

## 1.1-An Astrologer's Day

### 1] Write details about your Strengths

Strengths	Why do you feel so?	Dream career
Painting & Drawing	I can visualise, I can express	Commercial Artist, Cartoonist
Acting	I can perform, I can express emotions	Model, Actor, Show Host, Trainer
Swimming	I am fit, I can control breathe	Professional Swimmer, Swim Coach, Underwater Photographer
Writing	I have reading passion, I can imagine, I am good observer	News reporter, Novelist, Poet, Editor, Blogging, Social media manager
Sport	I have self-discipline I am fit & energetic, I have sportsmanship	Professional Player Sport Journalist, Coach, Referee

**2] The scene in a local market of a village/town/city is very attractive. People with different occupations sell their wares. Give the variety of activities at the local market.**

- 1] Selling vegetables & fruits
- 2] Selling fast foods & snack
- 3] Selling cosmetics & imitation jewellery
- 4] Selling meat & fishes
- 5] Selling flowers & grocery.

**3] In a village /town /city it is quite a common sight to see an astrologer sitting by the roadside with his professional equipment. Give a list the requirements for his trade.**

- 1] Parrot, Cards etc.
- 2] Cowrie shells, string of beads etc.
- 3] Lemons, green chillies, flowers etc.

4] Saffron colour clothes, 'panchang' etc.

**4] There are certain unreasonable beliefs among people living in our society. Certain common events are linked with superstitions. List such events, discuss the superstitions linked with them and the means of their eradication.**

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| 1] A cat crossing your path         | 2] Seeing face in broken mirror        |
| 3] Avoid taking food during eclipse | 4] Hanging lemon and chillies in house |
| 5] Seeing a pair of crow            | 6] Taking salt on palm                 |

**5] Means to Eradicate the Superstitions.**

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| 1] Removing illiteracy (Education) | 2] Development of Scientific Approach |
| 3] Positive Thinking               | 4] Effective Use of Social Media      |

**6 Given below are some descriptions. Discuss them with your partner and find out one word for each of them. An example is given for you.**

- 1] The scientific study of the universe and the objects in it, including stars, planets, nebulae and galaxies - **Astronomy**
- 2] The study of the movements of the planets, Sun, Moon, and Stars in the belief that these movements can have an influence on people's lives - **Astrology**
- 3] A prediction of what will happen in the future - **Prophecy**
- 4] Scientific discipline that studies mental states and processes and behaviour in humans and other animals – **Psychology**

7] Complete the given web. (2)

	Activities of the astrologer	

- 1] He opened his bag and spread out his professional equipment,
- 2] He searched look for customers.
- 3] He pleased and astonished everyone by saying something
- 4] He carried the wages home at the end of a day.

**8] In the story we are told that the Town Hall Park was a remarkable place**

**in many ways for an astrologer to build his business. List the exceptional qualities of the place.**

- 1] A surging crowd
- 2] Medicine, stolen hardware & junk sellers
- 3] Auctioneers of cheap clothes
- 4] Fried groundnut sellers
- 5] Different kinds of tracings.

**8] The astrologer never opened his mouth till the other had spoken for at least ten minutes. Discuss the reasons behind his act.**

- 1] He is good at reading the people.
- 2] He was very much eager to get information from the person
- 3] He could examine the person's nature.
- 4] He could easily satisfy the person.



**9] Tactics used by the Astrologer to earn his wages. OR**

The astrologer was a shrewd judge of a character. Explain with some details from the extract.

**The Tactics**

- 1] Analysis of human troubles.
- 2] Commenting on past
- 3] To make the person panic
- 4] Suggesting solutions.

**10] An astrologer's appearance helps to create an impression on his clients.**

**Complete the following:**

- 1] The turban on his head
- 2] Face covering dark whiskers
- 3] Sparkling & gleaming eyes
- 4] Sacred ash on forehead

**10] Read the following sentences and choose the correct one:**

- a) The astrologer says that if Nayak leaves his village again, he would -
  - 1] return the money
  - 2] face danger
  - 3] go back home and stop looking for the man who tried to kill him
  - 4] not find the killer.

**Ans: face danger**

**b) According to the narrator the astrologer's success in his profession is primarily due to –**

- 1] luck
- 2] the bargains he drives
- 3] his appearance
- 4] his understanding of people

**Ans: his understanding of people**

**c) Guru Nayak consults the astrologer because he wants to –**

- 1] understand the past
- 2] find out who the astrologer is
- 3] make some money through a bet
- 4] get the answer to a specific question

**Ans: get the answer to a specific question**

**d) Guru Nayak is looking for the man who tried to kill him –**

- 1] to take revenge
- 2] to get an apology
- 3] to demand an explanation
- 4] to prove that the man was unsuccessful

**Ans: to take revenge**

**e) The astrologer's remark makes Guru Nayak feel all of the following except-**

- 1] relieved
- 2] suspicious
- 3] impressed
- 4] disappointed

**Ans: suspicious**

**f) Reactions of the astrologer's wife to his news suggest that she –**

- 1] was unaware of his past
- 2] has been worried about his safety
- 3] has known him since he was young
- 4] is concerned about her future with him

**Ans: was unaware of his past.**



**11] Read the following sentences and find out True and False sentences. Correct the False sentences:**

- 1] The astrologer gave a correct prediction to the client about his past that he was stabbed, thrown into a well and left for dead. - **True**
- 2] When the astrologer came to know that the man whom he killed is alive he felt that he was relieved of his guilt. - **True**
- 3] The astrologer tried to back out of the deal and talked about the client's past. – **False (The astrologer demanded more money to tell the past)**
- 4] The astrologer rescued himself from Guru Nayak's revenge. - **True**
- 5] The moral of the story is that we must be responsible about what we have done and should not run away from our mistakes. – **True**
- 6] The astrologer used to have the preparation of his business in quite professional way. – **True**
- 7] The physical appearance of the astrologer hardly created an impact on the customers. - **False (The physical appearance of the astrologer created an impact on the customers)**
- 8] The place was busy with a variety of occupations. – **True**
- 9] The astrologer's style of handling the business lies in his skills. – **True**
- 10] The colour scheme of his face never changed. – **True**

**12] The astrologer has changed his appearance and his persona when he arrived in the city. Give specific reasons.**

- a) He knew that he had killed Guru Nayak
- b) Worrying to be caught by police
- c) Worrying about the future of family
- d) He knew that no one could identify him
- e) Wanted to lead a peaceful life

**13] 'The darkness load that was inside the astrologer has disappeared'. Through this sentence, explain the significance of the title 'An Astrologer's Day'.**

**Ans:** The Astrologer thought that he had killed Guru Nayak. He has been carrying the burden of this thought. He is feeling guilty about it. When Guru

Nayak appeared before him as a customer, Astrologer identified him suddenly. But Guru Nayak could not identify him. The Astrologer became very happy and relaxed to see Guru Nayak alive. The dark load of the thought of murder suddenly disappeared. This is the happiest day in his life, an Astrologer's Day.

**14] The astrologer wins/gets the sympathy of criticism of the reader in the end. Express your opinion with the support of the main story.**

**Ans:** The Astrologer won the real sympathy of the readers at the end of the story. I too sympathize with the Astrologer. His intention was not to kill Guru Nayak. When he started to lead a new life, still he was feeling guilty over his deed. It shows his greatness and humanity in him. So I sympathize with the Astrologer. I'm very happy to know that the Astrologer can live happily in future.

**15] In the story, astrologer has a great listening power. Listening helps in developing good relations with people. Express your opinion.**

**Ans:** Of course, listening helps in developing good relations with people, because-

- a) Good listeners are always appreciated
- b) They might get some good advices
- c) It develops patience and tolerance
- d) Your relations will be more harmonious
- e) Likely to gain respect of others.

**16 Do as directed.**

**a] It was a remarkable place in many ways. (Choose correct alternative to rewrite the given sentence as an exclamatory sentence)**

- 1. It was a remarkable place in many ways!
- 2. How a remarkable place in many ways it was!
- 3. What a remarkable place in many ways it was!**
- 4. What remarkable in many ways the place it was!

**b) He spread out his professional equipment, which consisted of a dozen cowrie shells. (Choose correct alternative to rewrite the given sentence as a compound sentence)**

1. He spread out his professional equipment but it consisted of a dozen cowrie shells.

**2. He spread out his professional equipment and it consisted of a dozen cowrie shells.**

3. He spread out his professional equipment that it consisted of a dozen cowrie shells.

4. He spread out his professional equipment and it had consisted of a dozen

cowrie shells.



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16] In the story, the following characters reveal their qualities through words and actions. Pick out the words that describe them and write before the characters.

Astrologer	Guru Nayak	Astrologer's wife
shrewd	manipulative	caring
clever	shrewd	demanding
Suspicious	arrogant	protective
mean	overconfident	rational
manipulative	cunning	humanistic
worried	aggressive	
cunning	antagonistic	
intuitive	quarrelsome	
skeptical	gullible	
mystical		
smart		
sharp		
impetuous		

17] Match the suffixes with the words and make nouns.

word	suffix	noun
auction	able	<b>auctioneer</b>
enchant	ure	<b>enchantment</b>
know	ment	<b>knowledge</b>
prepare	eer	<b>preparation</b>
proceed	ance	<b>procedure</b>
appear	ledge	<b>appearance</b>
remark	tion	<b>remarkable</b>

## 18] Irony

“An Astrologer's Day' has ironic elements where the astrologer pretends to have 'supernatural knowledge' that coincidentally turns out to be the truth’.

“Irony means a situation or statement characterized by a significant difference

between what is expected and what actually happens, or between what is understood and what is meant.”

**Find out the examples of Irony from the story and write them down.**

- 1] He knew no more of what was going to happen to others than he knew what was going to happen to himself the next minute.
- 2] The Astrologer is quite innocent regarding the murder. He uses his skill by telling that the murderer is dead. This is the Ironical end of the story.
- 3] The Astrologer had a working analysis of human troubles. He would let the person speak for ten minutes so that he would get something to answer.
- 4] The Astrologer said -'Guru Nayak'. At This time Guru Nayak was surprised how the Astrologer knows his name. Then he really started to believe in Astrologer.



### 19] Code-mixing

Code-mixing is the mixing of two or more languages in speech. Find out the examples of Code-mixing words from the story and write them down.

- 1] Cowrie Shells
- 2] Raja's Delicacy
- 3] Bombay Ice-cream
- 4] Eight Annas
- 5] Jukta Drivers
- 6] Half Annas

**20] There are some phrases where the word “crown” is used with different shades of meaning. Use the following phrases to complete the sentences meaningfully.**

- a] crowning achievement
- b] to crown the effect
- c] crown of thorns
- d] crowning glory
- e] to crown it all

- 1] **To crown the effect**, he wound a saffron- coloured turban around his head.
- 2] The works of Shakespeare are **the crowning glory** of English drama.
- 3] Amitabh has given us awesome movies throughout five decades. But his **crowning achievement** is his performance in the movie „Black“.
- 4] In her pursuit of success, Radha has distanced herself from her family. Her



fame has become a real **crown of thorns**.

5] They threw a wonderful party for me with costumes, games and to **crown it all** my favourite kind of ice cream.

6] Medical science has great inventions, but organ transplantation is definitely a **crowning achievement** for human beings.



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