

Important Short Questions First Year (English)

(Book-I, Short Stories)

Q.1 Why did Norma want to push the button? Rawalpindi (2013, 2016) Sahiwal (2014)

Norma wanted to push the button to get fifty thousand dollar. She wanted to improve her life style by purchasing a cottage on island, going to trip to Europe, having a nicer apartment and a car. That is why she wanted to push the button.

Q.2 Why did Arthur disagree with his wife? (Lhr. 2014, 2015) (Grw, 2012, 2017) (Rwlp/Swl, 2015)

Arthur disagreed with his wife because he did not want to kill any unknown person for money. He was a positive minded and God-fearing person. He considered it a murder and immoral act.

Q.3 Why did Mr. Steward keep persuading Norma? (Lhr. Swl, 2013, 16, 17) (Rwlp. 2014)

Mr. Steward continued to convince Norma. He knew very well that she was interested to get money. Moreover, she was interested in the offer of 50,000 dollars. So, it was very easy to persuade her to avail the offer.

Q.4 Where did the old man take his son? (Fsd. 2007) (Grw, Rwlp, 2013) (Swl, 2016)

The old man took his son to the top of the mountain. He wanted to show his son the piece of land he had cleared. This piece of land was very fertile for farming. He had grown there tomatoes, yams and potatoes.

Q.5 What did the doctors tell the old man? (Fsd. 2007, 10, 17) (Swl, 2013) (SR, 2016)

The doctors told the old man that his heart was weak. They advised him not to work. They advised him not to walk the length of a city block. They advised him to live the remaining days of his life with his family peacefully.

Q.6 Why did the old man take the steep path? (Fsd. 2008, Swl, 2014, Rwlp, 2015, SR, 2017)

The old man took the steep path to test his physical fitness. He wanted to show his son that his health was becoming better than before. He also made many steep paths to go to the top of the hill.

Q.7 Why did Jess cry at the age of six? (Fsd. 2012, 15, RwP/Gjrw, SR, 2016, Lhr, 2017)

Jess cried at the age of six when he lost his little wooden plough. His father made him another plough but he did not like it. This is the reason he cried when he was just six years old.

Q.8 Why had the old man planted his secret garden? (SR 2013, 2014, GR/Swl 2015, Swl, 2016, GR, 2017)

The old man had planted his secret garden because the land he cleared was different from other lands. The vegetables grown in this land were superior in taste. He also wanted to prove his fitness and strength.

Q.8 How much dangerous can a Martian virus be? (Fsd 2008, SR 2012, Lhr/Swl 2013)

A Martian virus can be very dangerous because it can change the physical appearance of the people. It can change the color of their eyes, skin and structure of body. It can be present in the form of seed or pollen.

Q.9 Why did Harry want to go back to the earth? (Lhr 2014,15, Swl 2014, 15, 17, SR 2015, Swl/Fsd 2016)

The climate of the Mars was very hot during the day. There was dense fog at night. Harry's family could not bear it. Harry loved the earth and all its things. That is why he wanted to go back to the earth.

Q.10 What was the advice Harry gave to the people? GR 2012, 13 RW 2012, 13, 15 FSd/Lhr 2014

Harry gave the advice to the people to go back to the earth. He told them that their eyes, skin and body structure would be changed if they stayed there. This is why, he wanted the people to go back to the earth.

Q.11 What was the nature of Luella's job? Lhr 2012 Fsd 2008 Lhr 2014 Rw 2017

Luella was a working lady. She was very hard working. She worked in a hotel beauty shop. The shop stayed open till late night. She used to cut the hair of different women like blondes, redheads and Spanish.

Q.12 What did happen to the boy when he tried to snatch her purse? (Fsd 2007, 10 SR 2016)

When the boy tried to snatch the purse of the woman, the weight of the boy and the purse caused to lose his balance. The boy fell on the sidewalk and his legs flew up. The woman gripped him by his shirt front and gave him a few jerks.

Q.13 Why did George give the pocketbook to his employer? Fsd 2009 GR 2012 RW 2013, 15 Lhr 2015, 17

George gave the pocketbook to his employer because he was an uneducated person. He did not know how to read the name and address on the pocketbook. So he handed it over to his employer.

Q.14 What made Hubert shameful? (RW 2012 Lhr/SR 2014 SW/SR/RW/GR/Lhr 2016 SR 2017)

Mr. Huber was accused of picking up the lost pocketbook. He tried to prove his innocence but the people made fun of his innocence. He felt this disgrace on his self-respect and character. He was shameful that the people considered him a liar and rascal.

Q.15 What was the point of view of the parents of Gorgios? (Fsd 2007, 14 RW 2012, 2015 GR/SW 2013)

The parents of Gorgios were not agreed with him. They were of the view only determination could not do anything. One should also have opportunity to get success and achieve ambition.

Q.16 What were the feelings of Gorgios on the occasion of inauguration? (Fsd 2007 GR2013 SR 2014 Rw 2014)

Gorgios was very happy when he was appointed as a court acrobat. The lights glittered and he wore the uniform of a court acrobat. The people applauded him. But he was also a little sad because it took him more than sixty years to achieve his ambition of life.

Q.17 What was the subject discussed at the club? (Fsd 2011, 17 LR/SW 2015 SW 2017)

The subject of opportunity and determination was discussed at the club. Some were in favor of determination while others were in favor of opportunity. If there is determination one can generate opportunity. Without determination opportunity has no benefit for anyone.

Q.18 What did Terbut think was needed for success in life? (LR 2012 SR 2013 SW 2015,16)

Terbut disagreed with Jorkens. He had the opinion opportunity was more important to get success in life than determination. He also said if a person wanted to become a skating champion of the Sahara but could not afford to go there. This shows his preference for opportunity.

Q.19 What was the behavior of the child with the doctor? (Fsd 2007, 12 GR 2013, 14 RW/ SR 2013 LR 2014SW/RW/GR/LR 2016)

The girl did not co-operate with the doctor. Her behavior was very rude. She resisted violently when the doctor tried to examine her throat. She was an angry girl who did not follow the instructions of the doctor.

Q.20 Describe the condition of the parents at the arrival of the doctor. (GR 2012 Fsd 2015 RW 2 015 SR 2016)

The parents were much worried and upset when the doctor arrived. They were looking at the doctor with suspicion. They told the doctor about the sickness of the girl. The doctor consoled them and started the check-up in his professional manner.

Q.21 What was the condition of the tonsils of the sick girl?

The tonsils of the sick girl were in a very bad condition. They were covered with membrane. The girl was hiding her sore throat from the doctor and her parents. But the doctor eventually found out the real problem of her illness by using force.

Q.22 What was the advice given by Nushirvan to his people? (LR/RW/SW 2015 SR/LR 2016 SR 2017)

Nushirvan advised his people to be kind and honest. He also advised them that a little act of injustice can cause destruction. He also said that “a tyrant does not remain in the world, but the curse on him abides forever”.

Q.23 Why did the boy look to the sky and smile? (LR/RW 2013 SW 2014, 17 GR 2015 RW 2016, 17)

When the parents, the king and the Qazi were agreed to shed the blood of the boy for the health of the king, the boy looked to the sky and smiled. In fact, he was complaining to Allah against the cruelty of the king and injustice of the Qazi.

Q.24 What should be the role of a Qazi? (RW 2012, 15 GR 2013 LR/SW 2014 Fsd 2016, 17)

A Qazi should make himself just and honest. He should not bow before any authority. He should do just at any cost for everyone whether he is a king or a poor person. Injustice always causes disaster and the results are very dangerous.

Q.25 Why did the quack come back to the camel men? (RW 2012, 17 SR 2014 GR 2016 LR 2017)

The quack came back to the camel men to know about the right way of the treatment of goiter. He thought that the camel-men had not guided him about the treatment properly. But the quack was himself stupid in using the treatment of an animal on a human.

Q.26 Why were the locusts compared with bad weather? (Fsd 2009, 14 GR 2015, 17 LR 2017)

The locusts are compared with bad weather because once they started to come they did not stop then. They kept coming down from the north one after another. They could eat away all crops and plants in no time.

Q.27 Why did the farmers throw wet leaves on the fire? (Fsd 2011, 12 SR 2015 SR/RW 2016)

The farmers wanted to save their crops from the attack of the locusts. They threw wet leaves on the fire to produce dense and bitter smoke. In their view, the smoke could keep the locusts away from their fields.

Q.28 What is the dream of Martin Luther king Jr.? (Fsd 2011, 15 LR/GR 2015 RW 2016 SR 2017)

The dream of the writer is that one day all human beings will be treated equally. There will be no difference of classes. Every human being will be judged by the quality of his character not by the color of his skin.

Q.29 What was the cause of Negroes' discontentment? (GR 2012, 13, 15 LR 2014 Fsd 2009, 12, 14, 15, 17)

The Negroes were living in a very pitiable condition. They were made slaves and treated badly. They had no equal rights to the whites. They were treated as second rate citizen. So they were discontented with this treatment.

Q.30 What should be the faith of Negroes? (Fsd 2010 Gr 2013 RW 2014, 15, 17 SR 2014, 16 SW 2014, 15)

Negroes should have faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. They should believe that this difference of color and race will be changed. They will enjoy equal rights and live a comfortable life.

Q.31 How did the Magi want to celebrate their Christmas? (Fsd 2011, SR 2014 RW 2016 SW/GR2017)

The magi wanted to celebrate their Christmas by giving a gift to each other. They sacrificed their valuable things for the sake of each other. Their exchange of gifts shows their deep and sincere love for each other.

(Book-III, Plays)

Q.31 What is the condition of the girl when she enters the bus station? (FS 2014 SR 2012 Gr 17 SW13)

The condition of the sick girl is very bad when she enters the bus station. She is sobbing and is out of breath. Her hair is disheveled. Her clothes are wet and muddy. She is terrified and upset because she has seen the killer and the dead body.

Q.32 Does the girl become suspicious of the First Man as the play progresses? (RW 2015 GR 2013 SR/LR 2017 FS 2007, 15, 17 SR 2013 GR 2014, 17 RW 2016SR 2017)

The girl is not doubtful of the First Man till the end of the play. He consoles the girl politely. She identifies the actual killer when he takes out her flashlight which she had lost on her way to the forest.

Q.33 Why did she ask help from the First Man? (FS 2007, 09, 10, 16, GR 2013, RW 2013, 2015, LR 2014, SR 2017)

The girl asked help from the First Man when she entered the bus station. She was afraid of the killer who was chasing her. She thought that the killer might come there and kill her.

Q.34 What was the condition of the weather? (FS 2009, 10, 14, SR 2013, 17, GR/RW 2015, SR/RW/RL 2016)

The condition of the weather was very stormy and unpleasant. There was heavy rain followed by flashes of lightning and bursts of thunder. With each flash of lightning, the light of bus station dimmed.

Q.35 Why could the girl not describe the killer? (FS 2010, 11, 12, 15, 16, GR 2012, 13, 15, SW 2017)

The girl could not describe the killer clearly because she had not seen him due to stormy weather and darkness. She was also terrified on seeing the killer and the dead body. It increased the fear of the girl and she could not describe the killer.

Q. 36 What were the circumstances that forced the killer to leave her car? (FS 2012, 14, RW/SR 2013, LR/GR 2014, FS 2015, 16, SW 2016, RW 2017)

On her return from the party, her car ran out of gas. The weather was stormy and unpleasant. Thus she was forced to leave her car on the way and started walking alone and reached the bus station.

Q. 37 Why did the Second Man accuse the First Man of lying? (GR 2012, 14, LR 2013, SR 2013, 14, LR 2014, 15, SW 2015, SW/SR 2016GR/LR/FS 2016)

The second man asked about the presence of someone in the bus station. The first man replied in negation. But after the arrival of the girl, the second man accused the first man of lying.

Q. 38 How does Kreton impress General Powers? (GR 2013, 15, RW 2014, LR 2015, 2016, 2017, RW 2017)

Kreton impresses General Powers by hearing his thoughts. He builds an invisible wall around the spaceship. When General Powers and his AIDE try to destroy his spaceship, he stops them at a distance.

Q. 39 Can the people of the earth compete with those of Kreton? (FS 2011, 12, 14, 15, RW 2013, SR 2013, 14, GR/SW 2014 SR/SW 2015, RW 2016)

The people of the earth cannot compete with those of Kreton in any respect. The earth people are inferior to them in knowledge, science, technology, civilization, intelligence and wisdom.

Q. 40 What is the purpose of Kreton's visit? (FS 2008, 11, 17, LR/SR 2015 LR 2016 GR 2012, 13, RW 2013, 15, SR 2013 LR 2016, 17)

Kreton visits earth as a tourist. He studies earth and its people. He is basically interested in studying the primitive human civilization. Then he decides to take charge of the whole world. The study of the earth and its people is his hobby.

Q. 41 How impressive were the morals of Kreton? (FS 2008, 09, SR 2013, RW 2012, SW 2015, SR/GR 2017)

The morals of Kreton were quite impressive. He was very polite, sympathetic, tolerant and courteous. He had a will-power to control his emotions. He did not even harm his opponents.

Q. 42 What is the role of General Powers in the play? (GR 2014, 15, SW 2014, 15, 17Rw/SR 2015, LR 2016)

General Powers performs the role of a dutiful and disciplined military officer. He considers kreton as an enemy of his nation and orders to arrest him. But all his efforts prove useless.

Q. 43 Why does Clay need money? (Fs 2009, 12, 15, SR 2012, RW 2013, Gr 2014, LR/GR/RW 2015, SW 2016)

Clay belongs to a poor family. His father Clark Larabee leaves house after quarrelling with his wife. Clay needs money to bring his father back. He also needs money to buy a gift for his mother.

Q. 44 What is Harry's philosophy? (FS 2008, 17, GR/SR 2013, SW 2013, 14, LR/GR/RW 2015SW/SR 2016)

Harry's philosophy is "Take-it-easy way". It shows a way to live. He believes that one should face hardships of life with courage and work for the fellow beings to bring joys in their lives.

Q. 45 What kind of judge is Judge Applegarth? (FS 2011, 17, RW 2012, LR/SR 2013, SW 2014, 2017, GR 2017)

Applegarth is not an actual judge in any court. He judged animals in a village for one time. So the people call him judge.

Q. 46 Why do Miss MCcutcheon and others want Wozzeck to come? (FS 2010, LR 2013, 16, 17FS 2011, SW 2015)

When clay finds an oyster and claims there is a big pearl in it, Miss MCcutcheon and others want Wozzeck, a watch repairer to come to open the oyster. They fear that they might damage the pearl if they try to open it.

Q. 47 Why does Clay want to put an ad in the local newspaper? (LR 2012, RW 2012, 13, SR 2014 Gr 2015 RW/FS 2016)

Clay wants to put an ad in the local newspaper to request his father to return home as all his family members miss him. He also wants to request him to forget the conflicts of the past.

(Book-III, Poems)

Q. 48 What does the night mail bring? (SR 2012, 2017, RW 2013, 14FS 2014, 15 SW 2014)

The night brings letters, postal orders and cheques for the people belonging to various classes of society when it crosses the borders of different cities. These letters and cheques are both for the rich and the poor, male and female.

Q. 49 Which is the loveliest of trees and why? (FS 2009, SW/RW 2013, RW 2017)

Cherry is the loveliest of all the trees. It is now in full bloom in the spring season. Its branches are bending down with flowers. Covered by snow, it seems as if it were wearing white dress for celebrating Easter.

Q. 50 How do you feel after reading the poem O' Where Are You Going'? (FS 2010, SR 2015, LR 2012, SR 2014, 17, SW 2016)

The poem is a conversation between two imaginary characters named as reader and rider. The reader is a cowardly person and feels fear to face the challenges of life. The rider is a determined and brave person who accepts the challenges of life to reach his destination of life.

Q. 51 Why has the poet used 'cannon balls' to describe the fruit? (FS 2012, 2016, GR/SR 2014 Gr 2017)

There are various kinds of fruit lying in the conical order in the street of fruit stalls. The poet's mind is so obsessed with the terror of war that the fruit appear to him to be like cannon balls because they are round and glowing like them.

Q. 52 What did the poet reflect when he saw the Sindhi woman? (SW 2013, GR 2015, SR/RW 2016, LR 2017)

The poet saw a Sindhi woman walking through Karachi slums with a stone jar on her head and wearing a head-dress. She was bare-footed. In spite of carrying heavy load, there is no ripple in her tread. The poet concludes that hard working people always remain strong and healthy.

Q. 53 What was written on the pedestal of the statue? (FS 2009, SW 2013, 15, RW 2015)

It was written on the pedestal of the statue, "My name is Ozymandias, king of kings: look on my works, ye mighty and despair".

Q. 54 What did the traveller see in the desert? (FS 2012, 16, LR 2014, 15, SR 2014, 17SR/GR 2016)

The traveller saw the statue of Ozymandias, an Egyptian king. The statue was lying in the sand of desert in a very bad condition. It was bodiless and its face was sunk in the sand and it was full of wrinkles.

Q. 55 Why does the poet call modern men as hollow men? (GR 2013, 16, FS 2009, 11, 16, 17, LR 2017)

The poet is of the view that modern men have no knowledge and creativity. They are soulless and senseless. They lack practical work and depend upon one another. They only seem to be puppets made of straw.

Q. 56 What has made the efforts of the Muslims fruitless? (RW 2014, SW/SR/LR 2016, LR 2017)

The faith of the present age Muslims is not strong like Hazrat Abraham (A.S). They have no unity among them. Their ignorance from religion and their creator has made their efforts fruitless. They are facing many problems in their life.

Q. 57 Why did the people of the two cities look powerless and helpless? (LR 2012, 14, SR 2014, GR/RW 2015, GR 2016, FS 2017)

When America dropped atom bomb on two Japanese cities, Nagasaki and Hiroshima, there were smoke, sounds of arms. This made the Japanese weak and helpless before the atomic attack. Everything was dashed to the ground.

Q. 58 Without whose love is Bullah in loss? (LR 2013, 14, GR 2013, SW 2013, 15, FS 2014, 16)

Bullah feels himself in loss without the love of Allah. He says that the loss of Allah's love is the loss of everything. For success in this world and the world hereafter, love of Allah is indispensable.

Q. 59 Why did Mansur mount the gallows? (FS 2009, 10,14, 15, LR 2012, 13, SR 2013, SW 2016)

Mansur, a saint was in deep love with Allah. He preferred to mount the gallows to cut his head off just for the sake of Allah. This is a great example of strong belief in Allah.

Q. 60 What are the effects of the attributes of God? (GR/RW/SR/SW 2013, GR 2015, 16 SR 2016)

The attributes of Allah play a very important role in building and refining the character of a person. When a person knows that God Is Seeing, Hearing and knowing, he avoids to do sins, to use foul language and to plan an evil.