

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature

Beehive Chapter-11 If I Were You

Test Paper-02

Read the following passages and answer the questions:

1. INTRUDER: That's a lie. You're not dealing with a fool. I'm as smart as you and smarter, and I know you run a car. Better be careful, wise guy!
GERRARD: Are you American, or is that merely a clever imitation?
INTRUDER: Listen, this gun's no toy. I can hurt you without killing you, and still get my answers.
GERRARD: Of course, if you put it like that, I'll be glad to assist you. I do possess a car, and it's in the garage round the corner.
 - a. Why did the intruder say, 'you are not dealing with a fool'?
 - b. How did the intruder want to get the answers if not given without fuss?
 - c. Why did Gerrard pretend when he said, 'I'll be glad to assist you'?
 - d. What do you understand by the sentence 'I'm as smart as you and smarter'?
2. INTRUDER: I'm O.K. I've got a reason for everything. I'm going to be Vincent Charles Gerrard, see. I've got to know what he talks like. Now I know. That posh stuff comes easy. This is Mr. V.C. Gerrard speaking. (Pantomime of phoning, in imitation cultured voice.) And that's not all. (He stands up.) Get up a minute (Gerrard stands.) Now take a look at me.
GERRARD: You're not particularly decorative.
INTRUDER: No! Well, that goes for you, too. I've only got to wear specs and I'll be enough like you to get away with it.
 - a. When did the intruder say, 'I'm O.K. I've got a reason for everything'?
 - b. What's the meaning of 'cultured voice'?
 - c. What is Pantomime?
 - d. Why did Gerrard say, 'You're not particularly decorative'?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. Why did the intruder want to take Gerrard's identity?
4. Why did the intruder say, 'they can't hang me twice'?

5. What was the mystery that Gerrard wanted to explain?
6. How did Gerrard manage to get rid of the intruder?
7. Was the intruder smart enough to befool Gerrard?
8. Did Gerrard find it difficult to deal with the intruder?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. Explain the way Gerrard handled the intruder. Do you think he managed it well?
10. Gerrard confused the intruder by saying 'this is your big surprise'. What was the surprise and how did Gerrard manage to fool the intruder?

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Answers

1.
 - a. The intruder said, 'you are not dealing with a fool' because he thought he was much smarter than Gerrard and could handle him with his wits and gun.
 - b. The intruder wanted to get the answers if not given without fuss with the use of his gun.
 - c. Gerrard pretended to show the intruder that he was afraid of his gun when he said, 'I'll be glad to assist you'.
 - d. 'I'm as smart as you and smarter', the intruder said so to put Gerrard in a difficult position and to make him look small.
2.
 - a. The intruder said I'm O.K. I've got a reason for everything when Gerrard told him that in most melodramas the villain is foolish enough to delay the killing of his captive.
 - b. The meaning of 'cultured voice' is speaking in a sophisticated polite voice.
 - c. Pantomime means to express or present actions or emotions by exaggerated movement rather than speech.
 - d. Gerrard said, 'You're not particularly decorative' because he knew that the intruder was not as well dressed as him.
3. The intruder wanted to take Gerrard's identity to live a free life as he was wanted in murder charge.
4. The intruder said, 'they can't hang me twice' because he was already charged for murder and if he killed Gerrard, he would be charged for murder. He could be hanged only once even if he had committed more than one murder.
5. Gerrard wanted to explain that he too was a fugitive and was wanted on charge of murder.
6. Gerrard managed to get rid of the intruder by giving him false notion that he was wanted in murder and cops were after him. On the pretext of escaping in a car, he pushed the intruder into cupboard and locked it.
7. No, the intruder was not smart enough to befool Gerrard rather Gerrard befooled him and locked him in the cupboard.

8. Gerrard did not find it at all difficult to deal with the intruder. He kept a cool head and trapped the intruder in his sweet talk and captured him.
9. Gerrard handled the intruder beautifully and finally trapped him. He did not lose his cool on seeing the intruder rather pretended as if he was welcoming a social acquaintance. Even when the intruder threatened him with a gun, Gerrard did not fear him and engaged him in conversation. He befuddled the intruder by making him believe that he too was wanted for a murder. He escaped under the cover of bullets. but one of his accomplices got caught by the cops, who were on his heels and were shortly coming to catch him. He camouflaged his activity and explained his artificial make up artifacts as material for disguise.
10. Gerrard confused the intruder by saying 'this is your big surprise'. To save his life, Gerrard explained the intruder that he was a fugitive on the run and wanted for a murder. He had arranged for false moustaches, clothes and other material to hide his identity and escape. The cops had apprehended one of his people who gave the evidence which he should have burnt. They got information from him and were then tracking him. He had planted a man at the end of the street to phone him if saw the cops. By creating the confusion, he managed to trap the intruder and hand him over to the sergeant.