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NOTES

Class - VIII

Subject - English

Topic - A Retrieved Reformation

Q1.RTC-

1.
 - a. When Jimmy stuffed the pin that Annabel gave to him into his vest-pocket, threw off his coat, and pulled up his shirtsleeves, Ralph D. Spencer passed away and Jimmy Valentine took his place.
 - b. Annabel had asked Jimmy to help Agatha and handed him her rosebud pin when he asked for it. That led to the act mentioned in the sentence.
 - c. Ralph D Spencer 'passed away' in the sense that his true identity as a burglar was revealed; he was no longer a smart and well-mannered businessman but a wanted criminal.
2.
 - a. Jimmy Valentine said this to Ben Price.
 - b. 'It' refers to the revelation of his true identity as Jimmy Valentine a 'wanted' burglar.
 - c. Valentine said this because he was in a situation that forced him to make a very difficult decision. He responded to Annabel's plea to 'try' to save Agatha, but in the process revealed his identity. He thus destroyed all prospects of marrying Annabel and leading a straight life. So whether Ben Price convicted him would not make a difference because he was too ashamed of his past, which was now known to the one whose respect he treasured the most, Annabel Adams.

Q2. Answer the following questions briefly-

1. The manner in which the burglary was done was similar to Jimmy Valentine's style of work. The jobs were neat, clean, and gave no clue about the burglar. These signs and the significant amounts being burgled indicated that only Valentine could do such work.

2. Valentine made friends with a boy loitering near the bank. He purposefully suggested a wrong name and the boy corrected him, giving him the real identity of the girl. Jimmy kept giving the boy coins to extract more information about the banker's daughter and the town.
3. Agatha got shut in the new vault accidentally while she and her sister were playfully swinging the door of the vault.
4. Ben Price was called in only when the amount stolen was really large; the expression 'his class of work' suggests that he went after big crooks.
5. Spencer didn't want to show that he knew how to break open safes and vaults very well and had broken them expertly many times before. He wanted the onlookers to believe that he was looking at a safe or vault for the first time. He wanted to appear disinterested but courteous.
6. Ben Price had been investigating Valentine and was aware of his reputation as an honest businessman. He saw him with the banker's daughter and felt that he had turned over a new leaf. He thus decided to give Valentine a chance to start a new life and pretended not to recognize him.