

*Questions (Part - I)***Question 1:**

What was Vijay Singh's weakness? Which awkward situation did it push him into?

Solution 1:

Vijay Singh was a wrestler and proud of his physical strength. His main weakness was that he was boastful. He wanted to meet a ghost and teach him a lesson. His weakness pushed him into a difficult situation. He was told to go to the Haunted Deserts to meet the ghost and he could not say to no.

Question 2:

Was the old woman's gift to Vijay Singh eccentric? Why?

Solution 2:

The old woman was known to be eccentric. She put a small packet into Vijay's hand which contained a lump of salt and an egg. It was not an eccentric act. Both the gifts proved very useful in his fight against the ghost.

Question 3:

Why did Vijay Singh ask the ghost disguised as Natwar to come closer?

Solution 3:

Vijay Singh was a wrestler. He wanted to know the size up of his enemy ghost. So he asked the ghost to come closer.

Question 4:

What made the ghost speechless? Why?

Solution 4:

Vijay Singh tried to sound brave. He looked at Natwer's face and declared that he was a lying ghost. The ghost felt insulted, shocked and speechless.

Question 5:

Why did Vijay Singh say "Appearances can be deceptive"?

Solution 5:

The ghost first tried to demoralise Vijay Singh. He said that Vijay Singh was no match to him. At this Vijay Singh also tried to frighten the ghost. He agreed to demonstrate his strength.

*Questions (Part - II)***Question 1:**

How did Vijay Singh use the egg? How did he use the lump of salt?

Solution 1:

Vijay Singh challenged the ghost to squeeze a piece of rock. The ghost tried his best but could not succeed. Vijay Singh took advantage of the darkness. He took out the egg from his pocket and picked up a rock as well. He pressed the egg and claimed victory.

Next time he picked up another piece of rock and gave it to the ghost to crash it. The ghost again failed to crush it. Meanwhile Vijay Singh took out the lump of salt from his pocket and crushed it easily. This time too, he proved himself victorious.

Thus, by using the egg and the lump of salt, he successfully outwitted ghost.

Question 2:

Why did Vijay Singh conclude that the ghost would not be a worthy opponent to him? Was he fair in his judgement?

Solution 2:

Vijay Singh claimed victory over the ghost dishonestly. He gave the ghost a piece of rock to crush on both the occasions. But Vijay Singh selected a soft target (egg and the lump of salt) by cheating with the ghost. Thus, he proved the ghost a weakling in an unfair manner.

Question 3:

Why did Vijay Singh ask the ghost to accompany him to town next day?

Solution 3:

Vijay Singh wanted to take the ghost to his town to impress his people. He also trying to make the ghost as a prisoner.

Question 4:

What made the ghost believe Vijay Singh was dead?

Solution 4:

The ghost struck the bolster hard with his heavy stick. Since he did not hear any groan, he believed Vijay was dead.

Question 5:

Vijay Singh complained of insects in the cave. What was he referring to, and why?

Solution 5:

He was referring to the ghost. He compared the ghost to a hateful weakling like an insect.

Question 6:

Was it really a ghost who Vijay Singh befooled? Who do you think it was?

Solution 6:

The story of the trial of strength between a ghost and Vijay Singh cannot be believable. Nobody can see a ghost in human form. It does not live in a house or in any cave. The ghost in the story was, only a dacoit who used to rob the travellers and kill them for their precious things.