

Lesson 12**The Gift of the Magi (O. Henry)****Q.1: How much did she save for Christmas?**

Ans. She saved one dollar and eighty-seven cents for Christmas.

Q.2: Why did she feel proud of the beauty of her hair? [BISE Lhr. 2017]

Ans. She felt proud of the beauty of her hair because she thought it was more beautiful than any queen's jewels and gifts.

Q.3: Why did she sell her hair? [BISE Lhr. 2016]

Ans. She sold her hair to buy a Christmas gift for Jim.

Q.4: Why did Jim sell the gold watch? [BISE Lhr. 2014, 2013]

Ans. Jim sold the gold watch to buy a Christmas gift for Della.

Q.5: Why did they want to exchange the gifts? [BISE Lhr. 2018]

Ans. They wanted to exchange gifts to show their love and care for each other on the occasion of Christmas.

Q.6: Why did she feel sad on losing her hair? [BISE Lhr. 2015]

Ans. She felt sad on losing her hair because she thought that Jim would not like her anymore.

Q.7: Why did Jim not welcome her when he stepped in?

Ans. Jim did not welcome her when he stepped in because he was shocked to see her short hair.

Q.8: What did he bring out of his coat?

Ans. He brought out of his coat something (combs) tied in a paper.

Q.9: How beautiful was the gold watch chain?

Ans. The gold chain watch was plain and simple. Its value was in its rich and pure material.

Q.10: What was the wisdom in selling the most valuable things? [BISE Lhr. 2017, 2013]

Ans. The wisdom in selling the most valuable things was to show love and care they had for each other.

Q.11: Who were the Magi? [BISE Lhr. 2012]

Ans. The Magi were wise men, wonderfully wise men who brought gifts to the new-born Christ-child. They were the first to give Christmas gifts.

Q.12: How did the Magi celebrate their Christmas? [BISE Lhr. 2018]

Ans. The Magi celebrated their Christmas by bringing gifts to the newborn Christ-child. They were the first to give Christmas gifts and thus set the tradition of presenting gifts on Christmas.

