

Worksheet
Fiction 5: Quality

Module 1/1

Q1. Read the following extract and answer the following in very short.

1) “He took my order without showing me any leather and I could feel his eyes were penetrating the inferior covering of my boots. At last he said “Dose are nod my bloods.” (Page no 74)

- i) Who is “he” in the above lines?
- ii) What were his eyes doing?
- iii) Why had the narrator gone to him?
- iv) Give opposite word for ‘inferior’.

2) “People won’t wait. He lost everybody. And there he would sit, going on and on. I will say that for him – not a man in London made a better boot. But look at the competition! He never advertised!”(Page no 77)

- i) Who did speak these lines?
- ii) What does the word “Everybody” imply here?
- iii) What did he take long time to work on the orders of boots?
- iv) Where did the speaker of the above lines speak the lines?

3) “*Dey get id all,*” he said, “*dey get id by advertisement, nod by work. Dey take id away from us, who lofe our boods. Id gomes to dis— bresently I haf no work.* Every year id gets less. You will see.” And looking at his lined face I saw things I had never noticed before, bitter things and bitter

struggle and what a lot of grey hairs there seemed suddenly in his red beard!(Page no. 75)

- i) Who is 'He' referred to here?
- ii) Why was he so disturbed?
- iii) What do 'grey hairs' suggest?
- iv) Which accent does one of the characters speak with in the above lines?

Q2. Answer the following questions in short. (30-40 words)

- a) How did the narrator know Mr. Gessler since his extreme youth?
- b) Where was the shop of Mr Gessler?
- c) How was Gessler Brothers' shoe shop peculiar?
- d) What was Mr. Gessler's opinion about Mr. Gessler as boot maker/
- e) Why was it not possible to go to Mr. Gessler very often?
- f) When did Mr Gessler say "Id is an Ardt"?

Q3. Answer the following question in detail.

- 1) Do you think Mr. Gessler was himself responsible for his loss in business?
Give reasons for your views.
- 2) Imagine a customer wants to buy branded a footwear. Prepare a convincing dialogue between him and a salesperson in a big shoe shop.