

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature

Beehive Chapter-7 Packing

Test Paper-02

1. When I had finished, George asked if the soap was in. I said I didn't care a hang whether the soap was in or whether it wasn't; and slammed the bag shut and strapped it, and found that I had packed my spectacles in it, and had to reopen it. It got shut up finally at 10.05p.m., and then there remained the hampers to do.
 - a. Why did the author reopen the bag first time?
 - b. Where did he find his toothbrush?
 - c. What did the author forget to pack the second time?
 - d. What did he find before finally packing the bag?
2. I didn't say anything, but I came over and sat on the edge of the table and watched them. It irritated them more than anything I could have said. I felt that. It made them nervous and excited, and they stepped on things, and put things behind them, and then couldn't find them when they wanted them; and they packed the pies at the bottom, and put heavy things on the top, and smashed the pies in.
 - a. Why were George and Harris irritated?
 - b. Why were they not able to find the things?
 - c. How did the events turn when the author suggested leaving everything on him?
 - d. How did the pies get smashed?
3. Why could the author not find his toothbrush easily in his bag?
4. What according to you was the author's real intention when he offered to pack?
5. Why did Harris wait till Jerome shut and strapped the bag?
6. Why did the narrator think that Harris was the worst packer?
7. How many times did he have to open his bag and why?
8. Who was Montmorency? How did he distract them?

Long Answer type Questions (100-150 words):-

9. Write the theme of the story in your own words?
10. The incidents in the story add humor to the lesson. Justify this statement.

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Answers

1.
 - a. The author reopened the bag first time as he had forgotten to keep his boots in it.
 - b. He found his toothbrush inside one of his boots.
 - c. The author forgot to pack the soap in the bag.
 - d. Finally before shutting the bag, he found his spectacles lying in the bag.
2.
 - a. George and Harris felt irritated because Jerome was watching them quietly.
 - b. They were not able to find the things because they were getting nervous and excited too.
 - c. When the author suggested leaving everything to him, his friends took it seriously and sat idle in the room.
 - d. The pies got smashed because they put them at the bottom of the bag and kept heavy things on top of them.
3. After packing everything in the bag, the author had a horrible idea that whether he had packed his toothbrush or not. He reopened the bag and started searching for it. He had to turn everything out of the bag but still could not find it. At last, he found it inside a boot.
4. The author did not want his friends to sit idle while he was working. He took pride in the thought that he was just as perfect at packing things. So he wanted that his friends should learn to pack things nicely while he instructed them. He actually wanted to show off his skills to them.
5. Harris waited till the time Jerome finally packed the bag and then told him to see that if he had packed his boots or not. This was done by him just to irritate the author as they did not like him directing them to do the work.
6. The author thinks so because Harris created a lot of mess in the room while packing the bags. Everything was lying here and there in the room. He also broke a cup and packed the lighter things at the bottom of the bag and kept heavy things on their top which resulted in smashing the pies and squashing the tomatoes.
7. He had to reopen his bags thrice to search for his things. First he forgot to keep the boots and then he wanted to double check that whether he had kept his toothbrush or not.

Then Harris reminded him to keep the soap as well. Lastly he had to open the bag again to find his spectacles.

8. Montmorency was their pet dog. He was a total nuisance in the house. He sat on the things that were needed to be packed. He put his leg into the jam and pretended that the lemon were rats and landed on them in the hamper. It seemed that he loved to poke his nose in everything and would just rush in everywhere even if not needed.
9. In the story 'Packing' the author, Jerome K Jerome, tells us that before starting any journey, we should plan well for it to avoid last minute glitches. We should not leave any task incomplete or leave it on others. Through this story, he has laid emphasis on the fact that our life is also a journey where every now and then we face complex situations. But if, like planning a travel or packing a bag for it, we should plan our life and accordingly move ahead and if we have prowess to deal with them we do not face much difficulty and our journey goes smoothly. Through this story, he tries to tell us that packing a bag for travel is not a difficult task but if not done with proper planning can create a chaos as in the case of George and Harris.
10. The story 'Packing', adds humor and fun to a very complex theme behind it. The author through the story wants to tell us that every step in our life should be properly planned to avoid any pain or hurt feelings later on. But the incidents depicted in it add fun to it. The way Jerome takes pride in showing off his packing skills, George and Harris creating a mess of all things and above all, Montmorency, the pet dog, reaching everywhere in the house . Jerome forgets to pack his boots and reopens the bag to do it. Then again the thought of not packing his toothbrush haunts him and he pulls everything out of the bag to find it and at last finds it inside the boot. Then packs it again This he does almost thrice to find or keep different things. George and Harris create a mess while packing the bags. They broke a cup, smashed the pies and squashed the tomatoes.