

## Dignity of Labour

Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar was a great man. Many people used to come to see him.

One day a man went to see him. He caught a train and reached the city where Vidyasagar lived. He was carrying a small briefcase. When he got down the train he looked for a porter.

There was a man on the platform. He came to the man and carried his small briefcase for him.

Next day he reached the house of Vidyasagar. He was surprised to see the same man who had carried his briefcase.

He came to know that the man who carried the briefcase was Vidyasagar himself. He was very much ashamed and promised to do his work himself in future.



## EXERCISE

## 1. Answer the following questions.

(a) What was the man carrying?

Ans : \_\_\_\_\_

(b) How did the man reach the city where Vidyasagar lived?

Ans : \_\_\_\_\_

(c) What did the man look for on the platform?

Ans : \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Why did the man become surprised?

Ans : \_\_\_\_\_

(e) What did the man promise at last?

Ans : \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false.

- (a) He went to Vidyasagar by a train.
- (b) When he got down the train he looked for a car.
- (c) The man had a heavy load in his hand.
- (d) Vidyasagar himself carried the briefcase.
- (e) The man was happy to see Vidyasagar.

## 3. Find out the correct alternative.

- (i) Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar was a—  
 (a) famous artist  (b) great scientist  (c) great man
- (ii) Vidyasagar lived in a—  
 (a) city  (b) village  (c) hill station
- (iii) The man was carrying—  
 (a) a heavy sack  (b) a load of firewood  (c) a small briefcase
- (v) When the man saw Vidyasagar in his house, he became—  
 (a) surprised  (b) ashamed  (c) happy
- (vi) The man promised to do his work—  
 (a) by others  (b) by himself  (c) by machine

## 4. Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

- (i) The policeman \_\_\_\_\_ a thief.



- (ii) The gentleman is carrying a \_\_\_\_\_ in his hand.
- (iii) He was very much \_\_\_\_\_ for his guilt.
- (iv) The \_\_\_\_\_ is carrying loads on his head.
- (v) The train had left before we reached the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) We went to Digha by \_\_\_\_\_.

**train, caught, station, briefcase, porter, ashamed**

**5. Match the following.**

(i) A flat case to keep documents	(a) promise
(ii) Person employed to carry luggage	(b) station
(iii) Feeling embarrassed for shame	(c) briefcase
(iv) Stopping place on a railway line	(d) ashamed
(v) Assurance to undertake a certain action	(e) porter

**6. Make sentences of your own with the following words.**

- (i) great : \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) surprised : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) porter : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) promise : \_\_\_\_\_
- (v) ashamed : \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Use the following words both as a noun and as a verb.**

- (a) train—Noun : \_\_\_\_\_; Verb : \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) promise—Noun : \_\_\_\_\_; Verb : \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Write the opposite words of the following.**

- (a) few \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) small \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) got \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) down \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) next \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) same \_\_\_\_\_