

Chapter 9 A Bicycle in Good Repair

WORKING WITH THE TEXT

Answer the following questions.

- 1. Did the front wheel really wobble? What is your opinion? Give a reason for your answer.**
 - A. No, the front wheel did not wobble. The author was already using it and he was happy with it. Even the friend had said that it was a good-looking machine.
- 2. In what condition did the author find the bicycle when he returned from the tool shed?**
 - A. When the author returned from the tool shed, his friend had taken off the front wheel and he was sitting on the ground with the front wheel between his legs.
- 3. “Nothing is easier than taking off the gear case.” Comment on or continue this sentence in the light of actually what happens.**
 - A. As he rightly said, it is easier to take off the gear case, fixing it back properly only is difficult.
- 4. What special treatment did the chain receive?**
 - A. First the chain was tightened till it would not move and later it was loosened too much than it was earlier.
- 5. The friend has two qualities – he knows what he is doing and he is absolutely sure that it is good. Find the two phrases in the text which mean the same.**
 - A. “Cheery confidence” and “inexplicable hopefulness.”
- 6. Describe ‘the fight’ between the man and the machine. Find the relevant sentences in the text and write them.**
 - A. “Then he lost his temper and tried bullying the thing. The bicycle, showed the spirit. One moment the bicycle would be on the gravel path, and he on the top of it. The next, the position would be reversed.”