

Q.5 The friend . . . . . the same.

Ans. The two phrases are: -

a. cheery confidence

b. inexplicable hopefulness.

Q.6. Describe 'the fight between the man and the machine.

Ans. The man set to work to repair the gear-case. First he stood the bicycle against the house, and worked from the off side. Then he stood it against a tree, and worked from the on side. After that he lay on the ground and worked at it from below and dropped oil upon himself. He then doubled himself across it till he lost his balance and slid over on to his head. He lost his temper then and there was a rough - and - tumble fight between him and the bicycle. One moment the bicycle was on the gravel path and he was on top of it and the next he lay on the gravel path with the bicycle on him. At last the bicycle hit the man with one of its handles and freed itself.