

**CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS****Comprehension Check**

1. Why did the man stare at Bepin Babu's in disbelief?

Answer: The man, Parimal Ghose, was taken aback when Bepin failed to recognise him. He didn't believe that Bepin had a lapse of memory.

2. Where did Bepin Babu say he went in October '58?

Answer: Bepin Babu said that in October '58 he was in Kanpur.

3. Mention any three (or more) things that Parimal Ghose knew about Bepin Babu.

Answer: Parimal Ghose knew that Bepin Babu's wife was dead, and his only brother had died in the same year in a Ranchi lunatic asylum. He also knew that Bepin Babu had no children and he was a lover of books.

Comprehension Check

1. Why did Bepin Babu worry about what Parimal Ghose had said?

Answer: Bepin Babu was taken aback to hear the intimate details about his life from Parimal Ghose. There seemed no reason why he should tell a lie. He wondered if he really had forgotten about his visit to Ranchi.

2. How did he try to decide who was right— his memory or Parimal Ghose?



Answer: In order to resolve the puzzle about his visit to Ranchi, Bepin Babu decided to contact Dinesh Mukerji. Parimal had said that Mukerji was also in Ranchi at that time

3. Why did Bepin Babu hesitate to visit Mr. Mukerji? Why did he finally decide to phone him?

Answer: If the whole incident from Ranchi turns out to be false, Mr. Mukerji would declare him insane. After the incident at the bookshop, he was constantly disturbed and he had no other means to ease his anxiety other than asking Mr. Mukerji but he decided to call him to reduce the embarrassment.

4. What Did Mr. Mukerji Say? Did it Comfort Bepin Babu, or add to his worries?

Answer: Mr. Mukerji confirmed his visit to Ranchi in October '58 after checking his diary. This increased Bepin's worries since he could not recollect anything about the trip and under what circumstances he had forgotten about it.

Comprehension Check

1. Who was Chunilal? What did he want from Bepin Babu?

Answer: Chunilal was having a rough time lately and thought about contacting Bepin who was his old schoolmate. He planned to come and



meet him for a job, but Bepin knew he could not help him and told him that too.

2. Why was Dr Chanda puzzled? What was unusual about Bepin Babu's loss of memory?

Answer: Dr Chandra had never seen a case as peculiar as Bepin. He could remember everything except the trip to Ranchi. The only possible reason the doctor could collect was that due to an unknown reason the incident must have slipped from his mind. His case left him puzzled and it was out of his experience.

Comprehension check

1. Had Bepin Babu really lost his memory and forgotten all about a trip to Ranchi?

Answer: Chunilal played a trick with Bepin's mind and made him feel like he had forgotten sections from his life, particularly a trip he took to Ranchi. He did not actually forget anything. It was just revenge Chunilal was taking from Bepin for not helping him out.

2. Why do you think Chunilal did what he did? Chunilal says he has no money; What is it that he does have?

Answer: Chunilal wanted to take revenge on Bepin for not helping him when he had no money and job. He was a good writer with budding inspiration and hence took revenge by rekindling the memory of his fall near Hudroo.

Working with Text



Answer the following questions:

1. The Author describes Bepin Babu as a serious and hardworking man.

What evidence can you find in the story to support this?

Answer: Bepin worked daily in his office at a big firm and was a hardworking and dedicated individual. He had worked with the company for twenty-five years and had a reputation for being a conscientious worker.

2. Why did Bepin Babu change his mind about meeting Chunilal? What was the result of this meeting?

Answer: Chunilal wanted to meet Bepin to inquire about work. Bepin avoided meeting him but one day he gathered up courage and met him to discuss the Ranchi trip which he could not gather any memory about. Chunilal, contrary to his expectations, did confirm that he went on a trip to Ranchi which left Bepin baffled and decided to consult a doctor to get his memory loss treated.

3. Bepin Babu lost consciousness at Hudroo Falls. What do you think was the reason for this?

Answer: It seems like after falling at the Hudroo Falls Bepin lost his memory and could not recollect the incidents thereafter. The fall was impactful and he injured his hip. That was the last place where he could collect some evidence about his trip to Ranchi.

4. How do you think Bepin Babu reacted when he found out that Chunilal had tricked him?



Answer: He would have been filled with remorse refusing to help an old friend, Chunilal but he saw through his trick. He would have finally realized that he was indeed a victim of forgetfulness.

Working with Language

1. Fill in the blanks below using 'had to' / 'have to' / 'has to'.

(i) I _____ cut my hair every month.

Answer: I have to cut my hair every month.

(ii) We _____ go for swimming lessons last year.

Answer: We had to go for swimming lessons last year.

(iii) She _____ tell the principal the truth.

Answer: She has to tell the principal the truth.

(iv) They _____ take the baby to the doctor.

Answer: They had to take the baby to the doctor.

(v) We _____ complain to the police about the noise.

Answer: We have to complain to the police about the noise.

(vi) Romit _____ finish his homework before he could come out to play.

Answer: Romit had to finish his homework before he could come out to play.

(vii) I _____ repair my cycle yesterday.

Answer: I had to repair my cycle yesterday.



2. Here are a few idioms that you will find in the story. Look for them in the dictionary in the following way. First, arrange them in the order in which you would find them in a dictionary.

(i) at/from close quarters (close: adjective)

(ii) break into a smile (break: verb; look under 'break into something')

(iii) carry on (carry: verb)

(iv) have a clean record (you may find related meanings under both these words)

(v) beat about the bush (verb)

Now refer to your dictionary and find out what they mean.

Answer:

(i) At/from a close quarters-to stand near somebody to observe something about him

(ii) Break into a smile-to pass instant smile to the other person

(iii) Carry on-to continue in a process

(iv) have a clean record-keep something for reference

(v) Beat about the bush-not to say exactly.

Compare the sentences in the two columns, especially the verb forms.

Answer the following about each pair of sentences.

(i) Which column tells us that Bepin Babu is still working at the same place?

Answer: Column B



(ii) Which column suggests that Chunilal is now waiting for a reply from the publisher?

Answer: Column A

(iii) Which column suggests that the person still remembers the movie he saw?

Answer: Column B

(iv) Which column suggests that the experience of visiting Ranchi is still fresh in the speaker's mind?

Answer: Column B

4. Given below are jumbled sentences. Working in groups, Rearrange the words in each sentence to form correct sentences.

you will find that each sentence contains an idiomatic expression that you have come across in the lesson. Underline the idiom and write down its meaning. Then use your dictionary to check the meaning.

(i) Stop/and tell me/beating about/what you want/the bush

Answer: Stop beating about the bush and tell me what you want.

Idiom: beating about the bush - avoiding the main topic, not coming straight to the point

(ii) don't pay/if you/attention/you might/the wrong train/to the announcement/board

Answer: If you don't pay attention to the announcement, you might board the wrong train.

Idiom: pay attention - listen carefully



(iii) The village/tried/the crime/on the young woman/to pin

Answer: The villagers tried to pin the crime on the young woman.

Idiom: pin the crime - place the responsibility of the crime

(iv) Bepin Babu/orders to/telling people/under/loved/doctor's/eat early/that he was

Answer: Bepin Babu loved telling people that he was under doctor's orders to eat early.

Idiom: under doctor's orders - in necessity to do something

(v) the student/The teacher/his eyebrows/when/said that/all their lessons/raised/they had revised

Answer: The teacher raised his eyebrows when the students said that they had revised all their lessons.

Idiom: raised his eyebrows - expressed doubt/surprise

Speaking And Writing

1. What do you think happened after Bepin Babu came to know the truth? Was he angry with this friend for playing such a trick on him? Or do you think he decided to help a friend in need?

Answer: Bepin Babu came to know the truth what Chunilal had done. In fact, Chunilal had only played a trick with him to test his friendship. Bepin Babu had a mixed feeling of relief as well as anger. He was happy to know that he had not suffered the lapse of memory. He was a little angry with his friend who was not really helpful. But he had made Bepin feel awkward. He must have decided not to disappoint a friend in need.



2. Imagine you are Bepin Choudhury. You have received Chunilal's letter and feel ashamed that you did not bother to help an old friend down on his luck. Now you want to do something for him. Write a letter to Chunilal promising to help him soon.

Or

A prank is a childish trick. Do you remember any incident when someone played a prank on you or your friends? Describe the prank in a paragraph.

Answer:

15th November, 20XX

My Dear Chunilal,

Let me first thank you for your letter dated 10th November. I am really feeling sorry for disappointing you. I can understand your resentment.

Now allow me to give you a happy news. I spoke to my friend in Delhi, and he has agreed to engage you as assistant manager in his firm.

Please come to me on Sunday. I shall then introduce you to my friend.

With regards

Yours sincerely

Bepin Choudhury

Or



On March 26, I received a letter from one of my friends. It contained a happy news that I had been granted scholarship from back date. He asked me to call on him in April, so that both would go together to the office of the Superintendent of the school. I was very glad. I even distributed sweets to my neighbours. But when I reached my friend's house, I found him laughing at me. It was April the first. All Fools Day. I got over it soon and admired the practical joke or the prank.

