

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Beehive Chapter-5 The Snake and the Mirror**  
**Test Paper-03**

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**Read the following passages and answer the questions**

1. I took off my black coat, white shirt and not-so- white vest and hung them up. I opened the two windows in the room. It was an outer room with one wall facing the open yard.
  - a. Why did the doctor say, 'not so white vest'?
  - b. Where was the doctor when he took off his clothes?
  - c. Who all others were there, sharing the room with the doctor?
  - d. What did the doctor say about the wind god and why?
2. I went back into the room and sat down on the chair. I opened the box beneath the table and took out a book, the Materia Medica. I opened it at the table on which stood the lamp and a large mirror; a small comb lay beside the mirror. One feels tempted to look into a mirror when it is near one. I took a look. In those days I was a great admirer of beauty and I believed in making myself look handsome.
  - a. Who went back into the room and why?
  - b. Where did the doctor keep his books?
  - c. Why did the doctor say he was tempted to look into the mirror?
  - d. What was the belief of the doctor during those days?

**Answer the following questions in about 30 words:**

3. What meager possessions did the doctor have?
4. Why did the snake slithered away from the doctor's arm and slipped onto the table?
5. Was doctor able to save himself from the snake? If yes, how?
6. What was the view of the doctor about beauty during those days?
7. Why did the doctor say that he wanted to be a handsome man?
8. What was doctor's opinion about the snake?

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

9. Why did the doctor smile feebly even when the snake had wriggled around his arm?
10. Why did the doctor say, 'One is tempted to look into the mirror when one is near one'?

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**Answers**

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1.
  - a. The doctor said, 'not so white vest', because he had not washed and cleaned the vest for some time.
  - b. The doctor was in his rented one room unelectrified house where took off his clothes.
  - c. There was an army of rats that was sharing the room with the doctor.
  - d. As on that very night there was no wind blowing, the doctor said that the wind god had taken time off on that day.
2.
  - a. The doctor went back into the room.
  - b. The doctor kept his books in a box beneath the table.
  - c. The doctor said that he was tempted to look into the mirror because he wanted to see how he looked.
  - d. During those days, the doctor was a great admirer of beauty and believed in making himself look handsome.
3. The doctor was poor. He had just completed his studies and started his new business. He had only sixty rupees, a few shirts and dhotis and a solitary black coat.
4. the snake slithered away from the doctor's arm and slipped onto the table when he saw his reflection in the mirror. He was attracted by his image.
5. The doctor was able to save himself from the snake. Actually, he didn't do anything to save himself except thinking about the God. The snake, attracted by its image in mirror climbed the table and sat in front of the mirror leaving the doctor unharmed.
6. The doctor was an admirer of beauty during those days. He wanted to look handsome as he was unmarried and a doctor too. He wanted to grow a small moustache and keep a permanent smile on his face.
7. The doctor said that he wanted to be a handsome man because he was a doctor and unmarried. He also wanted to look smart and believed that he had to make his presence felt.
8. The doctor thought that the snake was admiring its reflection in the mirror, thinking of

growing a moustache or using eye shadow or mascara or putting a vermilion mark.

9. The doctor smiled feebly even when the snake had wriggled around his arm because he was thinking about the snake bite. He thought, if the cobra bit him, what he would do and what medicine he had to take as antidote. Then he realized that he had no medicine at home for he had started practice recently after finishing his studies. This brought a feeble smile on his face.
10. The doctor said, 'One is tempted to look into the mirror when one is near one', because it is a human tendency to see how one looks. Everyone is his own admirer. We always think that we are very handsome and try to create a niche for ourselves by making our hair look pretty on our face, being clean shaved or having beard or keeping moustache. Whatever, everyone wants to look handsome and thus is tempted to look into the mirror whenever he gets an opportunity.