

1.The guard met Jimmy

- (a) prison cell
- (b) outer office
- (c) his shoe shop
- (d) prison shoe shop

Ans 1.(d) prison shoe shop

2.When the guard came Jimmy was stitching

- (a) clothes
- (b) lower of the shoes
- (c) uppers of the shoes
- (d) locks

Ans 2.(c) uppers of the shoes

3. Jimmy was escorted to

- (a) prison cell
- (b) shoe shop
- (b) back office
- (d) front office

Ans 3.(d) front office

4. Jimmy was escorted to the warden's office by

- (a) the warden
- (b) the governor
- (c) Mike Dolan
- (d) the guard

Ans 4.(d) the guard

5. In the warden's office, Jimmy was handed over

- (a) his shoes
- (b) suitcase
- (c) pardon
- (d) burglar's tools

Ans 5.(c) pardon

6. The pardon was signed by the

- (a) prime minister**
- (b) governor**
- (c) jailor**
- (d) warden**

Ans 6.(b) governor

7. The pardon was signed

- (a) the same day**
- (b) a few weeks before**
- (c) a week before**
- (d) ten months before**

Ans 7.(a) the same day

8. The tenure of Jimmy's sentence was

- (a) four years**
- (b) ten years**
- (c) four days**
- (d) ten months**

Ans 8.(a) four years

What new name did Jimmy Valentine assume at Elmore? What business did Jimmy open there? How did Jimmy fare at Elmore?

Ans. Jimmy Valentine assumed a new name Ralph D. Spenser at Elmore.

Jimmy opened an exclusive shoe store at Elmore.

Jimmy opened a shoe store and secured a good run of it. Within a year he became a prosperous businessman and earned a social reputation in the community. And most of all he fell in love. In two weeks he was going to marry the finest girl on earth, Annabel Adams. He was received cordially by the Adams family.

Q.Describe Jimmy’s final meeting with Ben Price. Why did Ben refuse to recognize Jimmy?

Ans:-When Jimmy saved the life of the little girl by cracking open the safe in the bank of Mr Adams, he saw Ben Price standing at the gate. Jimmy knew that he had been exposed and it was clear to everybody that he was after all a burglar. Jimmy felt that the world had come to an end for him. He knew that Ben had come to arrest him and as he was totally frustrated at the turn of events, he smiled at Ben and offered to go with him as it did not make any difference to him then. At this juncture Ben pretended not to know him at all and reminded him that his buggy was waiting for him.

Ben refused to recognize Jimmy as he was convinced that Jimmy was already a reformed man and did not deserve any more punishment. He did not wish to come between Jimmy and his happy life ahead with Annabel.

Q.What did Jimmy write in his letter to his old friend?

Ans:-In his letter to his old friend, Jimmy wrote that he wanted to meet him at Sullivan’s Place in Little Rock on Wednesday night at nine o’ clock. He wanted to present his old friend Billy his kit of tools which was impossible for anybody else to replicate. He wrote that he had quit his job as a burglar, was doing well in business and was going to marry the finest girl on earth and lead a straight life. He also informed his friend that after his marriage he would sell out and go to the west and settle there with his wife and not commit any crime in his life again. At the end of the letter he again requested Billy to be sure to come and take away his kit from him and end up a few things for him.

Q.Evaluate the character of Jimmy Valentine.

Ans:-In O Henry’s short story “Jimmy Valentine”, the hero Jimmy has been presented in the beginning as a smart burglar who would not touch hard drinks, would mix with the upper class people, and would randomly impersonate. Later Jimmy is transformed and the agent of this transformation is his love Annabel Adams whose strong personality and looks captivate Jimmy. He falls in love and

becomes a good man. His goodness goes to the extent of saving the life of a little girl at the cost of his own future with Annabel. Jimmy ,thus, is an example of a person who is transformed by the power of love. This type of complete transformation is rarely seen. It shows Jimmy's commitment to his love and his commitment to stick to honesty and goodness after renouncing criminality.