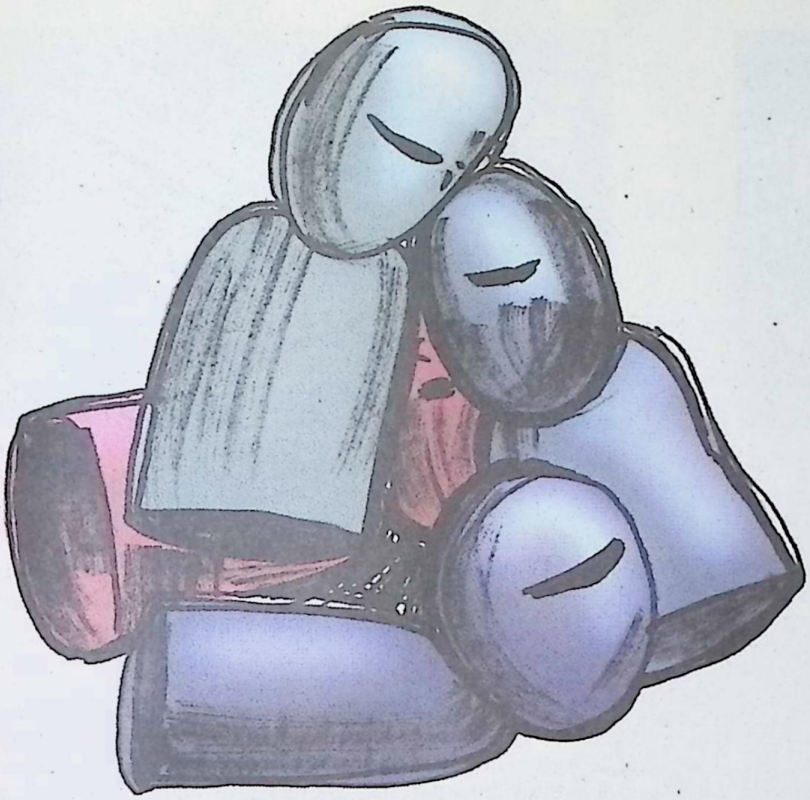


marks on the answer script only after his marks are final. This was to avoid overwriting on the answer script, as he always weighs the grades up and down to give maximum benefit to his students.

The results come out almost immediately. The student has failed is the result, signed and delivered by the teacher. The student and his relatives make hue and cry, and go to the media, claiming that the *khata* was tampered with. An inquiry is launched. Independent examiners are appointed whose rechecking and grading very closely matches that of the teacher's. It can obviously never be exactly the same, more so in a History paper, distorted as facts always are. It was revealed that the student wrote 'trouble' instead of Muktijuddho. OMG! (Oh my *gondogol*) So he remains a failed student, condemned for his poor aptitude and poorer attitude.

But there is a twist in the animal's tale. Now there is a new inquiry because stealing is a crime, and this was betrayal of the conscience, the stealing of an answer script from one's teacher. The corruption is traced back to the department peon, who is now absconding although his father is giving press statements that his son is innocent, and that this was the handiwork of the education ministry, which failed to secure the scripts.

The *moodi dokandar* who the journalist knew, admitted under interrogation that he took money from the student to play the role he did. But the student denies all this. He is now appealing to the department board of studies saying that he was wrongfully failed as the *khata* went missing.

Here are a few questions. Answer all the questions. The questions are of equal value. See if you can pass.

Question 1. Why is the peon hiding from the law?

Question 2. How much money did the peon take?

Question 3.Who convinced the peon to steal the document?

Question 4.Should the *moodi* shopkeeper be punished?

Question 5. Is the *moodi* shopkeeper telling the truth?

Question 6. How much money did the *moodi* shopkeeper take?

Question 7. Is the teacher at fault for losing the *khata*?

Question 8. Should the student pass just because he saw his script before the results came out?

Question 9.Is a result valid until it is signed by the teacher?

Question 10.Should security be tightened at the department?

Question 11. Can the student be jailed for handling a stolen official document?

Question 12. Are other persons involved in this crime?

Question 13. Are the father and others siding with the student punishable?

Question 14. Is the education ministry involved in this crime?

Question 15. Should the journalist be rewarded for revealing the story?

Question 16.Why is the student so desperate?

Question 17. Are the peon, the shopkeeper and the student related?

Question 18. Is money the only cause of their *jigri* connectivity?

Question 19.What can happen if the appeal goes in favour of the student?

Question 20. Have you come across such a scheming student before? ■