

Ans-1

The man, Parimal Ghose, was taken aback when Bepin failed to recognise him. He did not believe that Bepin had lapse of memory.

Ans-2. Bepin Babu said that in October 1958 he was in Ranchi.

Ans-3. Parimal Ghose knew that Bepin Babu's wife was dead, and his only brother had died in same year in a Ranchi lunatic asylum. He also knew that Bepin babu had no children and he was lover of books.

Comprehension check-II

Ans-1

Bepin babu was taken aback to hear the intimate details about his life from parimal Ghose. There seemed no reason why he should tell a lie. He wondered if he really had forgotten about his visit to Ranchi.

Ans-2

He decided to contact Dinesh Mukerji, Parimal had said that Mukerji was also in Ranchi at that time.

Ans-3

Bepin Babu hesitated to visit Mr. Mukerji thinking that it would be ridiculous if he had really visited Ranchi. Mukerji would think Bepin Babu had gone mad. Hence, Bepin Babu finally decided to phone him.

Ans-4

Mukerji did not reply clearly. But he said that he had been to Ranchi twice. He was not sure about the trip. It made the Bepin Babu more puzzled. He lost his appetite.

Comprehension check (iii)

Ans-1

Chunilal was an old friend of Bepin Babu. He wanted a favour from Bepin Babu in his job.

Ans-2

Pavesh Chanda was a young physician. He had never dealt a case of memory loss. So he was puzzled. He gave a suggestion to Bepin Babu to visit Ranchi again.

Comprehension check - (iv)

Ans-1

Perhaps not. He finally recollected his memory and admitted that he had visited Ranchi in 1958.

Ans-2. Chunilal wanted some money from Befin Babu, his old friend. So he went to him for help. He assured Befin that the term of his fortune would be back again. Chunilal had no money but he had mind and wit.

Working with Language the Text.

Ans-1 Befin Babu was a serious, honest and hardworking fellow. He went to office regularly. He was not a good mixer. Being serious minded, he did not waste time in idle chat.

Ans-2. Befin Babu first refused to meet Chunilal. He was in no mood to help Chunilal out of his trouble. He thought Chunilal might remember something about his trip to Ranchi in 1958.

Ans-3. Befin Babu might have slipped near Hundru Falls that made him unconscious.

Ans-4. Befin Babu's first reaction was that he regretted having refused to help Chunilal. He saw through Chunilal's trick to test him, and learnt a lesson.