Chandpur-2018;

Meherpur Cout. Mahila College, Meherpur-2017; Hajigonj Model College, Chandpur-2017; Amrita Lal Dey College, Barishal-2017]

Question 28. Zayed asked Robi if he (R) had any dream. He further asked him what his (R) dream was. Robi admitted having a dream. He added that he (R) liked to have a plate full of rice. At this Zayed got surprised. Then with an affectionate note in his voice he told him (R) that he (Z) would make his (R) dream come true. [CtgB '15]

Question 29. “She likes white gloves,” he said. “Do you think I can get them for a dollar?” “I think so.” I said. “Do you know her size?” He said, “I think her hands are bigger than yours. [SB'15]

Question 30. The librarian asked Rubel how he (L) could help him (R). Rubel replied that he wanted to have a library card. At this the librarian asked him if he had his identity card. Rubel replied in the affirmative and said that it was there and asked him how many books he could borrow at a time. The librarian replied that he (R) could borrow three books at a time. Then Rubel thanked him. [BB'15]

Question 31. “Porter, you may go,” said the mistress of the house laughing. “You have gained your freedom.” “By the Almighty,” he

replied. “I will not leave this house until I have heard the stories of my companions.” [CB’11: DJB’15]

Question 32. Shouting to the monkey the two rats told him to stop and added that he was eating all their bread. The monkey said that he was doing his best, but he had told them that it was very difficult. Then the rats asked him to give them that little piece. At this the monkey told them that that was his piece and asked them if he had not laboured a lot for them. At this the rats exclaimed with repentance that they were very foolish believing him. [DB ’14]

Question 33. “Have you cut your hair off?” asked Jim. “Cut it off and sold it,” said Della. “Don’t you like me just as well, anyhow? I’m me without my hair, aren’t I?”

[RB ’14; Carmichael College, Rangpur-2018; Cumilla Cadet College, Cumilla-2015]

Question 34. The ticket seller asked the stranger respectfully where he (S) liked to go. The stranger replied that he wanted to go to Chattogram. The ticket seller again asked him how many tickets he (S) needed. The stranger replied that he (S) needed five tickets. Then the ticket seller said that there were the tickets and they would cost two thousand taka.

[JB’14; Agrabad Mohila College, Chattogram-2018]

Question 35. “Have you seen your mother, Jerry?” “I see her every summer. She sends for me.” I wanted to cry out, “Why are you not with her? How can she let you go away again?” He said, “She comes up here from Mannville whenever she can. She does not have a job now.”

[DB ’09; CB ’14; Motijheel Model High School & College, Dhaka-2018; Brahmanbaria United College, Brahmanbaria-2018]

Question 36. “You look a little bit like my mother,” he said, “especially in the dark by the fire.” “But you were only four Jerry, when you came here. You have remembered how she looked all these years?” “My mother lives in Mannville,” he said.

[JB ’10; CtgB ’14; BB ’14; Mirzapur Cadet College, Tangail-2018; Rangpur Cadet College-2018; Naogaon Govt. College, Naogaon-2018; Panchagarh Govt. Women’s College, Panchagarh-2017]

Question 37. The beggar asked the housewife if she could give him some food to eat. He added that he had been without food for two days. The housewife asked him why he didn’t work. She also told him that he could earn his own food. At this the beggar said swearing by God that he was disabled and so he couldn’t work. [SB’14]

Question 38. The teacher asked Mina if she had done her English lesson that day. Mina respectfully replied in the affirmative and said with dissatisfaction that she had not understood one grammatical point. The teacher told Mina not to worry. He also, assured her that he would help her understand it. Mina respectfully thanked her teacher. [DJB’14]

Question 39. The teacher asked the boy if he thought that honesty is the best policy. The boy respectfully replied in the affirmative and said that he thought so. The teacher then advised/suggested him to learn to be honest from his (S) boyhood. The boy thanked the teacher respectfully. Then the teacher wished that Allah might grant him (S) a long life.

[DB ’13; JB’13; Police Lines School & College, Rangpur-2015]

Question 40. The writer said to Jerry, “Your roller-skates look very nice. Who has bought them for you?” “My mother” “Is she alive?” “Yes, she lives in Mannville”.

[RB ’13; Govt. Begum Rokeya College, Rangpur-2018; Bangladesh Mahila Samity Girls’ School & College, Chattogram-2017]