



**ATTINGAL EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT
STANDARD X
ENGLISH
THE BEST INVESTMENT I EVER MADE
ANSWER KEY - 12**

1. The young man.
2. Seven pounds ten shillings.
3. The young man tried to kill himself for a paltry sum.
4. Gruffly
5. The narrator, the sergeant and the landlady.
6. He may lose his job if he does not file any case against the young man.
7. The sergeant asked the young man how much money he stole / had stolen from the office safe.
The young man replied that he stole/ had stolen seven pounds ten shillings.
- 8.

MR. JOHN

Mr. John plays a prominent role in the story, 'The Best Investment I Ever Made'. He was in his early 40s rather short in build, with a fair complexion and clear blue eyes. His thin hair had begun to recede from his forehead. His dark suit, sober tie and rimless spectacles gave evidence of a serious and reserved disposition. He was a solicitor by profession. Mr. John found time to act as a director of a charitable organisation devoted to the care of boys and girls mostly from the city slums who had fallen under the ban of the law. He had a dark past. His parents were dead. His uncle had found him a position as clerk in a London solicitor's office. Somehow he had fallen victim to the loose society of the streets, had made bad companions and like a young fool, eager to taste pleasure far beyond his means, had begun to bet on horses. Soon he had lost all his small savings. In an effort to recoup, he had taken a sum of money from the office for a final gamble. But he failed in it. Luckily the three angels, the landlady, the sergeant and the doctor decided him to give him a fresh start. That was the turning point in his life. From then on he had started working for the derelict adolescents. He along with his wife placed them in healthy environments and they were given training in useful handicraft. Mr. John's act of redemption stirred my heart. He learned a valuable lesson from his bitter experience.

- a) the
- (b) and
- (c) his
- (d) from
- (e) for