



# NCERT

## Exercises

(Questions-Solutions)

### THE COP AND THE ANTHEM

#### Textual Exercise

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**1. What are some of the signs of approaching winter referred to in the text?**

**Sol.** The signs of approaching winter referred to in the text are

- Birds begin to fly south.
- People want new warm coats.

**2. Write true or false against each of the following:**

- (i) Soapy did not want to go to prison.
- (ii) Soapy had been to prison several times.
- (iii) It was not possible for Soapy to survive in.
- (iv) Soapy hated to answer questions of a personal nature.

**Sol.** (i) False, (ii) False, (iii) True, (iv) True.

**3. What was Soapy's first plan? Why did it not work?**

**Sol.** Soapy's first plan was to visit a famous restaurant of the city. There he would eat costly items and would not pay their price. But this plan did not work because as Soapy put his foot inside the restaurant, the head waiter saw his broken shoes and torn clothes and turned him away quickly.

**4. 'But the cop's mind would not consider Soapy'. What did the cop not consider, and why?**

**Sol.** The cop did not consider that Soapy had broken the glass window because in his opinion men who break windows do not stop to talk to cops. They run away as fast as they can.

**5. 'We have orders to let them shout'. What is the policeman referring to?**

**Sol.** The police man is referring to the freedom of shouting one can enjoy.

**6. Write true or false against each of the following**

- (i) Soapy stole a man's umbrella.
- (ii) The owner of the umbrella offered 8 to give it to Soapy.
- (iii) The man had stolen the umbrella that was now Soapy's.
- (iv) Soapy threw away the umbrella.

**Sol.** (i) False, (ii) False, (iii) False, (iv) True.

**7. There was a sudden and wonderful change in his soul. What brought about the change in Soapy?**

**Sol.** Soapy was standing near his old childhood home. Suddenly the past sweet memories began to come into his mind. He started wishing that those happy moments came again. This feeling suddenly brought about a wonderful change in his soul. He was filled with new hope.

**8. Suppose no cop came at the end. What would Soapy's life be like next winter?**

**Sol.** If no cop came at the end, Soapy's life would have been changed positively. He would have started leading a happy and respectable life. He would have found a good job and have shifted to a good building.

**9. Retell an episode in the story which is a good example of irony in a situation.**

**Sol.** When Soapy wanted to be arrested no cop came to arrest him. He became fed up because all his plans proved to be in vain and he is not arrested finally. One day he comes near his old house where his mind is transformed. Suddenly he is overpowered by good ideas. Now he does not want to be arrested. He makes his mind to find a good job and starts to lead a happy and respectable life. Soon a cop comes to him and arrests him. The irony of the situation is that when Soapy wants to be arrested, no cop comes to him. But later when he wants to transform himself, he is arrested.