

Part C: Topic 3: Identify the author with short story

The selfish giant

Children:

- Played in giant's garden every afternoon.
- They crept into garden through a hole.

garden:

- 12 peach trees- in spring = broke out into blossoms of pink and pearl
- In autumn= bore rich fruit
- The birds = sings on the trees
- Winter = covered the garden after the giant chased the children out.
- Snow and frost they cried spring had forgotten the garden , so we will live here all the year around. then they invited north wind.
- North wind = was wrapped in furs, and he roared all day about the garden, and blew the chimney pots. This is delightful spot, he said. We must ask the hail on a visit , he said. So the hail came.
- Hail= Everyday for 3 hours he rattled on the roof of the castle till he broke most of the slates.
- He was dressed in grey and his breath was like ice
- "But spring never came nor the summer"
- The autumn said , he is too selfish and not gave fruit to the garden.
- So it was always winter there and the north wind and the hail and the frost and the snow.
- One day he heard a sweet voice, he thought it was king's musicians but it was a linnet singing outside.

A little boy :

- kissed the giant.
- One winter morning , the giant saw this boy again.

Giant:

- What are you doing here?
- My own garden is my own garden.
- Who hath dared to wound thee?
- Who art thou?
- Put up a notice, "Trespassers will be prosecuted".
- People going to market at 12 'o clock see the giant played with children

The lottery ticket

Ivan Dmitrich:

- Middle class man
- Income of twelve hundred roubles a year.
- Just to kill time he asked his wife what was lottery tickets number.
- He has no faith in lottery ticket.
- He said that the winning number was in 9499 series.
- He wanted to experience the thrill of having won 75000 roubles without fully verifying the number.
- he would invest 25000 on estate, 10000 on immediate expenses, new furnishing... travelling... paying off debts,40000 in tha bank and get interest on it.

- He thought of marrying again. He feared about his wife's behavior, and his relatives. He wanted to shatter the day dream of his wife. He glanced quickly at page 4 and said the last 2 digits were 46 and not 26.

Masha:

- Wife of Ivan
- She visualized owning an estate. She even selected the location. She wanted her estate in the Tula or Orjol provinces, a summer villa which would yield a perennial income.

Last leaf**Sue and Johnsy**

- Room mates
- Painter by profession
- Sue from Maine
- Johnsy from California
- Met at the hotel of an English street "delmonico's"

Mr. pneumonia -

- Deadly disease
- Johnsy affected by pneumonia.
- Johnsy lost her hope. She counted the ivy vine leaves-12
- She refused to take port wine and milk offered by Sue with great love.

Behrman

- Painter and was past sixty
- He lived downstairs.
- He was failure in art.
- He has wielded his brush for forty years without touching the canvas to paint his dream girl.
- Behrman and Sue saw Johnsy sleeping.
- The next morning, Johnsy ordered Sue to open the window. Johnsy was surprised to find one ripe leaf still clinging on to the creeper on the wall.
- The next day she ordered to open but the leaf still there. She declared that it was sin to want to die.
- She said, "someday I hope to paint the Bay of Naples".
- Sue told Johnsy that Behrman died of pneumonia in the hospital. His shoes and clothing were wet through icy cold.
- Sue and Johnsy look at the ivy leaf, it did not flutter.
- Sue convinced Johnsy that it was Behrman's master piece.

How the camel got its hump**Man-**

- In the beginning, man tamed animals. Both had to work hard to cultivate lands and to transport things to different places.
- Man realized that all the coaxing in the world cannot convince the camel to work. So he divided the camel's work among the dog, the ox, the horse.

Horse -

- Horse requested the camel to trot like them and join the work force.

Dog -

- then dog also requested the camel to join the work. It advised him to fetch and carry like other domesticated animals.

Ox-

- The ox carrying the yoke on his neck suggested to the camel that he could also plough the lands like him.
- The three animals tried to sort out the issue through friendly negotiation with the camel. When they tried to reason with the camel, he laughed and just said “humph” and went away.

Djinn-

- The three animals complaint it to djinn of all forest.
- Horse asked, if it is right to anyone to be idle in the world so new and all. Djinn disapproved
- He also charged that he had not done a stroke of work since Monday till Wednesday. Djinn understood
- The dog said the camel refuses to fetch and carry.
- Djinn asked if it said anything else. The ox replied “humph”. It said that camel used to say only
- “ humph” for all intelligent questions.
- Djinn enquired kindly about the complaints. The camel looked into the clear pool of water in the desert an oasis, and was very contented. He replied “humph”
- Djinn cautioned the camel not to say “humph” and advised him to work. But camel repeated the idiotic word ”humph” for all djinn questions. Suddenly his back grew into hump. Djinn said it was punishment for dodging the works for three days. As he had not done three days works, he would stay hungry for a longtime without food or water in the desert. the hump cured the camel of its laziness.

Two friends**Monsieur Morrisot-**

- Watchmaker and now a idler because of war . One day he was walking hungry. Suddenly he met his fishing friend monsieur savage.

Monsieur Savage –

- A stout , jolly little man. He was a draper in rue notre dame de lorette. Before war they often spent half a day side by side, rod in hand and feet dangling over the water. A sincere friendship sprang out.
- They longed for that old good days. Both entered a small café. They took absinthe and resume to walk again.
- Monsieur savage suggested that they could go for fishing. He said that he knew colonel dumolin and they would get permission to pass the outpost.
- They carefully reached the river bank through a vineyard. It was about 11 a.m
- Morissot asked what they would do if they get caught by Prussians.
- Sauvage said they would offer some fish. They had a very good catch of silbery gudgeon. They forgot where they were.

Prussians:

- Both were taken prisoners by Prussians. The officer appreciated their luck in fishing. They the friends were a spies sent on espionage.
- The officer offered them a bait of freedom if they told them the secret password to get past the outpost back into besieged paris. They determined not to betray their country. They were not afraid of pained or death.their eyes were filled with tears.
- The moment they exchanged their good bye, he ordered his soldiers to fire. They fell down in the pool of blood. The officer joked that it was the turn of the fishes.

- Then the commender called out his butler Wilhelm and ordered to fry the fishes while they were still alive.

The refugee

Refugees:

- Large no of refugees flocked to Beijing. The locals feared they would starve dead if all the refugees are feed a little.

An old man –

- The refugee carried his grandson with him..he gasped for breath. He could not move ahead. He halted.

A noodle vendor:

- He set a stall near by the oldman. He hawked his noodles.

A passerby:

- He looked at the old man. The old man appearance reminds him of his dad.he muttered to himself that he would part the silver coin he earned that day. He took out the silver coin and with hesitation added a copper to it. He addressed him as old father and said with bitter heartiness “ I me see you eat noodles.

Old man :

- He liftef his head and said that he did not beg of him. He starts with pride they had good land and they have been starving like that before.
- The passerby(young man) respected the old man’s self respect. He dropped the money into the oldman’s smocked apron and went away with a sigh.

Noodle vendor:

- He saw the prospect of selling noodle.
- The old man bought a small bowl of soup for the copper coin and fed the soup to the baby in the basket. The old man licked the cup clean.
- The vendor would have offered noodles free if he had no silver coin.
- The oldman wanted to buy seed for silver coin.
- The old man politely stated that he did not understand the farmer ‘s soul satisfying need. The oldman said the best thing I can do for my grandson is to buy a little seed for the land. Yes if I die, and others must plant it, the land must be put to seed.

The open window

Framton nuttel -

- Young man . his decision to migrate to rural area was not liked initially by his sister. His rural treatment had been advised by a doctor.

Vera-

- Naughty girl and age of fifteen. She was a niece of sappleton. She understood that framton was new to the area. Before her aunt come to down stairs, she wanted to play a joke on the visitor.
- She narrated a story that took place three years ago. Vera spun her story of tragedy after framton’s sister departure so he believed her foolishly. But framton felt some male members should have left only a few hours ago.
- She asked if he knew why they had kept the large French window open on an October afternoon. On the same day , mrs. Sappleton’s husband, her two young brothers and bertie the spaniel dog went for hunting. They never returned. They got buried alive in the bog. Even their bodies could not be recovered. The worst part is that aunt believed that they would return someday through the same window. Her husband had gone with white proof coat over his arm, Ronnie her brother was singing, “ bertie , why do you bound”. He did that always to tease her.

Mrs. Sappleton

- She came downstairs. Though she talking to mr. nuttel, her ears wew glued to the open window. She could not resist to talk about her husband and brothers. Framton and vera looked at each other.
- Mrs. Sappleton delightfully announce their arrival. Vera stared through the window with horror in her eyes.
- Framton sincerely believed that long feared ghost had made their appearance. He grabbed his walking stick and ran fast almost colliding with cyclist just outside the house.

Mr. sappleton

- wondered why the young man ran away from their house.

Climax:

- Again vera 's imagination gave a reply. She said once fframton chased by a pack of mongrel dogs. He fell into open grave and stayed there for hours before being rescued. The family members believed that it was sufficient to make any one behave that way.

The man who had no eyes**Mr. Parsons:**

- He was a handsome figure.
- He had been little more than a skilled labourer. Now he was successful, and respected. He had done it alone.
- He said,
- It's late. I have an appointment.
- But I don't smoke.
- Do you want me to give you something?.
- Certainly I'll help you out."
- The story is true ...except that it was other way around.
- I was in c shop.
- You were the fellow who hauled back on me and climbed over me. You were bigger than I was.
- Well Don't make such a row about it, Markwardt ...So am I.

Markwardt:

- He was a blind beggar.
- He was carrying traditional battered cane. He was a shaggy, thick-necked fellow.
- He wore a black pouch slung over his shoulder. He had something to sell.
- Listen guv'nor. Just a minute of your time.
- I ain't no beggar, guv'nor.
- I got a handy little article here
- Best cigarette lighter made. I bet you know plenty people who smoke.
- Westbury sir, I was one of em.
- If I had lost my eyes in the war, okay. I try to forgive him in my heart.
- He croaked unamiably.
- You got away but I am blind. Do you hear?

Summary:

- Mr.parsons became blind due to the rudeness of Markwardt. This is the climax of the story. The author reveals it only in the end.
- Mr. Parsons and Markwardt lost their eye sight in a chemical explosion. Mr. Parsons did not lose hope in life.
- He struggled hard and became successful. On the other hand Markwardt used his disability for making his livelihood.

- Markwardt seemed to deserve our sympathy. In the end we learnt that Mr. Parsons became blind because of Markwardt, our sympathetic feelings change towards Mr. Parsons

The tears of the desert

The author
His friend- narrated a story
Missionary
The stranger

Summary:

- A missionary went to morocco and met a strange character in Marrakesh, morocco.
- The strangers action lying down with his ear pressed to the ground and stroking the sand with the other hand.
- The missionary approached him and asked him reason. He said he was consoling the land for its loneliness and tears, for its dreams of utility to people. The missionary tells him that the desert performs an important role of making man realize his true size.
- The stranger is found in the same place in the same positions. According to him the land still weeps over its wasting of time blaspheming against god and its own fate.
- The missionary tells him that the human beings are also not aware of their ture identity. The stranger doubts if desert will listen to him.
- Both of them pray. The stranger stops his action. Prayer is answered in the place where he embraced the earth a small spring bubbled up-“ The well of the desert’s tears”

Sam

Shelly:

- Gee, what happened to you?
- What’s your name, huh?
- Guess I’ll call you Goldy
- Can I keep him, Mom?

Shelly’s mom:

- He probably belongs to someone, Shelly
- We need to find his owner
- But if the owner doesn't show up, I guess he's ours
- Some one must have trained him
- That means he has an owner
- Guess he’s your dog now, Shelly

Diane:

- Thank you, Shelly
- Thank you for taking care
- We were in a traffic accident
- I guess he lost his color and harness too
- You can come visit him anytime you like

Summary:

- One rainy morning, Shelly went out on the Veranda.
- There he found a Blond Labrador dog. Its paw was hurt. It whined and put its heads down on its good paw.
- The boy took pity on it. Immediately he nursed the dog’s paw as best as he could.
- At first the dog could not walk on its paw. Gradually it healed. It began to act like his dog.

- The dog followed him to the school and waited till he came out. He named the dog Goldy.
- One day he got home from school with his dog. Shelly played Frisbee with the dog and they both were very happy.
- He Saw a blind lady talking to his mother.
- As soon as the dog saw the lady, it ran in to her arms. The boy came to Know that it was her guide dog. So he happily entrusted the dog to its owner.

The piano

Author - Rob Reilly

Dad - Rob Reilly's father (flying officer)

Mum - Rob Reilly's mother

Neighbours – Couple of ladies

Neighbour:

- What is the weather like up there?
- She'll be Coming Round the Mountain

Author:

- I was only five years old
- Suddenly, it all became clear to me; no job, no money to pay back the loan, no piano
- I knew she missed the piano terribly
- Dad finally got a job with an accounting firm

Dad:

- I bought your mum a piano
- Enough is enough

Mother:

- Well, My baby boy
- It's just as well we got rid of that piano
- How else would your dad be able to study with me bashing away on the ivories?

Summary:

- The author Rob Reilly was a five year old boy.
- His mother was quite interested in learning to play the piano. So his father bought a brand new piano on loan and presented it to her.
- She was very happy and began to teach herself to play the piano. Within a month she learnt to play a tune. Then she developed her skill and became a skilled pianist in three months. She received the attention of all the street members.
- Since his father had no job then, he could not repay the loan. The moneylender took away the piano. Mother was disappointed greatly.
- Later his father got a job with an accounting firm. He also started learning to qualify as a Chartered Accountant.
- Mother was determined enough to overcome her disappointment by helping her husband.
- Two years later he bought mum another piano by paying cash.

The face of judas Iscariot

The author:

- An old priest told me this story

The painter:

- He searched far and wide for models for those two figures

- I've been in search of a model to pose as Judas Iscariot.
- Come with me "I will give you wine and food clothing
- My son, I'd like to help you
- What troubles you so?

Judas model:

- Wine, wine, he begged.
- Do you not then remember me?
- Years ago I was your model for the Child Jesus

Summary:

- Centuries ago, an artist was engaged to paint a mural for the cathedral in Sicilian town. The subject was the life of Jesus.
- The painting was finished except the two important model figures.
- The child Jesus
- Judas Iscariot
- He searched far and wide for models for those two figures.
- One day he saw a twelve year old boy in a street. His face was like that an angel. The boy became the model for the child Jesus.
- He searched for another model for years. He met him in a inn. He was poor. He gave him food and shelter. He used him for drawing the picture of Judas. "It was the perfect model.
- While the painter was busy in work, the model wept. The painter asked for the reason. The man revealed that he was the man who posed for the child Jesus many years ago. There is an irony in this story. The same man, who had been ignorant once, could become a sinner in course of life.

Swept away

Lunel:

- a town only a few metres above the sea level in Southern France.
- Flood water poured into **home** already 30 cms deep and rising. Time 2.15pm on Monday, sep22,2003. This was the **second time** in a year the home invaded by water.

Serge:

- 43 yrs old
- Council worker
- Celine's husband
- Amandine's father

Celine:

- 32 yrs old
- Serge's wife
- Home maker
- Amandine's mother
- Stepped over a low hedge
- Serge thought she's dead. but she reached out for serge's hand. His hand slipped away
- She was 10 mts from the man hole through which she had plunged.
- Caught in the drain(2m wide concrete storm drain)
- Drank filthy water
- Grasp the plastic pipe
- Atlast she was in the ditch whose water had over flowed in to a large flooded

- area with houses on one side and fields on other side. She screamed for help
- Found by Jack poderoso
- Celine asked the time
- Had been in the water for 5 hours(7pm)
- She gave serge no first but nobody answered then she recalled serge's brother no.

Fireman:

- Inquired " where is the body" .(after 8pm)
- Fire engine pulled up the door opened, celine survived and weeping into serge's arm.

Amandine:

- serge and celine's daughter
- Going to celebrate 12th birthday in two weeks

Louis Martinez :

- serge's neighbour(lived opposite the couple)
- Urged to call fire brigade

Jack poderoso:

- 45 yrs old teacher(checking his daughter's horse)
- Found celine from ditch

Celine's theory: " when I want something, I m very determined. I wanted to be there for my daughter and for serge."

A close encounter

Rex coker - the narrator :

- My brother was a tinkerer.
- The real test was about to be the most fun part of my summer and one that I will never forget.
- We have lifted off, I yelled!
- Well if you were smarter than me you would have bailed off before the cloths line.

Rex Coker's brother:

- Why do you think that?
- Well, look at it this way
- At least we had some quality time together today.

Summary:

- There was a damaged Schwinn bike lying upside down in the author's backyard. The author's brother, like a serious mechanic, went on adding different things like DC battery, two cables to operate the motor and a pulley of a Yazoo lawn mower with a belt to the gear system of the bike.
- The inventor saddled up on his beast of an invention, put his bike helmet on along with his leather gloves. He put his hand down and threw the switch. The beast came to life and the bike hurried off into the distance, but disappeared around the corner.
- The rider of the bike was caught under the clothes live and so was thrown off the bike. The author ran to his brother thinking that he was dead. The author turned him over and his brother began to fight for not helping him to stop the bike.
- The rider asked the author what made him feel that he was smarter than him. The author said, Well if you were smarter than me you would have bailed off before the clothes line. Hearing this both the brothers laughed and looked at the direction of the invention. The tires were warped and

the battery had come loose and flew into the neighbour's backyard. The inventor said, well, look at it this way. At least we had some quality time, together today.

Caught sneezing

Hubert

- 14 year old
- a clever little boy
- lost his horse
- hid under the staircase
- performed some magic tricks
- blew snuff into the cupboard

Old man

- palatial house
- believed Hubert and offered him food

Thieves

- three hefty men
- took away Hubert's horse
- hid in the cupboard -caught by sneezing

Summary:

- Hubert was a boy of fourteen, once travelled on his horse through a lonely road, infested with thieves and robbers. he was attacked by three hefty man.
- He staggered into palatial mansion to get help. He was shocked to hear the voices of thieves who attacked him.
- The thieves were hid in the cupboard. Hubert cleverly hid under the stair case. Hubert made his appearance meekly, shocking them all by his presence within the house.
- Initially took him for a thief, the old man believed his story. Hubert offering to demonstrate few tricks.he tried to create a storm in the cupboard.
- He blew snuff in the cupboard, the thieves were almost fainted. They were badly in need of air and ventilation.
- hubert proved his intelligence and he retrieved his horse.He won the good will and gratitude of the oldman and his family.

The wooden bowl

- Anbu
- Saravanan - anbu's father
- Anbu's mother
- Grand father
- Grandmother- died

Summary:

- Anbu is the only child for his parents.
- He loved his parents and grandparents
- He loved the countryside where his grandparents lived.
- Anbu's father would tell him always that they never forget their beginning.

- After the death of his grandmother, grandfather came to Anbu's house and the family decided to sell the land
- Loneliness made his grandfather very weak.
- One day his trembling hand dropped and broke a ceramic bowl.
- Anbu's mother scolded him and decided to feed him with a wooden bowl.
- Anbu started making wooden bowl to teach his parents a lesson
- At last Anbu's mother and father realized their mistake.

Swami and the sum

- Swaminathan
- His father
- Rama and Krishna(the name given in question)
- sankar(swami's classmate and brilliant boy in the class)
- Samuel (nickname=pea (on account of his size))

Important lines:

Father:

- "rama has ten mangoes with which he wants to earn fifteen annas. Krishna wants four mangoes. How much will Krishna have to pay?"

Swami:

- He compared rama to sankar and Krishna to Samuel
- Father , will you tell me if the mangoes were ripe?
- The price of one mango is three over two annas
- Krishna pays six annas.[annas=old 6 paisa coin]