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## Chapter 'The Eyes Have It ' ( From page no. 61 and 62 )

A . Answer the questions.

Q1. What instructions did the girl's parents give her and why?

A1. The girl's parents gave the girl detailed instructions as to where to keep her things, when not to lean out of the window and how to avoid speaking to strangers .

Q 2 . How did the speaker learn that his companion were slippers?

A 2. Though the speaker was unable to tell what the girl looked like , he knew his companion wore slippers from the way they slapped against her heels.

Q 3. ' Yes, October is the best time . ' Describe Mussoorie in the month of October.

A 3. In the month of October, the hills are covered with wild dahlias, the sun is delicious and at night one can sit in front of a log fire and drink coffee .

Q 4 . How did the speaker feel as the train approached the Saharanpur station?

A 4 . As the train approached the Saharanpur station, the speaker felt troubled and lonely as his companion would soon leave the train and would forget their brief encounter but it would stay with him for the rest of the journey and for some time later. He wondered if she wore her hair in a bun or if it was plaited , Perhaps it was hanging loose over her shoulders or it was cut very short . He wanted to raise his hand and touch her hair as the perfume from her hair was tantalizing.

Q 5. Give instances to show that the speaker was a sharp observer

A 5 . Though the speaker was blind but his other senses were very profound . He was a sharp observer as he could make out that the girl's parents were anxious about her comfort . He was unable to tell what the girl looked like but he knew she wore slippers from the way they slapped against her heels. He felt that her voice had a sparkle of a mountain stream . He could also notice the change in the sound of the carriage wheels and make out that the station was approaching . From his sense of his smell he could feel that the scent of perfume in her hair was tantalising .

B. Answer the questions with reference to the context :-

1. Then I made a mistake?

Who made a mistake ?

- a. The speaker / the narrator made a mistake.
- b. What was the mistake ?
- b. He asked the girl what it was like outside .
- c. Why did the narrator call it a mistake ?
- c. The narrator called it a mistake because this question would have stirred the girl's suspicion that the narrator could not see. This was an unusual question on the side of the man with sight who had been pretending like an ordinary man..

2: She was an interesting girl...Can you tell me ---- did she keep her hair long or short ?

- a . Who did the speaker ask this question to ?
- a. The speaker asked the man who had entered the compartment.
- b.Why did the speaker ask this question ?
- b.The speaker asked the question because he had a strong desire to touch her hair as the scent of perfume in the girl's hair still lingered in his mind.
- c.What happened immediately after this? How is that the most important part of the story?
- c.The traveller replied in a puzzled way that he didn't remember but added it was her eyes , he had noticed , not her hair .She had beautiful eyes but they were of no use to her .She was completely blind .  
This is the most important part of the story as the readers as well as the speaker are unaware of the implications of the situation. This revelation that the girl was completely blind shocks and surprises them . The events turned out contrary to expectation .

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