

UNIT-1A

Questions and Answers:

1. **Why didn't the mother recognise Gopi? How did he feel?**

Answer: The mother did not recognise Gopi due to old age and also because she hasn't seen her son for a long time.

He felt a bit surprised, but was cold and calm.

2. **Why do you think Gopi didn't get anything for his mother?**

Answer: Gopi did not buy anything for his mother because he wasn't able to meet both the ends with his salary. Also, he had four children and had to maintain his life style in Delhi. And its already expensive there.

3. **The mother could not remember his mother. Do you think Gopi remembered his mother? What does it suggest?**

Answer: No, I don't think Gopi remembered his mother because he did not come to see his old mother for years, and he also did not bother to write letters to his old mother. His mother used to wait eagerly for her son's letters but none arrived in the last one year. Also, Gopi didn't turn up in the last five years to see his aged mother. Gopi being a son never tried to feel the pain of his mother. Even when he did arrive, it was only for his own interest of selling his share of the property and get money for himself. Gopi lacked feelings of love, care and mercy within him.

4. **What is meant by the expression "the tattered blanket"?**

Answer: The expression " the tattered blanket" means that the blanket is very old and has become crumbles of cloth resembling a ball of knotted yarn. Also, it might resemble both Amma's and Gopi's tattered relationship.

5. **Why didn't Gopi answer his sister's question "Do you remember your Amma"?**

Answer: Gopi did not answer his sister's questions because he was able to understand that his sister was actually annoyed at him for not taking care of his mother.

Moreover, Gopi's conscience knew very well that he has actually forgotten his Amma.

