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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**Class: Grade
VIII**

**Topic: AFTER TWENTY
YEARS**

**WORKSHEET
NO:11**

QUESTION BANK

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

- Q1. Describe the appearance of the policeman on the beat.
- Q2. What did he keep doing while on his rounds?
- Q3. Why were the streets devoid of people?
- Q4. What story did the man standing near the hardware store tell the passing cop?
- Q5. What used to be there in the place of that shop twenty years ago?
- Q6. Describe the man awaiting the arrival of his friend.
- Q7. Why did the friends part ways?
- Q8. When and how did Bob realize that the tall man was not his friend?
- Q9. Who was the tall man?
- Q10. What did he give Bob?
- Q11. Describe the scene in the beginning of the story.
- Q12. Was the place a business center only?
- Q13. What kind of characters does the story "After Twenty Years" have?
- Q14. What is the most significant happening in the story to be analyzed?
- Q15. What is the climax of the story "After Twenty Years"?
- Q16. How would you describe Jimmy and Bob's personalities in the story?
- Q17. What did Bob share with the cop about their friendship?
- Q18. What are the strengths and weaknesses of Jimmy Wells from Bob's point of view?
- Q19. Was Bob hopeful of his friend's arrival? How do you know?
- Q20. How did the cop come to understand that Bob had been successful in the West?
- Q21. Bob's life in the West was not a bed of roses. Give reasons.
- Q22. Why didn't Jimmy Wells, being a cop himself, arrest Bob?
- Q23. Who do you think has been more successful between the two? Give reasons.

TRUE OR FALSE

- a. The cop suddenly slowed his walk when he heard the barking of dogs.
- b. The friends grew up together in the city of New York.
- c. Both Jimmy and Bob were of the same age.
- d. The friends parted one night after watching a movie together.
- e. The friends could not keep in touch because they lost each other's phone numbers.
- f. Bob wanted to stay for half an hour more than the appointed time.
- g. Jimmy grew a little taller after he was twenty.
- h. Bob realized that the tall man was not Jimmy Wells from the shape of his nose.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT OPTION

1. Who is the author of "After 20 Years"?
 - a) William Cowper
 - b) Ruskin Bond
 - c) William Sydney Porter
 - d) Sarojini Naidu
2. The story tells that when they were young men, Bob and Jimmy ...
 - a) were the same
 - b) didn't care about each other
 - c) were very close friends
 - d) couldn't stand each other
3. What was the man that the policeman saw standing at the door of a shop doing?
 - a) He was waiting for his friend.
 - b) He was asking for directions.
 - c) He was trying to enter the shop.
 - d) He was waiting to go home.
4. Why did the man and his friend Jimmy separate when they were young?
 - a) The man wanted to stay in New York.
 - b) The man wanted to find new friends.
 - c) Jimmy did not want to stay in New York.
 - d) The man wanted to try his fortune outside New York

5. Where did the friend move?
- a) West
 - b) South
 - c) New York
 - d) New Wales
6. Bob is a -----.
- a) Criminal
 - b) Policeman
 - c) Salesman
 - d) waiter
7. How long has it been since the friends have not seen each other?
- a) 25 years
 - b) 10 years
 - c) 20 years
 - d) 1 year
8. What part of the story is it when Bob reads Jimmy's letter and realizes his friend turned him in?
- a) exposition
 - b) climax
 - c) resolution
 - d) rising action
9. Choose the correct meaning of '*proposition*'?
- a) most reliable
 - b) complex and elaborate
 - c) something that has to be dealt with
 - d) main road
10. Jimmy Wells had his egotism enlarged by success. What is the meaning of '*egotism*'?
- a) wait for only a certain time only
 - b) spoken in a sharp tone
 - c) moving about
 - d) a sense of self- importance
11. on the beat:
- a) moving around hitting everyone with a stick
 - b) on duty walking around the assigned area
 - c) marching with his heart beating fast

12. guardian of peace:

- a) a watchman
- b) a holy man
- c) a policeman

13. arm in arm:

- a) with arms linked together
- b) with weapons in hands
- c) with handcuffs on wrists

14. plainclothes man:

- a) a man who wears simple clothes for grand occasions
- b) a policeman in civilian clothes while on duty
- c) a cine artist in ordinary costumes

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

a. Compare and contrast the character of Jimmy Wells and Bob with suitable references from the story to support your view.

b. 'Means should justify the end.' Explain this adage with reference to O. Henry's story.

c. 'Tell me who your friends are, and I shall tell you who you are'. How will you explain this statement in the light of Jimmy's and Bob's friendship?

d. To your shock, you find out that your close friend is indulging in some wrong activity. Will you avoid him/her or try to correct him/her? Give reasons for your answer.

e. What would you do in this situation if you were Jimmy Wells? Substantiate your reason.

f. What is the moral of the story?

g. Who is Jimmy Wells? (OR) Sketch the character of Jimmy Wells.

REFERENCE TO CONTEXT

1. *He was a kind of plodder, though, good fellow as he was.*

- a. Who said this and to whom?
- b. What did he mean?
- c. Was the speaker criticizing his friend?

2. *'You're not Jimmy Wells!' he snapped. 'Twenty years is a long time, but not long enough to change a man's nose from a Roman's to a pug.'*

- a. Name the speaker.
- b. Who was the speaker addressing?
- c. Why did the speaker say this?

THINK AND ANSWER

1. 'Silky' Bob was a criminal wanted in Chicago. Yet, he came to the appointed place at the appointed hour to meet his friend after twenty years. What does this tell you about him?
2. Who was the real Jimmy Wells in the story? How do you know?
3. Why couldn't Jimmy arrest Bob?
4. Why do you think Bob's hand began to tremble when he read the note?