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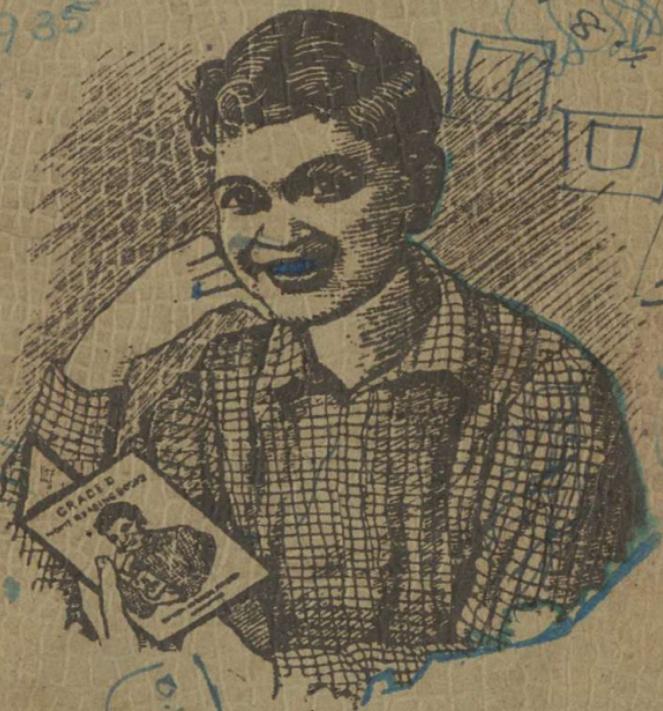
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THE HONEST BOY

1. GOPI

Gopi was the only son¹ of a poor man. He was a small boy. He went to school every day. At school he learned to read and write.

Gopi's father worked in a shop. He was very honest² and so the merchant³ liked him very much.



1. only son - ഏകപുത്രൻ

2. honest - സത്യവാനായ

Read: on, honest (h is silent)

3. merchant - കച്ചവടക്കാരൻ

When Gopi was twelve years old, his father died.¹ There was no one to help the poor boy.

So his mother said, "Gopi, you can't go to school. You must try² to get some work."³

"But who will give me work?" said Gopi. "I am only a little boy."

"Go to the merchant," said his mother. "He will give you some work."

1. die-മരിക്കുക died-മരിച്ചു
 Read: my, die.
2. try-ശ്രമിക്കുക
 Read: I, my, try.
3. work-ജോലി

“Yes,” said Gopi, “I shall go and see him. Shall I go now?”
 “Yes,” she said, “he will be at home at this time.”

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TEST. I. Choose the right word and fill up the blanks.

1. Gopi was a — — boy. (rich, bad, little)
2. His father was a ——— man.
(rich, poor, bad)
3. But he was very — —
(rich, poor, honest)
4. Gopi's father died, — — Gopi was twelve years old. (but, and, when)

II. Complete the following sentences:—

1. Gopi went to school — —
 - (i) when he was two months old.
 - (ii) when he was a boy.
 - (iii) when his father died.

2. Gopi tried to get work — —
- (i) when he was ten years old.
 - (ii) when he went to school.
 - (iii) when his father died.
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2. THE MERCHANT

Gopi went to the merchant's house. He was at home¹. "A boy has come to see you, father," said the merchant's son.

"Call² him in," said the merchant.

Then Gopi went into the room.

The merchant was sitting in a chair reading a book.

"Good morning", said Gopi.

1. was at home-വീട്ടിൽ ഉണ്ടായ അന്നു
2. call-വിളിക്കുക call, called, called.

“Good morning”, said the merchant, “what can I do for you?”

“I should like to get some work”, Gopi said.

“What work can I give you?” he said. “You are only a little boy.”

Then the merchant's wife came into the room.

She knew Gopi's mother. “How is your mother, Gopi?” she asked.

“She is well, thank you”, said Gopi.

Then the merchant turned to his wife and said, “The boy

wishes¹ to get some work. Have you any work to give him?"

"Yes," said she. "I want a boy to take our little son to school."

"Then take him", said the merchant, "and give him the work."

So Gopi got work in the merchant's house.

TEST. Choose the right word and fill up the blanks.

1. Gopi went to the ---
(shop, merchant, mother)
2. The merchant gave him---
(food, work, money)
3. He wanted Gopi --- his little son to school. (take, to take, took)

1. wish-ആശ്ചരിക്കുക
wish, wished, wished.

3. GOPI'S FATHER

Gopi's mother was glad¹ when her son got the work.

"The merchant liked² your father very much," she said, "because he was a very honest man. You must also be very honest."



"I will be honest," said Gopi.

Then she told him a story about his father.

"One day," she said, "a rich

1. was glad - സന്തോഷിച്ചു.

2. like - ഇഷ്ടപ്പെടുക. liked - ഇഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടു.

man came to the shop. He put his bag on the table and sat down. When he went away, he did not take it with him. Your father took it up and kept it in the shop. Before long the rich man came running to him. "Where is my bag?" he asked. Then he gave him the bag. The rich man opened the bag and showed him what was in it. There were ten hundred-rupee notes in it.

"I had a thousand rupees in the bag," said he.

He was very much pleased with your father and gave him a present.

“Your father did not open the bag,” she said. “He was a very honest man.”

“I will also be very honest like¹ my father,” said Gopi again.

TEST. Choose the right word and fill up the blanks.

1. Gopi's father was——honest
(very, very much)
2. He got the——bag.
(merchant's, rich man's)
3. There were ——hundred-rupee notes
in the bag. (two, ten, twenty)
4. But Gopi's father——the bag,
(opened, did not open)
5. He gave it to the——
(merchant, wife, man)

1. like my father—എന്റെ പിതാവിനെ
like—പോലെ പോലെ

4. THE MERCHANT'S SON

Every day Gopi went to the merchant's house. He would go there before¹ nine o'clock. Then he took the merchant's little son to school. He took good care of² the boy. So the merchant's wife was pleased with Gopi.

The little boy also liked Gopi very much. Gopi told him nice stories. The little boy liked to hear them.

1. before—മുൻപ്

2. take care of—ജാഗ്രതയായി സൂക്ഷിക്കുക
took care of—ജാഗ്രതയായി സൂക്ഷിച്ചു

“Tell me the story of the king,” the boy would say. And Gopi would then tell him the story.

Sometimes they played in the garden. “I will be teacher,” the boy would say, “and you shall be my pupil¹.” Then they would play.

The merchant loved his little son very much. He saw that the boy liked Gopi.

“Gopi is a clever² boy,” said the merchant. “He takes good care of my little son.”

1. pupil—വിദ്യാർത്ഥി

2. clever—സമർത്ഥനായ

TEST. I. Choose the right word and fill up the blanks.

1. Gopi took the——son to school every day.
(merchant, merchant's)
2. The little boy liked Gopi very——
(good, much)
3. The merchant was——with Gopi.
(pleased, good)

II. Complete the following sentences:—

1. The merchant saw——
 - (i) that his son liked Gopi.
 - (ii) that Gopi was not honest.
 - (iii) that Gopi did not take care of his son.
2. The merchant said ——
 - (i) that the boy was not clever.
 - (ii) that he was a clever boy.
 - (iii) that he was not pleased.

5. THE NECKLACE¹

One morning Gopi took the merchant's son to school. The little boy went to his class and sat down. Then Gopi went home.

When Gopi was coming out of the school, he saw something shining in the garden. He took it in his hand and looked at it.

It was a pearl² necklace!

“What is this?” Gopi said.
“It is a girl's necklace.”

1. necklace—മല

2. pearl—പവിഴം.

Read:—girl, pearl

There were many girls in the school. Some of them were very rich and had necklaces.

“It must be some school girl’s,” he said, “I must find out¹ the girl and give this to her.”

So he went back to school. “I will give it to the headmaster,” said he. “He will find out the girl and give her the necklace.”

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1. find out—കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുക
find, found

Read:-kind, find

TEST. I. Choose the right word and fill up the blanks.

1. One day Gopi was — out of the school
(came, coming, come)
2. Then he saw something — in the garden
(shone, shining, shine)
3. It was a —
(ring, pearl necklace, rupee)
4. Gopi took it to the —
(mother, merchant, headmaster)

II. Complete the following sentences:—

1. When Gopi was coming out of the school—
 (i) he saw a dog.
 (ii) he fell down.
 (iii) he saw a necklace in the garden.
 2. He took the necklace —
 (i) and gave it to his mother.
 (ii) and put it in his pocket.
 (iii) and went to the headmaster.
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6. THE HEADMASTER

The headmaster was in his room.

Gopi saw a man at the door. "Can I see the headmaster?" he asked the man.

"Yes," said he, "go in."

Gopi went into the room.

"What can I do for you?" the headmaster asked.

"Sir," said the boy, "I found a necklace in the garden. Shall I give it to you?"

"Yes", said the headmaster.

Gopi gave him the necklace.

The headmaster looked at it. "This is a pearl necklace," he said. "I know whose necklace it is. A girl lost¹ it three days ago. We looked for it in the school for three days. But we could not find it."

Then he sent² for the girl and she came. "Where did you lose your necklace, Radha?" he asked. "I don't know sir," said Radha. "I had it on when I came



1. lost-നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ട lose-നഷ്ടപ്പെടുക
lose, lost, lost.

2. send-അയയ്ക്കുക sent-അയച്ചു
send, sent, sent.

to school. Then I played about in the garden. Before I went home I lost it."

"Look at this necklace," said he "and see if it is yours."

He gave the necklace to her. She took it up in her hand and looked at it.

"Yes", said she "it is mine. My mother put it round my neck before I came to school."

So he gave the necklace to her and sent her away. "Don't bring¹ costly² necklaces to school," he told her.

1. bring-കൊണ്ടു ചരിക brought-കൊണ്ടുവന്നു

Read:- got, brought

2. costly-വിലയേറിയ

Then he turned to Gopi and said, "Thank you for the necklace. It is a pearl necklace which costs¹ many thousands of rupees. The girl's father is a very rich banker."²

Then Gopi went home.

TEST. Choose the right word and fill up the blanks

1. Gopi took the necklace to——
(his mother, the headmaster, the merchant)
2. It costs —— of rupees.
(a hundred, a thousand, thousands)
3. The headmaster gave it to——
(the boy, Gopi, the girl)

1. cost—വിലയാക്കുക cost—വിലതാമി
cost, cost, cost.

2. bank—ബാങ്ക് banker—ബാങ്കുമെസ്സമർ

7. THE BANKER

When Gopi went home in the evening he told his mother about the necklace. She was very much pleased when she heard the story. "You are a true son of your father," said she.

Next morning a car came to their door. A man came out of it and asked, "Does Gopi live here?" "Yes," said his mother, "but he is not here now. I am his mother. Can I help you?"

"I am a banker," said the man. "It was my daughter who lost the necklace. It is a pearl necklace

which costs six thousand rupees. So I wish to give a present to Gopi." Then he took a hundred-rupee note and gave it to her.

But Gopi's mother did not take it. "Thank you very much," she said, "but we can't take this present. He did his duty¹ when he gave the necklace to the headmaster."

Then the banker said, "You are poor and need² help. Can I help you in any way³?" "Can you give some work to my boy?" she

1. duty—കർത്തവ്യം

2. need—ആവശ്യമുണ്ട്
need, needed

3. way—മാർഗ്ഗം

said. "He is only twelve years old. But he is very honest." "I will give him work in my bank," said he. "Send him to me to-morrow."

"Thank you very much," said Gopi's mother.

Then the banker went home.

TEST. Choose the right word and fill up the blanks.

1. The banker gave—to Gopi's mother.
(a ten-rupee note, a hundred-rupee note)
2. —she did not take it.
(but, so, then)
3. The banker said that he would give Gopi work in his——(school, shop, bank)

8. GOPI AND THE BANKER

When Gopi came home in the evening, his mother said, "The rich man came here in the morning. He told me to thank you for him."

Then she told him about the present.

"You are right mother," he said. "We cannot take the present for doing our duty."

Then she told him to go to the man in the morning. "He will give you some work in the bank," she said.

But Gopi said, "How can I go to him in the morning? I must go to the merchant's house and take his little son to school. I cannot go away till¹ the merchant gets another boy".

"You are right, Gopi," said his mother. "You can't go away before² the merchant gets another boy."

So she went to the banker and said, "Gopi can't come to you today. He is now working in the merchant's house. They must get

1. till-വരെ

2. before-മുൻപ്.

another boy before he can come away."

"That will do," said he. "Let him come after the merchant gets another boy."

Next week the merchant got another boy.

"Now I can go to the banker," said Gopi, "and get some work in the bank."

TEST. Choose the right word and fill up the blanks.

1. Gopi—— to the banker that day.
(went, did not go)
2. The merchant got —— boy next week.
(other, another)
3. Gopi did not go away —— the merchant got another boy.
(because, till, after)

9. THE MANAGER¹

Gopi went to the banker that evening. "Sir," said he, "I am the boy who picked up your daughter's lost necklace and gave it to the headmaster." "Would you like to work in my bank?" he asked.

"Yes," answered the boy.

So he sent Gopi to work in his bank. Gopi was honest and he worked very hard. So his officers² liked him.

Years went by.³ Gopi grew up and became a young man. Then

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1. manager-മാനേജർ
 2. officer-ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ
 3. went by-കടന്നുപോയി

the manager of the bank died. "I'll make you my manager," said the banker to Gopi. "Thank you," said he.

Gopi became the manager of the bank. He was a good and honest manager. In a few years it became one of the biggest banks in the country.

TEST. Choose the right word and fill up the blanks.

1. The banker gave Gopi work in his——
(house, bank, office)
2. Gopi worked——
(much, hard)
3. Gopi became the —— of the bank.
(officer, banker, manager)

FINAL TEST

Choose the right word and complete the following sentences:—

1. When Gopi was twelve years old...
 - (i) he became the manager of the bank.
 - (ii) his mother died.
 - (iii) he got work in the merchant's house.
2. Every day he took the merchant's son to
(the shop, the bank, school)
3. One day Gopi got a (ten-rupee note, pearl necklace, ring) from the school garden.
4. He gave it to (his mother, the merchant, the headmaster.)
5. It was the necklace of a girl whose father was a rich (officer, merchant, banker.)

6. The banker gave him work in his (shop, office, bank).
7. Gopi became the manager of the bank.....
- (i) because the banker liked him.
- (ii) because he was honest and worked hard.
- (iii) because he did not take the present.
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6. The banker gave him work in his shop (office, bank).

7. Gopi became the manager of the bank.....

(i) because the banker liked him.

(ii) because he was honest and worked hard.

(iii) because he did not take the present.

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