

Q1. Do you think the atmosphere of Mr. Purcell's shop was cheerful or depressing? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. I think the atmosphere of Mr. Purcell's shop was depressing because there was continuous noise of birds and animals. They moved continuously in their cages and looked frightened. This gave the shop a depressing atmosphere.

Q2. Describe the stranger who came to the pet shop. What did he want?

Ans. The man who came to the pet shop was wearing shiny shoes. His suit was cheap, ill-fitting but new. He had a shuffling glance and close cropped hair. He wanted something in a cage which could fly like birds.

Q3(i) The man insisted on buying the doves because he was fond of birds. Do you

agree?

(2)

Ans I think that the man had bought the doves to set them free. He had been in jail for 10 years. He knew the feelings of a prisoner. He had sympathy for the birds because they had wings but they were not allowed to fly.

Q3(ii) How had he earned the five dollars he had?

Ans. He had been given those five dollars when he was being released from jail. He had been in the jail for 10 years.

Q4. Was the customer interested in the care and feeding of the doves he had bought? If not, why not?

Ans No, the customer was not interested in the care and feeding of the doves he had bought because he had bought them to set them free. He was interested in their freedom.

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