

Prose 3 Gentle men Rio En medio

Multiple type questions

- 1) It took months of negotiation to come to an understanding with the old man. This shows that the old man was
a) understanding b) quick **c) unhurried** d) witty
- 2) The old man came to the office to
a) meet the lawyer b) meet the Americans **c) sign the sale deed** d) argue that he was the owner of the land
- 3) The old man was accompanied by
a) his friends b) parents c) people **d) a dark young man**
- 4) Behind him walked one of his “innumerable kin”. The word “innumerable kin” means that the old man had a number of
a. children b. trees in his orchard **c. relatives** d. followers
- 5) The old man in his coat looked like
a. Senator Catron b. lawyer c. an America d. Spanish
- 6) The old man removed his hat gloves slowly and carefully. This action is compared to
a. Hero b. an old man c. land lord **d. Charlie Chaplin.**
- 7).The young man who accompanied the old man had eyes like
a. lotus **b. gazelle** c. fish d. clear sky
- 8).The old man carried a cane which was actually
a. stick b. steel rod **c. a skeleton of a worn-out umbrella** d. stylish stick
- 9).The old man wore a coat named
a. Farmer’s coat b. Spanish coat c. rain coat **d. Prince Alberts**
- 10). Which of the lines from the text that suggest that the old man was a farmer?
a. he loved trees b. he planted trees for children
c. He tilled the same land they had tilled d. He loved his people
- 11) How did the old man greet the people who had been waiting for him?
a. saluted them b. removed his hat c. shook hands all of them **d. bowed to all of them**
- 12) The old man removed his hat and gloves carefully because
a. he was afraid that they would be torn. b. It was his usual style
c. he was old and weak **d. To respect all who assembled**
- 13) In the first meeting of the old man and the Americans, They talked about rain and the old man's large family. It was
a. to mock his large family b. a custom of the Americans
c. to prepare every one for the main talk d. to make everyone know that it had not rained in that area
- 14.The old man had agreed to sell house and land for
a. twelve hundred dollars
- 15.The story teller respected the old man by saying
a. good morning **b. Don Anselmo** c. hello d. Sir Anselmo
16. According to the engineer the old man owned the land
a. four acres b. eight hectares **c. more than eight acres** d. eight acres exactly
- 17.Don Anselmo took only 12 hundred dollars for the land finally because
a. the story teller failed to convince Don Anselmo to take more money than what had agreed
b. Don Anselmo was a man of principles.
c. It cost more than that amount d. he sold only the land ,not the trees
- 18) It took a week to arrange another meeting because the old man
a. deliberately delayed **b. was slow** c. was not in the station d. was ill
- 19) Don Anselmo says, “The Americans are good people”. Because he wanted to_
a. appreciate them . b mock at them **c. express his sincere feelings** d. flatter them

- 20) Why did the old man sell his house and land to the Americans? because
a. the Americans were good people b. he needed money c. he did not like the land d.
 his house was old
21. Don Anselmo sold his land but he didn't sell his
 a. house b. land **c. trees in the orchard** d. fruits in the orchard
22. The children of Rio en Medio were Don Anselmo's
a. Sobrinos and nietos. b. grandchildren c. Friends d. share holders
23. Don Anselmo inherited the house from
 a. his granny b. relatives c. his mother **d. his father**
24. According to Don Anselmo, The real owners of the trees were
 a) Don Anselmo himself b) the Americans c) The story teller **d) the children of Rio en Medio**
25. Don Anselmo did not sell the trees. Because_
 a. Trees were like children to him b. They were grown for the children of next generation
c. He had grown them in memory for every child birth d . He wanted his surroundings to be green
26. Legally saying the trees should belong to
 a. Don Anselmo **b. the Americans** c. the children of Rio en Medio d. The story teller
27. What did Don Anselmo do as he left the place with money? He _____
a . shook hands all around b. said goodbye
 c. thanked them for purchasing his land d. offered them dinner
28. The Gentle man Don Anselmo was very fond of
A. children B. money C. the land D. dress

II. Answer the following questions in two - three sentences each:

1. Describe the old man's property.

Ans.: The old man's house was small, wretched but quaint. His orchard was gnarled and beautiful. The little creek ran through his land.

2. Where did Don Anselmo live? What work did he do?

Ans.: Don Anselmo lived in a small, quaint house in Rio en Medio. He tilled the land that was inherited to him from his ancestors

3. Explain briefly the appearance and manners of Don Anselmo?

Ans.: Don Anselmo wore an old, green faded coat. His gloves too were old and torn and his fingertips showed through them and carried a cane which was the skeleton of a worn - out umbrella. when he entered the room he bowed to all and slowly removed his hat and gloves.

4. How did the old man greet the people who had been waiting for him?

Ans.: The old man bowed to all of them in the room. He then removed his hat and gloves, slowly and carefully.

5. What did the Americans discover after the survey?

Ans.: After the survey, the Americans discovered that Don Anselmo owns more than eight acres of land which extends across the river.

6. The story teller offered the old man almost the double of what he had quoted earlier. Why?

Ans.: The story teller offered the old man almost the double of what he had quoted earlier because he discovered that Don Anselmo owns more than eight acres of land which extends across the river.

7. What was the reaction of the old man to the story teller's offer?

Ans.: The old man hung his head for a moment in thought, stood up and stared at the story teller's offer.

8. After the survey the Americans offered double the quoted price for the old man's land. why ?

Ans.: The Americans were good people and when they found that Don Anselmo owned more than eight acres of land, they offered to pay double the price they had quoted earlier.

9. Why did the story teller fail to convince Don Anselmo to accept more money?

Ans.: The story teller failed to convince Don Anselmo to accept more money because Don Anselmo felt that he was insulted by the offer.

10. Why do you think the Americans wanted to buy Don Anselmo's land?

Ans.: The little creek ran through the land of Don Anselmo. His orchard was gnarled and beautiful. So, to lead a happy and peaceful life. The Americans wanted to buy Don Anselmo's land

11. Why did the story teller say that Americans buena gente?

Ans.: The story teller said that the Americans are buena gentla because they did not want to cheat Don Anselmo and they were willing to pay Don Anselmo twice the money for his land

12. How was the problem of ownership was resolved by the Americans?

Ans: The Americans bought the tree in the orchard from the descendents of Don Anselmo. It took a long time because they purchased from each individual of Rio en Medio.

13. Why did the Americans want to buy Don Anselmo's land?

Ans: Don Anselmo's land had a good water source as the little creek ran through the land. His orchard was beautiful and his house was quaint.

14. Why did the Americans complain the story teller on the old man?

Ans; The Americans complained the story teller that, The children of the village were running around the land, playing in the orchard, putting fences around their play area, plucking the flowers from the trees, laughing whenever they were spoken they laughed at the Americans and replied in Spanish. so they could not enjoy their property.

15. How do you say that Don Anselmo was generous?

Ans.: Don Anselmo was generous. Because he was a man of principles he refused to take the extra money offered by the Americans for his land.

16. Why do you think Don Anselmo did not sell the trees in the Orchard?

Ans.: Don Anselmo planted a tree for memory of every birth of child so the trees in the Orchard belongs to the children of Rio-en-Medio. Hence Don Anselmo could sell only the Orchard but not the trees in the Orchard.

extract

1. "It took months of negotiation to come to an understanding with the old man"

a) Who is the old men referred here?

Ans- Don Anselmo

B) What was the negotiation about?

Ans.: The negotiation was about the selling of the old man's land.

c. Why do you think it took months to come to an understanding?

Ans.: It took months to come to an understanding because the old man was in no hurry to sell

2. "We have made a discovery"

a) Who is we referred here?

Ans- Americans

b. What did they discover?

Ans.: They discovered that Don Anselmo owns more than eight acres of land

c. What was the result of the discovery?

Ans.: As a result, they offered Don Anselmo double the price of what they had quoted earlier

3. "These Americans are Buena gente"

a. What is the meaning of Buena gente according to the context?

Ans.: Buena gente means good people.

b. Why did the speaker called Americans Buena gente?

Ans.: The speaker called Americans Buena gente because after the survey, they did not cheat Don Anselmo and were ready to pay twice the money they had quoted earlier for the additional land.

C) Who is the speaker?

Ans : Narrator

4. He said, “I do not like to have you speak to me in that manner”

a. who is I?

Ans - Don Anselmo

b. What is the mood of the speaker?

Ans.: The speaker felt that he was being insulted.

c. What made him to react so?

Ans.: He said these words when the Americans offered him twice the money they had quoted earlier for his land.

5. “I have agreed to sell my house and land for twelve hundred dollars and that is the price?”

a. When did the speaker say this?

Ans.: The old man said this when the Americans offered him double the price that had been quoted earlier for his land.

b. What does this statement tell about the speaker?

Ans.: This statement tells that the speaker was not greedy and he was a man of principles.

C .Why did speaker agree to sell Americans?

Ans : They were Good People

6. “I did not sell them the trees in the Orchard”.

a. Why didn't he sell the trees in the orchard?

Ans.: According to Don Anselmo he didn't sell the trees because the trees belong to the children of Rio-en-Medio .:

b. How did Don Anselmo defend his statement?

Ans.: Don Anselmo defended that when a child was born in the village, a tree was planted and so the trees belonged to the children of the village.

C. Was Don Anselmo right in saying this?

Ans : Yes.

7) “He lived up in Rio en Medio where his ancestors lived. He tilled the same land they had tilled”

A) Who does “he” and “they” refer to?

Ans: “He” refers to the old man, Anselmo. “They” refers to His ancestors.

B) What does the statement convey?

Ans: The statement conveys that Anselmo was the oldest man in the village, Rio en Medio.

C . What was the profession of the Old man?

Ans- Former

8. “The trees in that Orchard are not mine”.

a. According to Don Anselmo, who did the trees belong to?

Ans.: the tree belonged to the children of Rio-en-Medio.

b. Why did he feel so?

Ans.: He felt so because every time a child was born in the village, he had planted a tree for that child.

C . When did speaker make the statement?

Ans- When Americans complained about the children's disturbances in the orchard

9) “It took months of negotiation to come to an understanding with the old man. He was in no hurry. What, he had the most of was time”.

A) Who is the old man here?

Ans : Don Anselmo

B) Who did the old man negotiated with?

Ans: The old man negotiated with the Americans.

c) What were the terms of negotiation?

Ans: The old man had agreed to sell his house and land to the Americans for twelve hundred dollars.

d) Why did the negotiation take long time?

Ans: Because the old man had a lot time and he was in no hurry.

10) "They are good people and they are willing to pay you for the additional land as well. You will get almost twice as much"

A) Who are the good people referred here?

Ans: The Americans are referred to as good people.

B) Why are they offering twice the amount?

Ans: The Americans found that Anselmo owned more than eight acres of land almost double of what was mentioned in the deed.

C) Did the owner accept double amount?

Ans- No, he didn't accept

11) "When you sold them you signed a document, a deed and in that deed you agreed to several things. One such thing was that they were to have the complete possession of the property."

A) Who sold the property? To whom?

Ans: Don Anselmo sold his property to the Americans.

B) Why could not they have the complete possession of the property?

Ans: Because the children of Rio en Medio were over running into their orchard.

C) How did they get complete possession?

Ans- they consulted every child of the village and paid read value for the each tree.

12) "I know these Americans are good people, and that is why I have agreed to sell to them, but I do not care to be insulted price."

A) Who is the speaker? and why does he call them good people?

Ans: Don Anselmo is the speaker and he calls the Americans good people as he was a gentle man.

B) What did he sell them and how much did he offer?

Ans: The old man Anselmo sold them his house and land for twelve hundred dollars.

C) Why did he feel insulted? Who insulted him?

Ans: The author and the Americans offered twice the amount as in the deed .But Anselmo was an honest and a gentleman. He did not want more than the deed amount. So he felt insulted.

13) "I argued with him but it was useless. Finally he signed the deed and took the money but refused to take more than the amount agreed upon."

A) Who argued with whom?

Ans: the author argued with the old man Don Anselmo.

B) What was argued with him?

Ans: He argued with him to take the extra amount for the extra land possessed by Anselmo.

C) Why did he refuse to take the extra amount?

Ans: Anselmo was an honest and a gentle man of Rio en Medio. He was a man of principles.

14) "One day they came back to the office to complain. The children of the village were overrunning their property"

A) Who complained to the office?

Ans: The Americans complained to the office.

B) What was their complaint?

Their complaint was that the Children of Rio en Medio were over running their property.

C) What is the property referred here?

Ans: The property refers to the land purchased by the Americans.

15)“They are good people and want to be your good neighbours always.

A) Who spoke these words? Who are called good people here?

Ans: The author called the Americans good people.

B) Who is he speaking to? Why does he speak so?

Ans: He is speaking to Anselmo. Because he wants Anselmo to avoid the children of Rio en Medio over running into their orchard.

C) Who are the neighbours referred here?

Ans: The Americans

Answer the following in 8-10 sentences

1.Don Anselmo and the Americans were generous in their own ways. Explain.

Ans.: The Americans informed Don Anselmo that after survey, they found that he owns more than eight acres and were willing to pay double the agreed amount. This shows that the Americans were generous. Don Anselmo was a man of principle and refused to take extra amount. It was his generosity. the Americans showed their generosity in one wore way. When old man told that trees belonged to children , they bought the trees individually from the villagers.

2.At last, the problem of ownership was resolved, But it took a long time. What might be the reason for it.

Ans.: After buying the property from Don Anselmo by the Americans the children of Rio en Medio, began to overrun the Orchard and spend most of their time there. This was brought to the notice of Don Anselmo and he was asked to stop the children. Don Anselmo claimed that he had sold the land to them but not the trees. He had planted a tree for each child born in the village and the trees belonged to the children, not to him. The owners were left with no choice. They had to buy the trees individually from the villages and this took a long time.

3.Don Anselmo’s reaction to the offer of more money was not expected. Justify this statement.

Ans.: Don Anselmo agreed to sell his land for twelve hundred dollars. After the survey the Americans found that the land was more than 8 acres and they were willing to offer twice the amount for the extra land. The old man could have been happy but as he heard this the old man hung his head for a moment and stared at the story teller. He felt that he was being insulted. He told them that he had agreed to sell his property for twelve hundred dollars to the Americans because they are good and stuck to his words. This reaction of the old man is truly unexpected.

4“I did not sell the trees because I could not, they are not mine”. How did the old man support this statement?

Ans.: The old man explained that he was the oldest person in the village. Almost everyone there was related to him and all the children of Rio en Medio were his neices and nephews. He planted a tree for every child that was born in the village. So the trees in the Orchard belonged to the children. Hence there was no way he could sell the trees along with the land.