

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Beehive Chapter-5 The Snake and the Mirror**  
**Test Paper-01**

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1. The doctor replied, "I ran and ran till I reached a friend's house. Immediately I smeared oil all over myself and took a bath. I changed into fresh clothes. The next morning at about eight-thirty I took my friend and one or two others to my room to move my things from there. But we found we had little to carry. Some thief had removed most of my things. The room had been cleaned out! But not really, the thief had left one thing as a final insult.
  1. Why did the doctor run to a friend's house?
  2. Why did the doctor go back to his house?
  3. What for did he take his friend and one or two others?
  4. What was that final thing that the thief had left as a final insult?
2. "No," the doctor said. "God willed otherwise. My life companion is a thin reedy person with the gift of a sprinter. Someone else asked, "Doctor, when you ran did the snake follow you"?
  1. To whom did the doctor say "No"?
  2. What kind of life companion did the Doctor wish to have?
  3. Where was the snake when the doctor ran?
  4. What kind of life companion did the doctor get?
3. What kind of snake did the doctor say was?
4. Where was the snake when the doctor ran out of his house?
5. What was the kind of house in which the doctor lived?
6. Why did the doctor have to stay in an unelectrified house?
7. Where did the snake fall from the gable?
8. Where did the snake slither on the doctor?

**Answer the following questions in about 100 words:**

9. Describe the house in which the doctor lived when the snake came?
10. What was the thinking of the doctor about the creator of universe when the snake had coiled around his arm?

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**Answers**

1. 1. The doctor ran to a friend's house to save his life as a cobra snake had come into his rented room.
2. The doctor went back to his house to take his belongings.
3. He took his friend and one or two others to his house as he was afraid that the snake might be there. He also wanted to move his things from there.
4. The thing that the thief had left as a final insult was his dirty vest.
2. 1. The doctor said "No" to his friends to whom he was narrating his story.
2. The Doctor wished to have a rich doctor as a companion. He also wished her to be a fat lady so that she couldn't chase him in case of mistake.
3. The snake was sitting on the table in front of the mirror, admiring its reflection, when the doctor ran out.
4. The doctor got a reedy life companion who was also a sprinter.
3. The doctor said it was a cobra, but he didn't know whether it was a male or female snake.
4. The snake was in the room when the doctor ran out of his house. It was sitting in front of the mirror on the table. When the snake had winded itself on doctor's arm, it saw its reflection in the mirror and seemed that it like its image.
5. The doctor lived in a rented house. It was not electrified. He had an army of rats who were living with him in the room.
6. The doctor had to stay in an unelectrified house, since he had just started his practice and was poor, he couldn't afford anything better and his means were meager.
7. The snake fell from the gable and landed on the floor with a thud. The doctor was not moved as he was used to such sounds.
8. The snake moved from the floor, climbed the chair and slithered on to the doctor back. It finally settled on the doctor's arm below the elbow and coiled itself there with its hood barely four inches away from his face.
9. The house in which the doctor lived, when the snake came, was a rented house. It was not electrified. It was a small room on the outer side. I opened the two windows in the

room. It was an outer room with one wall facing the open yard. It had a tiled roof with long supporting gables that rested on the beam over the wall. There was no ceiling. There was a regular traffic of rats to and from the beam.

10. When the snake coiled itself on the doctor's arm, the doctor remembered the creator of the world and the universe. He thought that he might say something that the God didn't like, what would happen. He then tried in his imagination to write in bright letters, the words 'O God' in front of his little heart.

He was thinking, if the snake bit him, he didn't have even medicine in his house as he was a poor doctor and had just started practice. He smiled feebly. He thought that probably the God appreciated the smile and the snake unwound itself and slithered through his lap to the top of the table in front of the mirror.