

Questions**Question 1:**

What made Ray think the visitor was not really a shopper?

Solution 1:

Ray was deaf and dumb but he was having a sense of good judgement of person. There was no friendliness in man's eyes. With his experiences with the customers, he realised that the new visitors was not a shopper or customer.

Question 2:

Why do you think he had come to the shop?

Solution 2:

The visitor had not come to the shop to buy anything. Their intention was get money as he was dire need of money.

Question 3:

How did Ray communicate with him?

Solution 3:

Ray was deaf and dumb so he could neither speak nor hear. He used to communicate with his customers by writing his message on a notepad. The visitor also wrote his reply on paper.

Question 4:

What do you think the man said to his friend who waited at the door?

Solution 4:

The older man pointed to his ears and shook his head from side to side. Thus he conveyed to his younger companion that the shop owner could neither hear nor speak.

Question 5:

Ray was not a pawnbroker. Why then did he lend money to people in exchange for their old watches and clocks?

Solution 5:

Ray was not a pawnbroker, a person who lends money on security of some item. He did not lend money on interest. He was a person with kind and helpful nature. He could not refuse to help a needy person.

Question 6:

"The watch was nothing special and yet had great powers." In what sense did it have 'great powers'?

Solution 6: The older person got money without hurting anyone (Ray) just because of this watch. The shopkeeper (Ray) also escape from any expected physical injury. In this sense the watch has great powers.

Question 7: Do you think the man would ever come back to pick up the watch?

Solution 7: No, it is very unlikely that the older man would ever come back to pick up his watch. Because he got a price higher than the watch was worth for.

Question 8: When did "the unfriendly face" of the visitor turn truly friendly?

Solution 8: After getting a fifty dollar note, the unfriendly face of old man became truly friendly. He felt obliged and happy.