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A LETTER TO GOD (G.L. Fuentes)

[Summary]

'A Letter to God' is a story of a ^{poor} ~~poor~~ ^{extreme} faith in God. The writer G.L. Fuentes has tried to depict the faith of a poor and simple farmer in God in an impressive manner. Genito was an honest and hardworking farmer. He was shocked to notice that his coop was ruined in a hailstorm. He turned to God for getting some help. He wrote a letter to God. On Sunday, he posted the letter. When an employee of the post office chanced to see the letter addressed to God, he made fun of the man who had written that letter but his boss, the postmaster was a serious man and did not take letter lightly. He was impressed by the extreme faith of the man and wished to have the same faith. He decided to answer the letter. He collected money from his employees to give in charity to the needy farmer.

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He was able to collect only seventy pesos and thought that the farmer would be glad to receive the money. But to his bitter disappointment, the postmaster was shocked to notice that it had made Lenculo angry, who wrote another letter to God but with a warning not to send the money by post as he considered the postal employees 'a bunch of crooks' who had stolen thirty pesos from the hundred pesos sent by him.

Assignment

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Comprehension Passage

Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office.

Lenculo showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money, such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money.

(a) Why was the postmaster contented?

(b) Why was Lenculo not surprised on seeing the money?

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(c) Why did Gencho become angry?

(d) How much money did Gencho ask for?

Q.2: - Answer the following questions:

(i) What does Gencho have complete faith in? which sentence in the story tell you this?

(ii) Why does the postmaster send money to Gencho? why does he sign the letter 'God'?

(iii) Did Gencho try to find out who had sent the money to him? why/why not?

(iv) There are two kinds of conflicts in the story 'A letter to God' between humans and nature and between humans themselves. How are these conflicts illustrated?

(v) What are the raindrops compared to and why?

(vi) Gencho called the post office employees 'a bunch of crooks'. What does it show about his attitude towards men? Does he lack the value of humility, appreciation and gratefulness? Elaborate.

(vii) Describe the character of Gencho in the light of his faith and attitude towards God and man. Do you have faith in God like Gencho? Do you think he should have been grateful to the post office employees?