



## ENGLISH

### 4. A QUESTION OF TRUST

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Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. A small dog was lying in the kitchen. It stirred, made a noise, and moved its tail in a friendly way.
  - (a) What is the name of the dog mentioned in the above extract?
  - (b) In which house is the kitchen referred to located?
  - (c) Find a word from the passage that means the same as 'cordial'.
  - (d) What is the opposite of 'friendly'?
2. She laughed, and he begged, thinking that he had persuaded her, "Look, I have no right to ask you for anything, but I'm desperate."
  - (a) Who are 'she' and 'he' in the above extract?
  - (b) Why did 'he' say that he was desperate?
  - (c) Find a word in the passage that means the same as 'convinced'.
  - (d) What is the opposite of 'persuaded'?

#### Short Answer Type Questions

3. Whom did Horace Danby see in the kitchen? How did they greet each other? What tact did Horace apply there?
4. How did Danby prepare for the robbery at Shotover Grange?
5. Where was the safe at Shotover Grange? What was there inside it? What did Horace expect to get if he sold them one by one?
6. Why was Horace Danby sure that his robbery at Shotover Grange would be a successful one?

#### Long Answer Type Questions:

7. Would you do something wrong (i.e. commit a crime) if you thought that the ends justify the means? Do you think that there are certain situations you can be excused for acting dishonestly?

Ans. Yes, intentions do justify actions. If something wrong is done unintentionally, it may be pardoned. However, it cannot be excused if it is carried out even when knowing it is wrong. As Horace had the intention to rob the safe by breaking it open, his crime is intentional. Although he had good intentions in helping the lady (who he thought was the mistress of the house), his crime cannot be excused. Breaking open the safe cannot be justified at all. There may be certain situations when you can be excused for acting dishonestly, but this is not so in Horace's case.

8. Horace was a successful thief because he carefully planned his robberies. Should we call him a successful thief and still appreciate his work? Why or why not?

Ans. Yes, as a thief, Horace is successful because he carefully planned his robberies and completes them well. He was living his life as a good and honest citizen. However, the wealth he gathered due from his successful robberies did not belong to him. By stealing other people's valuables, he may have become successful but he is actually a criminal. He may be efficient in – conducting his'-crimes so that he is successful, but we still cannot appreciate his work.



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