

## *The Last Stone Mason*

### *Chapter 13*

- 1) Who was Salim? How had Masterjee helped him?
- 2) "I know you will be one of the finest stonemasons." What made Masterjee say this?
- 3) "Gopal was more practical than his father. Gopal believed that being traditional sculptors wouldn't pay them for a decent life. He believed that mass production of sculptures for the tourists other than for temples. He also believed that making candle-stands, paper-weights and ash-trays would bring them good revenue." Do you agree? Give your opinion in about 50-80 words.
- 4) Do you think the old man was the last mason? Give reasons in support of your answer.
- 5) Give instances from the story to show that Salim cared deeply about the well-being of the old man.
- 6) Masterjee and Gopal had different ideas about life and work were their ideas different only because they belonged to different generations?
- 7) Fill in the blanks with words from the text:
  - The author of the story The Last Stonemason is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Gopal said to his father that there is more money in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for tourist shops.
  - Masterjee said gently, "Soon I will be the last \_\_\_\_\_ here."
  - All the other stonemason have gone to \_\_\_\_\_.

8) Write True or False for the Statement:

1. Gopal is the son of Masterjee .( )
2. Salim was an orphan boy. ( )
3. Gopal wanted to leave his house because his father scolded him. ( )
4. Gopal helped his father to complete the statue of Krishna. ( )

9) Choose the correct options:

The young man decided to leave his father and his work because:

- he was not good at carving.
- he did not love his father.
- he wanted to earn more money.
- he wanted to enjoy city life

Gopal wanted to leave his house and family because\_\_\_\_\_

- his father scolded him
- he felt they did not earn enough
- he wanted to see Agra
- he was bored of making statues

The old man felt the statue of Krishna was his last sculpture because\_\_\_\_\_

- he had no one to help him
- he was becoming weak
- he was too old
- all of the above

Salim had practiced the art of sculpting secretly\_\_\_\_\_

- in the bazaar
- in the quarry
- at home
- in the backyard

10) Imagine you are Salim. You served the old man after his son abandoned him. What inspired you to help him? Write a diary entry expressing your experience.