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CLASS: IX

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE

Ch: 5 THE BOY WHO BROKE THE BANK

Comprehension Passages:

Passage 1.

- (i) Nathu is a sweeper boy who works in Pipalnagar bank. He was grumbling because neither he had been paid his regular salary although it was twentieth of the month nor he had been given a hike of two rupees.
- (ii) No, the dust did not disappear. After rising in a cloud above Nathu's head, it settled down again on the steps.
- (iii) As Nathu was banging the pan against the dustbin, Sitaram the washerman's son happened to come. Sitaram was going to deliver the freshly pressed clothes to the owners in their houses.
- (iv) Sitaram who passed by asked Nathu if he was still annoyed because the bank employees were still refusing to pay him an increment of two rupees a month. Nathu was asking for it since long.
- (v) Nathu is very much distressed. He was asking for an increment of two rupees a month but he had not been given his regular salary only though it was twentieth of the month. He was thinking of leaving the job of the bank.

Passage 2.

- (i) Nathu had told Sitaram that he had not received his regular pay though it was twentieth of the month and he was thinking of leaving the job. He was not given the hike of two rupees a month he had asked for.

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- (ii) Before leaving Sitaram assured Nathu that he would keep looking for any job that might suit him. Since Nathu had casually talked about leaving the job, he might have forgotten about it easily.
- (iii) Mrs. Srivastava is referred to as the lady of the house. Sitaram had heard by chance that she was in need of a sweeper. At once he said that he knew of a sweeper boy who was looking for work.
- (iv) Sitaram, the washerman's son, was Nathu's friend and well wisher. Sitaram, being from the same social strata, understood Nathu and tried his best to get a job for him. It was in this attempt he told Mrs. Srivastava about Nathu who was looking for a job. He also told her that the sweeper boy could start from the next month. At present he was working with the bank but they were not giving him salary so he wanted to leave.
- (v) Mrs. Srivastava was very happy to receive this information. She asked Sitaram to tell the sweeper boy to meet her ^{the} next day.

Passage 3.

- (i) 'She' referred to in the first line is Mrs. Bhushan, a friend of Mrs. Srivastava. She showed Mrs. Srivastava a sample of the cloth she was going to buy.
- (ii) Mrs. Srivastava told her that Seth Govind Ram's bank was in a bad way. The bank employees were not being paid their regular salaries.

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- (iii) The sweeper boy referred to here is Nathu. His complaint was that neither he had been paid his salary even on the 20th of the month nor he had been given a hike of two rupees a month he had asked for.
- (iv) Mrs. Bhushan was shocked to receive this information. She concluded from this that if the bank could not pay the sweeper his salary, the bank may be in a bad condition. None of the other employees would be getting their pay.
- (v) It appears that Mrs. Bhushan is a non-serious talkative woman who cannot digest anything. She is a gossip-monger. She was middle-aged and had a lot of time to kill. As soon as she receives this information she tells her husband that bank is about to go bankrupt.

Passage 4.

- (i) Mrs. Bhushan finally found her husband sitting in front of Kamal Kishore's photographic shop. He was talking with Kamal Kishore.
- (ii) Mr. Bhushan had not been able to find his wife because she was in the habit of going from one shop to another. She never remained stationary in one shop.
- (iii) Mrs. Bhushan told her husband that Pipalnagar bank was about to go bankrupt. She had learnt it from Mrs. Srivastava that one of the employees was not paid his salary. From this side she had concluded that the bank was about to fail.