

WORKSHEET (MODULE 2)

Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words.

1. What special treatment did the chain receive?
2. “Nothing is easier than taking off the gear case.” What do you think?
3. The writer’s friend has two qualities. What are these?
4. Why did the writer take his friend to the back kitchen?
5. How did the author encourage his friend to fix the gear-case?

Read the following extracts and answer the following questions.

1. He then said that while he was about it he would see to the chain for me, and at once began taking off the gear-case. I did try to dissuade him to from that. I told him what an experienced friend of mine once said to me solemnly: “If anything goes wrong with your gear-case, sell the machine and buy a new one; It comes cheaper.”

- (i) What did he begin doing with the bicycle?
- (ii) What did he say about his friend’s advice?
- (iii) Give antonym of ‘dissuade’.

2. Then he lost his temper and tried bullying the thing. The bicycle, I was glad to see, showed spirit; and the subsequent proceeding degenerated into little else than a rough-and-tumble fight between him and the machine. One moment the bicycle would be on the gravel path, and he on top of it; the next, the position would be reversed – he on the gravel path, the bicycle on him. Now he would be standing flushed with victory, the bicycle firmly fixed between his legs. But his triumph would be short-lived. By a sudden, quick movement it would free itself and, turning upon him, hit him sharply over the head with one of its handles.

- (i) Explain: showed spirit.
- ii) Why did he say that his ‘triumph would be short lived’?
- (iii) Change adverb “sharply” into noun.

Answer the following questions in about 50 – 60 words.

- 1. We should not mess up with things that belong to others. Elaborate.
- 2. Friendship is a great relation. We all must treasure our friends. Explain.

ANSWERS

- 1. Author’s friend tightened it to an extent that it didn’t move at all. He then loosened it until it was twice as loose as it was before.
- 2. Nothing is easier than taking off the gear-case but it is a very difficult task to fix it back. The author’s friend took out the gear-case easily, but he was finding it impossible in putting- it back to its place.
- 3. The two qualities in the author’s friend were :-
 - a) He knew what he was doing. He was quite confident about it.
 - b) He was also absolutely sure it was good.
- 4. The writer’s friend had made a complete mess of himself while trying to repair the writer’s bicycle. So, when both the bicycle and the man had enough of each other, the writer took him into the back kitchen to get himself cleaned.
- 5. The author said that it was fascinating to observe his friend working on the bicycle. He called his confidence as cheery and the hopefulness as inexplicable. His friend found these words to be encouraging and started re-fixing the gear-case.

ANSWERS

- 1. (i) He began taking off the gear case.
 - (ii) He said that if the gear case is not functioning properly, the machine should be sold off.
 - (iii) Persuade

2.

(i) The man was trying hard to repair the bicycle. Although he dismantled it so badly, yet bicycle was repaired to the extent it could be tested for a ride.

(ii) The bicycle was not thoroughly repaired because of the naive technician. Initially it showed some signs of recovery but later he failed in it.

(iii) Sharpness.

ANSWERS

1. We should treat things that belong to others with utmost care. Others' belongings are to be handled with more patience and attentiveness.

It is because there are many things that we consider dear to us. Similarly, others also are equally emotional and passionate about their things and we must respect their feelings.

Treating others' things callously will make them lose their trust on us and they might not lend their things to us again. We should ensure that things belonging to others must be properly kept and must be returned to them at once when our job is done.

2. It is really a blessing to have good, honest and trustworthy friends in life. They add colours to our life. There are many things which we cannot share with our family, but can share with our friends easily.

Our friends help us in our time of need and stand beside us during difficult moments. We trust them and can rely on them in times of need. We must be helpful and understanding towards our friends and must always be available to render our help to them. This is how only our bond of friendship will strengthen and become more secured over time.