

**ANDHRA ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL**

**MODEL QUESTIONS  
CLASS VIII**

**QUESTION BANK WITH ANSWER KEY**

**THE BOY WHO BROKE THE BANK**

**1. Read the line and answer the questions.**

I hear they have stopped paying their employees no salary for over three months!

- a. What information does the speaker share with the listener?
- b. How did the speaker gather this information?
- c. What effect did the information have on the listener?

**Answers:**

a.

The speaker, Mrs Bhushan informs Mr Jugal Kishore that Seth Govind Ram's bank was going bankrupt.

b.

Mrs Prakash told Mrs Bhushan that Seth Govindram's Bank did not pay his employee properly because the bank may not have enough money. Mrs Bhushan immediately wanted to share the information with her husband.

c.

The moment Mr Jugal Kishore heard the news, he jumped and rushed out to call and inform his neighbour, who had an account with the bank.

**2. Answer in brief.**

- a. How did Nathu, the sweeper boy, express his anger?

Answer: Nathu was vexed with his employer Seth Govind Ram for not paying his salary on time. Annoyed by this, Nathu swept the place hurriedly, raising dust everywhere and banging the pan against a dustbin. He also swore to Sitaraman that he would quit the job the moment he received his salary.

- b. Why did the rumour spread so fast in the small town?

Answer: The small town in the foothills was a quiet town and people in the town lived a peaceful life. It had not faced any major crisis of any sort. It was not even affected by natural calamities. Hence, the news of the bank going bankrupt spread like wildfire and caused a lot of excitement among the people.

### **3. Answer in detail.**

Give a brief account of what ensued when the rumour of the bank collapse spread?

Answer: The news spread like wildfire. There was total pandemonium and a riot-like situation in that small, sleepy, quiet town. Those who had an account in the bank panicked and rushed in groups of few miscreants joined in the melee by the bank. They demanded their deposited money back. Even throwing stones, though they were in no way connected to the money or the bank. In groups, people discussed the situation. No one remotely thought of checking if there was any truth to the matter. No amount of assurance from the bank manager assured anyone.

### **4. Answer in detail. (Think and answer)**

Ruskin Bond has a message for the readers through this short story, The Boy Who Broke the Bank. Identify and elaborate.

Answer: The story tells us how important it is not to share any important news in public without making sure about the authenticity of the information. In the story, we see how Sitaram, Mrs Prakash added to the chaos in this quiet town. Mrs Bhushan, in particular, and Mrs Bhushan are the initial contributors and should have been careful while sharing information in public. Her loud announcements that the bank was entering bankruptcy made many run in panic to the bank. People, in general, are more liable to believe negative news than positive information. As panic and violence come quickly and easily to humans, we should take care not to initiate anything that would encourage such happenings.

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