

THE BET

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ONE LINER QUESTION FOR QUICK REVISION

- 1) The banker recalled to his mind the party – in a dark autumn night – while pacing from corner to corner of his study room.
- 2) About the party – (i) hosted by Banker, (ii) 15 years before in the autumn, (iii) present many clever people, (iv) mostly scholars and journalists, (iv) talked about much interesting conversation. (v) also talked about Capital Punishment.
- 3) The guest found Capital Punishment – (i) obsolete as a mean of punishment, (ii) unfitted to a Christian State and immoral.
- 4) One of the guests observed that the State has no right to take away life as – State is not God.
- 5) The guest thought – capital punishment should be replaced universally by life-imprisonment.
- 6) About the banker – (i) had too millions to count, (ii) was spoiled and capricious and frivolous, (iii) was against Life Imprisonment. (iv) experienced neither capital punishment nor life imprisonment. (v) according to him, Execution kills instantly, life imprisonment kills by degrees.
- 7) About the lawyer – (i) age : 25 years old, (ii) Capital punishment and life-imprisonment are equally immoral to him,
- 8) Who told that the both these punishment for equally wrong? – The young lawyer.
- 9) The lawyer was a young man about – twenty five.
- 10) Capital punishment kills – instantly.
- 11) Who was against Capital punishment? – Most of the guests.
- 12) According to the bet, the lawyer had to remain in the cell for – fifteen years.
- 13) The amount of the bet was – two million rubles.
- 14) In which season did the fateful bet take place? – Autumn.
- 15) The host of the party was – the banker.
- 16) The initial bet was – 5 years.
- 17) How long does the bet end up being? – 15 years.
- 18) What does the banker stake in the bet? – his millions.
- 19) What does the lawyer stake in the bet? – his freedom.
- 20) Which does the banker consider more human? – Death.
- 21) According to the banker it was a – cursed bet.
- 22) If the lawyer had to choose, which would he choose? – Life imprisonment.
- 23) About the bet – (i) the lawyer undergo his imprisonment under the strictest observation. (ii) the lawyer had to stay in the garden wing of the banker's house. (iii) he did not cross the threshold, (iv) did not see living people, (v) did not hear human voice, (vi) did not receive letters and newspapers. (vii) Only he was permitted to have a musical instrument, (viii) to read books, (ix) to write letters, (x) to drink wine, (xi) smoke tobacco. (xii) he can communicate, in silence, through a little window, (xiii) Everything necessary he could receive in any quantity by sending a note through the window. (xiv) had to stay from twelve o'clock of November 14th, 1870 to twelve of clock of November 14th, 1885. (xv) if he escaped only two minutes before the time free the banker from the obligation to pay him the two millions.
- 24) During the 1st year of imprisonment – (i) suffered terribly from loneliness and boredom, (ii) the sound of Piano was heard, (iii) rejected wine and tobacco, (iv) sent books of a light character; novels with a complicated love interest, stories of crime and fantasy, comedies, and so on.
- 25) During the 2nd year of imprisonment – (i) the sound of Piano was not heard, (ii) asked only for classic.
- 26) During the 5th year of imprisonment – (i) music was heard again, (ii) asked for wine, (iii) only eating, drinking and lying on his bed, (iv) yawned often and talked angrily to himself, (v) did not read books, (vi) at nights he would sit down to write, (vii) wrote for a long time but tore it all up in the morning, (viii) more than once was heard to weep.

- 27) During the second half of the 6th year – (i) began zealously to study languages, philosophy, and history, (ii) in space of four years he read about six hundred volumes, (iii) sent a letter to the banker to show these lines in six languages to the experts, (iv) if they did not find any mistake, the banker fired a gun in the garden, (v) two shots were fired.
- 28) After 10th year of imprisonment – (i) sat immovable before his table, (ii) read only the New Testament, (iii) then history of religions and theology.
- 29) During the last two years of imprisonment – (i) read an extraordinary amount of books but quiet haphazardly, (ii) in the same time read natural sciences, Byron or Shakespeare, Chemistry, a text-book of medicine, a novel and some treatise on philosophy or theology. (iii) he read as though he were swimming in the sea among broken pieces of wreckage, and in his desire to save his life was eagerly grasping one piece after another.
- 30) What was the weather like on the day the banker went to kill the lawyer? – It was raining and very cold.
- 31) Who informed the banker that the lawyer had escaped from the cell? – Watchman.
- 32) Fifteen years confinement had taught him to sit – motionless.
- 33) The banker went towards the garden wing – at 3 o'clock at night.
- 34) What does the banker do after the bet is made? – tries to get out of the bet himself.
- 35) The question "What was the object of the bet?" arose in the mind of – the banker.
- 36) In the story "When the match went out the old man" was – trembling with emotion.
- 37) The handwriting of the prisoner was – fine.
- 38) After fifteen years of confinement the prisoner was – half dead.
- 39) As pointed out by the prisoner in the sheet of paper in fine handwriting, he despises – freedom, life and health.
- 40) The prisoner had drunk fragrant wine, sung songs, hunted stags and wild boars – in the realm of books.
- 41) In the realm of books, the prisoner saw the sunrise – both the peaks of Elbruz and Mont Blanc.
- 42) In the opinion of the prisoner, Wisdom and the blessings of the world are – worthless and fleeting, illusory, deceptive.
- 43) The prisoner opines that one day death will wipe out the pride, wisdom and other finest qualities from the face of the world and he compares the banker to – mice burrowing under the floor.
- 44) According to the lawyer the banker had taken hideousness for – beauty.
- 45) The prisoner renounced the two millions to – prove his thoughts in action.