

A Bicycle in Good Repair

Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow. Tick the correct answer from the given alternatives:

(1)

He said, "This front wheel wobbles." I said, "It doesn't if you don't wobble it." It didn't wobble, as a matter of fact— nothing worth calling a wobble. He said, "This is dangerous; have you got a hammer?" I ought to have been firm, but I thought that perhaps he really did know something about the business. When I came back, he was sitting on the ground with the front wheel between his legs. He was playing with it, twiddling it round between his fingers; the remanent of the machine was lying on the gravel path beside him.

Question 1.

Which wheel of the bicycle wobbles according to his friend?

- (a) Front
- (b) Back
- (c) Both
- (d) None

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Front

Question 2.

Who is 'he' in the above lines?

- (a) The writer
- (b) The writer's father
- (c) The writer's friend
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) The writer's friend

Question 3.

Who is 'I' in the above lines?

- (a) The writer
- (b) The writer's father
- (c) The writer's friend
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) The writer

Question 4.

What did the writer's friend do?

- (a) Taking tea and waiting for his friend
- (b) Took the cycle with him
- (c) Took the wheel out of the fork
- (d) None of the above

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Took the wheel out of the fork

(2)

A man I knew proposed one evening we should go for a long bicycle ride together on the following day, and I agreed. I got up early; for me; I made an effort and was pleased with myself. He came half an hour late; I was waiting for him in the garden. It was a lovely day. He said, "That's a good-looking machine of yours. How does it run?" "Oh, like most of them!" I answered; "easily enough in the morning; goes a little stiffly after lunch."

Question 1.

Who is 'I' in the above lines?

- (a) The narrator
- (b) The narrator's friend
- (c) The narrator's father
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) The narrator

Question 2.

The narrator was:

- (a) an early riser
- (b) a late riser
- (c) he used to get up whenever he wanted
- (d) when his mother went to wake him up

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) a late riser

Question 3.

The bicycle ran smoothly in the.

- (a) afternoon
- (b) morning
- (c) evening
- (d) night

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) morning

Question 4.

Give the meaning of 'stiffly'.

- (a) firm
- (b) light
- (c) soft
- (d) hard

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) hard

(3)

Common sense continued to whisper to me: 'Stop him before he does any more mischief. You have a right to protect your own property from the ravages of a lunatic. Take him by the scruff of the neck, and kick him out of the gate!' But I am weak when it comes, to hurting other people's feelings, and I let him muddle on.

Question 1.

Who does 'he' refer to?

- (a) The writer
- (b) The writer's father
- (c) The writer's friend
- (d) None of the above

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) The writer's friend

Question 2.

What mischief was he doing?

- (a) He was dismantling the bicycle
- (b) He was playing with marbles
- (c) He was disturbing the passers-by
- (d) None of the above

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) He was dismantling the bicycle

Question 3.

What did the writer feel?

- (a) To scold his friend
- (b) To kick the mischief-maker out of the gate
- (c) To help his friend
- (d) Not to say anything to his friend who has spoilt the bicycle

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) To kick the mischief-maker out of the gate

Question 4.

Why could the writer not protect his property from a lunatic?

- (a) Because he did not want to have his cycle back safely
- (b) Because he was sure that his friend would mend the cycle
- (c) Because he did not want to hurt other man's feelings
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Because he did not want to hurt other man's feelings

Question 5.

Write the meaning of 'lunatic'.

- (a) mad fellow
- (b) sincere
- (c) intelligent
- (d) clever

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) mad fellow

(4)

Before I could stop him he had unscrewed something somewhere and out rolled all over the path some dozen or so little balls. "Catch 'em!" he shouted; "catch 'em! We mustn't lose any of them." He was quite excited about them. We groveled around for half an hour and found sixteen. He said he hoped we had got them all, because, if not, it would make a serious difference to the machine. I put them for safety in my hat. It was not a sensible thing to do, I admit.

Question 1.

Who is 'I' in the above lines?

- (a) The writer's friend
- (b) The writer
- (c) The writer's mother
- (d) None of the above

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) The writer

Question 2.

We must not lose any of them'. What does 'them' refer to?

- (a) Ball bearings
- (b) Screws
- (c) Pins
- (d) Handles

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Ball bearings

Question 3.

How many balls did they find?

- (a) Twenty
- (b) Four
- (c) Ten
- (d) Sixteen

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Sixteen

Question 4.

Where did the writer put the balls safely?

- (a) In his pocket
- (b) In his hat
- (c) In a box
- (b) In a tray

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) In his hat

Question 5.

Write the meaning of 'unscrewed'.

- (a) served
- (b) tightened
- (c) loosened
- (d) unsecurity

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) loosened

(5)

Thus encouraged, he set to work to refix the gear-case. He stood the bicycle against the house and worked from the offside. Then he stood it against a tree and worked from the on the side. Then I held it for him, while he lay on the ground with his head between the wheels and worked at it from below, and dropped oil upon himself. Then he took it away from me and doubled himself across it till he lost his balance and slid over onto his head.

Question 1.

Name the lesson.

- (a) Fire: Friend and Foe
- (b) A Bicycle in Good Repair
- (c) Three Questions
- (d) Expert Detectives

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) A Bicycle in Good Repair

Question 2.

Who is 'he' in the above lines?

- (a) The writer
- (b) The writer's father
- (c) The writer's friend
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) The writer's friend

Question 3.

What did the writer's friend decide to do?

- (a) To repair the cycle
- (b) To repair the gearbox
- (c) To repair the chain of the cycle
- (d) To repair the front wheel

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) To repair the gearbox

Question 4.

What did he drop upon himself?

- (a) Water
- (b) Tea
- (c) Oil
- (d) None of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Oil

Question 5.

Give the opposite of 'encouraged'.

- (a) courage
- (b) courageous
- (c) discouraged
- (d) brave

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) discouraged

(6)

He gave up looking for the rest of the screws. He said screws had a knack of turning up when you least expected them, and that now he would see to the chain. He tightened it till it would

not move; next, he loosened it until it was twice as loose as it was before. Then he said we had better think about getting the front wheel back into its place again.

Question 1.

Name the lesson.

- (a) Three Questions
- (b) Expert Detectives
- (c) A Bicycle in Good Repair
- (d) Fire: Friend and foe

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) A Bicycle in Good Repair

Question 2.

Who is 'He' in the above lines?

- (a) The writer
- (b) The writer's friend
- (c) The mechanic
- (d) The writer's father

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) The writer's friend

Question 3.

What did the writer's friend decide to do?

- (a) To mend the cycle
- (b) To give up finding the screws
- (c) To find the screws
- (d) To go to home

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) To give up finding the screws

Question 4.

For what is 'it' used here?

- (a) For the brakes
- (b) For the wheel
- (c) For the chain
- (d) For the cycle

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) For the chain

(7)

He was of A cheerful disposition. He said, "Well, we must put back all we can find, and trust to providence." We found eleven. We fixed six on one side and five on the other, and half an hour

later the wheel was in its place again. It need hardly be added that it really did wobble now; a child might have noticed it. He said it would do for the present.

Question 1.

Who does 'he' refer to?

- (a) The writer
- (b) The mechanic
- (c) The writer's friend
- (d) The writer's father

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) The writer's friend

Question 2.

How many balls could they find finally?

- (a) Ten
- (b) Nine
- (c) Sight
- (d) Seven

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Seven

Question 3.

Did the front wheel start wobble?

- (a) Yes
- (b) It started wobbling even more
- (c) No
- (d) Can't say

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) It started wobbling even more

Question 4.

How much time did he take to put the wheel in its place?

- (a) One hour
- (b) Half an hour
- (c) Two hours
- (d) Fifteen minutes

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Half an hour

Question 5.

Give the meaning of 'disposition'.

- (a) God
- (b) Deposits

- (c) Nature
- (d) Position

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Nature
