

**Practice questions:**

**A) MCQ/Objective type questions:**

1. How did Shovan Lal feel when he came to know that an educated man didn't have money to get his shoes polished?
  - He was angry.
  - He was shocked, surprised and hurt.
  - He got happy.
  - He felt embarrassing.
2. What became Sasthi Brata's goal?
  - To earn a lot of money.
  - To become a government officer.
  - To become a shoeshine boy.
  - To become a leader of the 'shoeshine association'.
3. Who was Shovan Lal?
  - Sasthi Brata's best friend
  - A shoeshine boy
  - Businessman
  - Café's owner

4. What did the shoeshine boys collect money for?
  - To help a needy person to get an employment.
  - To donate it for an NGO.
  - To have a party.
  - To save in a bank.

**B) Very short answers:**

Complete the following sentences:

1. Shovan Lal tried to dissuade Sasthi Brata, as  
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2. Since Sasthi Brata needed a job badly, he decided to  
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3. He had very little money which was not sufficient  
even.....
4. The band of shoeshine boys contributed some money  
to.....
5. Sasthi Brata could take up shoeshine's job only because,  
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**C) Short answers:**

1. Why do you think Shovan Lal allowed Sasthi Brata to do shoeshine's job?
2. Why was Shovan Lal initially reluctant to accept the young man's proposal?
3. What made Shovan Lal feel hurt when Sasthi Brata refused to get his shoes polished?
4. How much money did Sasthi Brata have in his pocket?
5. Do you think that the writer has taken up shoeshine's job on a permanent basis?

**D) Long answers:**

1. What are the qualities according to you Shovan Lal possesses? Give an explanation for each quality.
2. Write a summary of the story in your own words.