

NCERT Solutions for Class 9

English

Chapter 10 – The Beggar

1. Has Lushkoff become a beggar by circumstance or by choice?

Ans: Circumstances force Lushkoff to become a beggar. He used to sing in the choir and was a talented singer. In the church, the choir sings. Because of his alcoholism, he lost his work. He was unable to get work after leaving the recovery center due to the societal stigma of being an alcoholic. He had to resort to begging to make ends meet.

2. What reasons does he give Sergei for his telling lies?

Ans: He claims that if he told the truth, no one would donate alms. It's similar to how beggars dress and whine about being hungry for days. Criminal gangs keep armies of beggars in some of the larger towns. They apply the necessary cosmetic make-up and place beggars in high-traffic areas. They teach those beggars how to cry appropriately for people to feel pity for them. The gang lord receives a sizable commission from the day's booty after the day.

3 . Is Lushkoff a willing worker? Why, then, does he agree to chop wood for Sergei?

Ans: Lushkoff is sluggish because of malnutrition and alcoholism. He is well aware that he is unable to work. Sergei, on the other hand, feels ashamed after his falsehoods are discovered. His conscience forces him to agree to the woodchopping.

4. Sergei says, “I am happy that my words have taken effect.” Why does he say so? Is he right in saying this?

Ans: Sergei believes that because of his timely advice, Lushkoff will be able to stop begging and become financially self-sufficient. From his perspective, he is correct because he is unaware that Olga was the one who chopped wood for Lushkoff. Whatever the case may be, Lushkoff's life has returned to normal. "All is well that ends well," as the phrase goes.

5. Lushkoff is earning thirty-five roubles a month. How is he obliged to Sergei for this?

Ans: If Sergei Lushkoff had not appeared, he would have continued begging.

It was thanks to Sergei that he was able to receive assistance from Olga. Lushkoff's outlook on the future is altered as a result of the occurrence. He was previously unconvinced that he would be able to find work. His time with Sergei and Olga gives him a new sense of self-assurance, which aids him in landing a good job.

6. During their conversation Lushkoff reveals that Sergei's cook, Olga, is responsible for the positive change in him. How has Olga saved Lushkoff?

Ans: Olga feels sorry for Lushkoff. She is well aware that such a frail man is incapable of chopping wood. She assisted him by chopping wood while he was away. Olga, no matter how nasty her comments were, had a helping mentality on the inside. Olga's act had a profound effect on Lushkoff's heart. Lushkoff would not have gotten the money he needed if Olga had not assisted him in chopping wood. He would not have had the opportunity to listen to Olga's moral lesson.