

The cop and the anthem

Answer the following questions-

1. What are some of the signs of approaching winter referred to in the text?
2. Write 'True' or 'False' against each of the following-
 - (i) Soapy did not want to go to prison.
 - (ii) Soapy had been to prison several times.
 - (iii) It was not possible for Soapy to survive in the city through the winter.
 - (iv) Soapy hated to answer questions of a personal nature.
3. What was Soapy's first plan? Why did it not work?
4. "But the cop's mind would not consider Soapy". What did the cop not consider, and why?
5. "We have orders to let them shout". What is the policeman referring to?
6. Write 'True' or 'False' against each of the following-
 - (i) Soapy stole a man's umbrella.
 - (ii) The owner of the umbrella offered to give it to Soapy.
 - (iii) The man had stolen the umbrella that was now Soapy's.
 - (iv) Soapy threw away the umbrella.
7. "There was a sudden and wonderful change in his soul". What brought about the change in Soapy?

1. The signs of the approaching winter are the movement of birds to south, the woollens needed by people and the dead leaves covering the ground.
2. i.f
ii.t
iii.t
iv.t
3. Soapy's first plan was to have a good dinner at some restaurant and then he would tell them he had no money. They would immediately call a cop who would arrest him. But as soon as he put his foot inside the restaurant, the waiters blocked his entry. Thus, his first plan did not work.
4. The cop did not consider Soapy as a criminal because he thought that if Soapy had thrown the stone at the window, then he would have run away.
5. The policeman is referring to Soapy's shouting in the street as if he were drunk. The cop thought him to be a college student.
6. i.t
ii.t
iii.t
iv.t
7. The sight of the home where Soapy had spent his childhood suddenly changed his outlook. The old memories of his childhood and the sweet music revived his love for a decent life. He decided to work and become somebody in life.