

Directions: Answer each question by writing the letter of the correct response on the line provided.

1. Why does Mrs. Jones drag Roger to her home?
 - a) to talk with him, to feed him, and to teach him about trust
 - b) to hold him for the police
 - c) to make him work for pay
 - d) to lecture him about honesty

2. At the beginning of the story, how does Roger probably feel when Mrs. Jones grabs onto him and begins dragging him home?
 - a) relieved and reassured
 - b) embarrassed and frightened
 - c) lonely and insecure
 - d) confident and excited

3. Which of the following best describes the boy's feelings in the story?
 - a) Frightened, then trusting
 - b) Angry, then hungry
 - c) Greedy, then generous
 - d) Curious, then nervous

4. What is the most likely reason why Mrs. Jones left her purse on the daybed where the boy could have grabbed it?
 - a) She was old and forgetful.
 - b) She didn't have any money in the purse.
 - c) She wanted to give the boy a chance to make the right decision.
 - d) She wanted the boy to help himself to the money he needed.

5. Which answer best explains the significance of the woman not turning the boy over to the police?
- a) The woman felt sorry for the boy.
 - b) The woman wanted to punish the boy herself.
 - c) The woman wanted to frighten the boy.
 - d) The woman wanted to teach the boy a lesson.
6. Why does Roger attempt to steal Mrs. Jones's handbag? He is a criminal, and Mrs. Jones looks like easy prey.
- a) He wants to buy himself a pair of blue suede shoes.
 - b) He is hungry and needs her money to buy food.
 - c) He wants to give the money as a gift to his own mother.
7. Explain the intention of Mrs. Jones in this sentence:
- "The woman did not watch the boy to see if he was going to run now, nor did she watch her purse which she left behind her on the day bed."
- a) She expects that the boy will use this chance to escape.
 - b) She hopes that by trusting the boy, he will behave in a trustworthy manner.
 - c) She is setting a trap for the boy, so she can take him to the police.
 - d) She wants him to know that she is stronger than he is.
8. What can the reader assume about Mrs. Jones's life as a younger woman?
- a) She had raised her own sons well.
 - b) She had worked hard all of her life.
 - c) She had made mistakes in the past.
 - d) She had often been arrested.
9. At the end of the story, when Mrs. Jones bids him goodnight, how does Roger probably feel?
- a) lucky to have gotten away with his attempted crime
 - b) sorry that he'd met Mrs. Jones that night
 - c) angry at Mrs. Jones for making him leave
 - d) grateful to her for her kindness and teaching