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ENGLISH FIRST LANGUAGE

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1 Answer the following questions in about 15 words: 1×1=1

“But I know Jimmy will meet me here...” Why was the speaker so confident about Jimmy?

Ans : Jimmy Wells is a pivotal character in the story 'AFTER TWENTY YEARS' written by 'O HENRY'. Jimmy Wells is a true and a sincere friend and values his friendship. So the speaker Silky Bob was certain that he would keep his promise of meeting his friend after twenty years.

2. Answer the following questions in about 150 words: 7×1=7

‘In the short story After Twenty Years the themes of friendship, loyalty and trust are explored.’ Discuss.

Ans: Despite its surprisingly short length, O. Henry's 'After Twenty Years' has three different thematic elements woven into the plot.

Friendship

Bob clearly values the bonds of friendship that were forged between him and Jimmy all those years ago. However, it seems some of the knots may have come loose over the years that tied Jimmy to Bob.

Loyalty

Loyalties to people and ideas can sometimes be difficult to maintain, especially when they're split between a person and an idea that might be close to our hearts. Keeping their 20-year appointment to the minute, Bob's loyalty to Jimmy is obviously unwavering. However, now that he's a policeman, Jimmy's loyalties to Bob and to the law are put to the test when he discovers his old friend is a wanted fugitive.

Trust

Whom would you trust more: a police officer who arrested his best friend, or a 'dirty cop' who allowed his once closest companion to escape? Despite what we might think, it's clear that Bob isn't able to trust Jimmy when it comes to keeping him out of jail. Actually,

by the end of the story, it doesn't seem that Bob's able to trust Jimmy about very much at all.

3. Answer the following questions in about 150 words: 7×1=7

Show how the poet Theodore Roethke uses imagery and symbolism to describe the night journey of the train.

Ans: In the poem Night Journey, author Theodore Roethke uses contrasting imagery and symbolism to build up to his main idea. The trip on the train that gives the poem its name is fraught with imagery of the natural world outside the locomotive. Among the topographical features that are described are trees, mountains, lakes, ravines, gullies and even the mist that clouds the ravines and valleys. For a poet famous for utilizing his family's greenhouses as an all-encompassing symbol, this focus on the landscape outside the moving train might only be expected. The voice of the poet as he describes the natural world outside, however, is one who is describing that landscape through the lens of being isolated. Not only is he isolated behind the steel of the train, but he is also alienated from the other passengers. This sense of isolation—of being a lone voice crying out in the wilderness—is a theme that runs rampant throughout the work of Roethke.

4. Write the précis of the following passage: 7×1=7

My toothbrush is a thing that haunts me when I'm travelling, and makes my life a misery. I dream that I haven't packed it, and wake up in a cold perspiration, and get out of bed and hunt for it. And in the morning, I pack it before I have used it, and have to unpack again to get it, and it is always the last thing I turn out of the bag; and then I repack and forget it, and have to rush upstairs for it at the last moment and carry it to the railway station, wrapped up in my pocket handkerchief.

Precis: while travelling, the author always messes up with carrying his toothbrush. He wakes up in sweat and looks for it. In the morning, unpacks the bag to get the brush and uses it but he forgets packing it again. Finally it get carried in a wrapped handkerchief to the station.

5. Write an essay in about 250 words on the following topic: 10×1=10

The use of internet service in modern India

The Internet has become a sensation nowadays. We use the internet for almost every little and a big task now. It ranges from searching for a job to listening to music. The Internet has basically made our lives easier and convenient. The world is at our fingertips now. Although India is a developing country it has always had a big presence on the Internet. Internet has helped make advances in many different aspects, such as providing a new way of integrating rural Indians into urban life and making a new platform for economic development. The world has become smaller because of the internet. Common people of India can communicate with their loved ones oceans away. The days of letter writing are gone where we had to wait for weeks to get a reply we can now get instant news updates from all over the world. The moment anything takes place anywhere in the world, we get to

know about it. In addition, we are informed about the natural calamities within the correct time. Moreover, we can easily contact our job recruiters using the internet. Job application has been made so much easier through the internet. But it is essential that more people can have access to the Internet to make sure all the advances are spread throughout the country. There are three hypotheses that I will attempt to prove or disprove in this research essay. They are that high income, existing telephone lines and more competition between different Internet providers speed up the process of Internet availability throughout the entire country and encourage higher Internet usage.

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