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Questions and answers from the back of the chapter

Ch-15 THE CROWN OF DIAMONDS

I. Answer the following questions:- (page no. 129)

Q1. Who was the man who came to visit Holmes? What did the man do?

Ans. Mr. Alexander Holder came to visit Holmes. He was the head of the Bank of Holder and Stevenson of Threadneedle Street in London.

Q2. How had Mr. Holder acquired the Crown of Diamonds?

Ans. Mr. Holder was visited by one of the noblest personages in England. He wanted a loan of fifty thousand pounds from Mr. Holder. He left the Crown of Diamonds in Mr. Holder's care, as a security.

Q3. How many people lived in or frequently visited Mr. Holder's house? Name them.

Ans. Two people along with some trusted servants lived in Mr. Holder's house. The friend of Mr. Holder's son frequently visited the house. The name of Mr. Holder's son was Arthur, Mary was his niece and the friend's name was Sir George Burnwell.

Q4. Who was arrested on the suspicion of having stolen three of the diamonds? How did the person react when he was arrested?

Ans. Mr. Holder's son Arthur was arrested on the suspicion of having stolen three of the diamonds. Arthur begged from his father to let him leave the house for five minutes so that he could find out the diamonds.

Q5. What did Holmes dress up as and why?

Ans. Holmes dressed up as a beggar and went to Burnwell's house to ask for some old clothes and shoes. Holmes did this as he wanted to compare the shoes of Burnwell with the footprints in the snow.

Q6. How did Holmes solve the case?

Ans. Sherlock Holmes noticed two sets of footprints in the snow. One of them had been left by Arthur's bare feet and the other was of the unknown person. Holmes followed the second pair of footprints to the end of the lane. He dressed up as a beggar and went to Burnwell's house to ask for his old shoes. He compared the shoes

with the footprints and found that they were a match. He offered three thousand pounds to Burnwell for the three diamonds, took the diamonds by force, and solved the case.

II. Reference to the context:-

Q1. *I suppose you think I'm quite mad.*

a. Who said this?

Ans. Mr. Alexander Holder said this.

b. Whom did the speaker say this to?

Ans. The speaker said this to Sherlock Holmes.

c. Did the listener agree with what the speaker said? Why not?

Ans. No, the listener did not agree with what the speaker said. The listener, Sherlock Holmes, understood that the man had some great trouble and needed his help.

Q2. *You have stolen them, you evil boy.*

a. Who said this and to whom?

Ans. Mr. Alexander Holmes said this to his son Arthur.

b. Why did the speaker say this?

Ans. The speaker said this because he had seen his son, Arthur, holding the crown in his hands and apparently trying to bend it.

c. How did the listener react?

Ans. The listener's face turned red with insult because he was accused of stealing the diamonds from the crown.