

Short Questions Answer

Q.1. The news that made the mother happy disturbed her son. Why were their responses so different?

Ans. Their responses were so different because as girls are always seen to be very caring towards their maternal home, the mother was also very loyal to her side of family and Nanukaka was her brother so his arrival made mother delighted but her son on other hand had something of a complex about ministers as he was trained to regard minister higher than god.

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Q. 2. Do you have a similar experience? Has your response of any guest has been different from that of other members of the family?

Ans. No, I haven't has such experience. No, so far all members of our including me have the same response of delightment.

Q.3. 'Had to travel second on a third class ticket? But it was all arranged quite amicably? What 'arrangement' Nanukaka is referring to? How can such arrangement be 'amicable' ?

Ans. Nanukaka had to travel second class on third class ticket but he arranged it amicably. The 'arrangement' Nanukaka is talking about is that he had a third class ticket but in third class there was no space and they would not issue second class tickets but Nanukaka arranged to travel second class on third class ticket with the help of the T.C. This arrangement was 'amicable' because Nanukaka arranged to travel like that quite comfortably because of the young ticket checker.

Q.4. The Under-Secretary always obeyed Nanukaka, although he was never willing to do so, Why?

Ans. The under-secretary always obeyed Nanukaka although he was never willing to because Nanukaka was his guest and his mother's brother.

Q. 5. "This tie-and-collar business is no good these days". What did Nanukaka mean to say?

Ans. By the given statement Nanukaka meant that till then tie-and-collar had become a very common dress and if we had to impress somebody, we should leave this tie-and-collar and instead wear traditional clothes.

Q. 6. How did the Under-Secretary change his appearance to accompany Nanukaka?

Ans. The under secretary changed into Jodhpur coat and tied a huge orange turban on his head rather than wearing tie and collar.

Q.7. Who is a Zamindar? Do you know any Zamindar in your locality? What do the people in your locality think about him?

Ans. A Zamindar is a person who owns lot of land in a village or town. Zamindars are often very rich. No, I don't know any Zamindar in my locality but my great grand father was a great Zamindar and owned many lands. All the people respected him. Zamindars have an image of being very rich.

Q. 8. How did Nanukaka impress Sohanlal Ratiram?

Ans. Nanukaka started describing about his VIP status in a very loud voice so that Sohanlal could hear. He firstly talked about foreign tours and his contacts with politicians and ministers. Then he came to talk shout Hazrat Barkat Ali, the ambassador in such a tone as if they were best friends and this impressed Sohanlal the most.

Q.9. What important information did he collect at Ratiram's place?

Ans. The important information Nanukaka collected at Ratiram's place was that after refusing the proposal of marriage of his daughter to Sohanlal's son, the minister had decided to marry her daughter to the prince of Ninnore.

Q. 10. Who is a prince? Do we have any prince now? If yes, do they enjoy the same privileges which they used to?

Ans. A prince is the son of the king of an estate or a country. He is the next claimant for the ruler's post. No, we do not have any princes in India but some other countries do have princes. No, they can't enjoy the same privileges they used to.

Q. 11. Who was the second important person Nanukaka had planned to meet?

Ans. The second important person Nanukaka had planned to meet was the welfare minister.

Q. 12. What preparations did he make to meet him?

Ans. He firstly managed to get an enormous, outlandish car to drive to the minister's office. Secondly he got undersecretary dressed in his Jodhpur coat and turban and lastly he dressed and sat on the car in a manner that he looked a hereditary pundit from a princely state.

Q. 13. What new role did Nanukaka give the under-secretary to play?

Ans. This time he made the under secretary play a role of the driver of car, in which he went to the minister's office. The under secretary was dressed as a liveried chauffeur.

Q. 14. How did he manage to impress, the Sikka Auto dealers?

Ans. He managed to impress Sikka Auto dealers by the demonstration of his wealth. He made a plan with the Dhobi. According to this plan, when he went to Sikka Auto dealers, the Dhobi came with a old coat of Nanukaka in hand and showed him the cheque saying that he left a cheque of Rs. 1000 in his coat which was a part of the plan the manager was impressed with the wealth possession Nanukaka managed to show him.

Q. 15. What did he do at minister's residence?

Ans. He went to minister's residence assuming as much manly air as he could and pretended as if he was from a princely state. He said he did not want to disturb the minister and called straight from the visitors book. In the book, he wrote his name, the undersecretary's address and wrote this 'Hereditary astrologer to Maharaja of Ninnore'.

Q. 16. How did he impress the minister?

Ans. Firstly he came in an outlandish car with a liveried chauffer. Secondly he dressed himself like a hereditary pundit from princely state and while getting into the car he shouted loudly to take him to a king's palace to show he had contacts with many kings. Lastly he wrote his name in the visitors book as the Hereditary Astrologer to the Maharaja of Ninnore. This is what he did to impress the minister.

Q. 17. 'Is the under-secretary impressed with Nanukaka at any point? When and Why? Find out the evidence from the story.'

Ans. Yes, Lastly, he is impressed with Nanukaka after he has used his wit to accomplish his mission. He is impressed with Nanukaka for the way he used his brains and finally had a meeting with the minister. The evidence which proves the impression of Nanukaka on the under-secretary's mind is that at the last, he says that if minister comes to know about the reality also he is sure that Nanukaka will deal with the situation without allowing a single fold of his anghocha to fall of place.

LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

Q. 1. Nanukaka tells lots of lies. Why does he do so? Does he succeed in his pursuit?

Ans. Nanukaka tells lots of lies to have a meeting with the welfare minister. Nanukaka tells so many lies because if he had not done so he could not have met the minister in two-three days, he would have to wait for months to get

an appointment of the meeting. Yes, Nanukaka was successful in his pursuit of meeting the minister. He did not only manage the meeting with minister in his own but with his brains, he met minister in only two days.

Q.2. What impression does Nanukaka make on you? Do you like him? Attempt a character sketch of Nanukaka ?

Ans. Nanukaka makes impression of a clever witted and sensible man on me who knows very well how to be successful in his pursuit. He doesn't hesitate to speak lies in the matter of his work. Yes I like him. Nanukaka is quick witted, clever man who does not consider using lies, to gain his goal, a bad thing. He is brainy and knows how to use situations to his profit. He has the ability of deceiving people easily and he can do and speak anything to complete his mission and work. He is a funny man.

Q.3. Suppose you have Nanukaka as your uncle. How would you behave with him? Explain in detail.

Ans. If Nanukaka was my uncle, I would behave very nicely with him because he was my uncle, my mother's brother. I would take part in his affairs and help him possibly as much I could. I would share my thoughts with him and would take interest in his talks. I would respond nicely to him and would like to be a part of his adventurous comedy. I would respect him and follow whatever he said, wholeheartedly. I would never cut his commands and do the most to help him out. I would show my affection to him and make him feel what being an uncle was like. I would show him that I loved him very much and I was proud to have him as my uncle.

Q. 4. Namukaka made a big promise to Sohanlal Ratiram. Did he ever fulfil his promise?

Ans. Nanukaka promised Sohanlal to talk about his son to the ambassador Hazrat Barkat Ali. Sohanlal said that some body had poisoned the mind of the ambassador about his son and he would be obliged if Nanukaka would kindly speak his son to the ambassador as Nanukaka told that he was a schoolmate

of the Hazrat and was on very good terms with him. No, Nanukaka never fulfilled his promise. And even if he had wanted to, he could not because he told lie about contact with ambassador. He didnot even know the ambassador; how could he write to him.

Q. 5. Can a person like Nanukaka be more successful in the present society? Give reasons.

Ans. Yes, a person like Nanukaka will be more successful in the society because now world is changed. People who are well behaved, simple, pious and moral are taken to be foolish. They always have to suffer because of their goodness but on the other hand, people who are clever, cunning, crafty are thought to be wise. People who speak lies, are mean and selfish manage to do their work easily. Nanukaka was one of person in category of mean and crafty people and by telling lies we have read, how he completed his mission. In the present society deceitful and deceptive people are given more respect than the truthful and good people. Secondly clever people outwit every body and Nanukaka was a witty man. He easily outwitted the minister and Sohanlal.

Q. 6. 'I wonder what is going to happen when the Minster discovers that my uncle has never been within hundred miles of a place called Ninnore... Only, when it happens, I wanted to be somewhere far out of range'. What light does it throw on the motive of the writer in the story? Does he want to glorify manipulation? Expose the reality we are living in? Warn us of the censequences which the discovery leads to ?

Ans. Nanukaka had fooled the minister by telling lies. The writer wonders about the consequences when the minister comes to know the reality. The writer's motive is not to glorify manipulation. Glorifying manipulation means supporting fraudness by which some loss has occured but the writer and Nanukaka had not done elusion they had just outwitted people to complete their means. What they did can't be called manipulation because they did

not do harm to anyone nor anybody's anything was lost. Yes, he wants to warn about the consequences which the discovery of reality leads to. Nanukaka would of course be in trouble but writer would also have to suffer. He would be suspended from his job and his reputation will become that of a forger. Yes, this story certainly exposes the reality we are living in. As we see Nanukaka was unsuccessful in meeting the minister when he told truth but he managed to have a meeting with minister that too with minister himself at his door when he took the help of lies. Mainly the given lines focus on the writer's want of being out of range when the reality is exposed so that he is saved from the anger of the minister and Sohanlal.

Q.7. What is 'linguistic emergency' Do we all face it? How does it affect our speech?

Ans. Linguistic emergency is that type of situation in which a person always turns to his mother tongue. Yes we all face it. It affects our speech in such a manner in which when a person feels language problem and he has something hesitation. The author waited in the car park. It was two hours. before he returned mumbling colourful Marathi swearwords.

Q.8. Discuss the significance of the title? How is it related to the theme of the story?

Ans. The significance of the title is that it makes the story more interesting and adventurous. It attracts the reader's attention towards itself and makes the story look creative. It brings quality, relish and interest in the story and gives flavour to it. Here the title 'A Pinch of Snuff' draws us towards it and invites us to read the story. Firstly, 'A Pinch of Snuff' is related to the theme of story because the story has comedy, adventure and 'A Pinch of Snuff' makes us think of something little like, little comedy, little adventure and a little fun. 'A pinch' means little, snuff can be taken to be the mixture of comedy, fun and adventure. Secondly, whole story revolves around Nanukaka who is a rural person. The phrase 'A Pinch of Snuff' represents the

special feature and habitual practice of the main character of the story. Nanukaka used to have snuff and this is the reason of the relation of theme and title of the story.