

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-5 The Snake and the Mirror
Test Paper-04

Read the following passages and answer questions:

1. I took a close look at my face in the mirror. I made an important decision — I would shave daily and grow a thin moustache to look more handsome. I was after all a bachelor, and a doctor! I looked into the mirror and smiled. It was an attractive smile. I made another earth-shaking decision. I would always keep that attractive smile on my face ... to look more handsome. I was after all a bachelor, and a doctor too on top of it! Again, came that noise from above.
 - a. Which noise was the doctor talking about?
 - b. What did doctor say about his smile?
 - c. What did doctor resolve to do every day?
 - d. What was the earthshaking decision did the doctor make?
2. I paced up and down the room. Then another lovely thought struck me. I would get married to a woman doctor who had plenty of money and a good medical practice. She had to be fat; for a valid reason. If I made some silly mistake and needed to run away she should not be able to run after me and catch me! With such thoughts in my mind I resumed my seat in the chair in front of the table. There were no more sounds from above. Suddenly there came a dull thud as if a rubber tube had fallen to the ground.
 - a. What were the things the doctor had in mind when he resumed his seat?
 - b. When he was pacing up and down the room what lovely thought struck him?
 - c. Why did the doctor think that he had to run away from his wife?
 - d. What were the conditions that doctor thought should be there in his wife?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. What important decision did the doctor make?
4. What did the snake do when it looked itself in the mirror?
5. Whether the resolve of the doctor to marry a fat lady materialize?
6. What was the doctor's view about beauty?
7. What was the condition of the doctor when the snake wriggled over the chair's back and

landed on the doctor's shoulder?

8. What earth shaking decision did the doctor make to look handsome?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. This story about a frightening incident is narrated in a humorous way. What makes it humorous?

10. What were the decisions the doctor took & called important & earth shaking?

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Answers

1.
 - a. The doctor was talking about the noise made by the army of rats who were running on the beam.
 - b. The doctor looked into the mirror and smiled and said that he would always keep a smile on his face in order to look more handsome.
 - c. The doctor resolved to shave every day and have a thin moustache so as to look handsome. He thought that he was unmarried and a doctor.
 - d. The doctor made the earthshaking decision to always have that attractive smile on his face.
2.
 - a. The doctor, thought of marrying a woman doctor who had plenty of money and a good medical practice when he resumed his seat.
 - b. When he was pacing up and down the room he thought about his marriage.
 - c. The doctor thought that he would have to run away from his wife if he made a silly mistake.
 - d. The doctor thought that his wife should be a doctor with established practice and should have plenty of money.
3. An important decision, the doctor made, was to shave daily and have a short moustache.
4. The snake looked itself in the mirror and seemed to have appreciated his image. He continued to look itself in the mirror.
5. The resolve of the doctor to marry a fat lady did not materialize. He married a reedy lady who was a sprinter too.
6. The doctor was a great admirer of beauty and therefore wanted to look handsome.
7. The doctor said that he turned into a stone when the snake wriggled over the chair's back and landed on the doctor's shoulder.
8. The earthshaking decision the doctor made was always to keep a smile on his face to look handsome.
9. This story about a frightening incident is narrated in a humorous way. There are many instances. First one is when he says that he had a white vest, that was not so white.

Another was that he smiled feebly even when the snake had coiled itself around his arm. The third was when he said that he realized that he was a man of blood and flesh. His resolve to look handsome by shaving and keeping a thin moustache and always to keep a smile on his face. The story is full of such incidents that makes it humorous.

10. The doctor took two decisions when he was looking into the mirror. He called one an important decision and the other an earthshaking decision. The important decision was to shave daily and keep a thin moustache to look handsome as he was unmarried and a doctor. The earthshaking decision he took was always to keep a smile on his face as he looked very handsome with that smile. He took these decisions since he thought that he was a handsome man, unmarried and above all a doctor.