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While I was walking along the road the other day I happened to notice a small brown purse lying on the pavement. I picked it up and opened it to see if I could find out the owner's name. There was nothing inside it except some small change and a rather old photograph, a picture of a woman and a young girl about twelve years old, who looked like the woman's daughter. I put the photograph back and took the purse to the police station, where I handed it to the sergeant in charge. Before I left, the sergeant made a note of my name and address in case the owner of the purse wanted to write and thank me.

That evening I went to have dinner with an uncle and aunt of mine. They have also invited another person, a young woman, so that there would be four people at table. The young woman's face was familiar, but I could not remember where I had seen it. I was quite sure that we had not met before. In the course of conversation, however, the young woman happened to remark that she had lost her purse that afternoon. I at once remembered where I had seen her face. She was the young girl in the photograph, although she was now much older. Of course she was very surprised when I was able to describe her purse to her. Then I explained that I had recognised her face from the photograph I had found in the purse. My uncle insisted on going round to the police station immediately to claim the purse. As the police sergeant handed it over, he said that it was a remarkable coincidence that I had found the purse but also the person who had lost it.

Answer the following questions in your own words. Please do not copy word for word from the passage.

- 1) What did the writer find in the purse?
- 2) Why did the sergeant make a note of the writer's name and address?
- 3) When did the writer remember where he had seen the young woman's face before?
- 4) Where did they go to get the purse?
- 5) Explain the meaning of the following words as they are used in the passage:
 - a) small change
 - b) in charge
 - c) in the course of
 - d) remark
 - e) claim
 - f) remarkable
- 6) In not more than 100 of your own words make a precis of the above passage. Use your own sentence structures.

End of Test Dr. Tariq
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