

**CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature**  
**Beehive Chapter-11 If I Were You**  
**Test Paper-04**

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

1. INTRUDER: That's better. Do people often come out here?

GERRARD: Very rarely. Surprisingly few people take the trouble to visit me. There's the baker and the greengrocer, of course; and then there's the milkman - quite charming, but no one so interesting as yourself.

- a. What did the intruder mean when he said, 'That's better'?
- b. Why did Gerrard say few people take the trouble to visit me?
- c. Why did Gerrard call the intruder as 'so interesting as yourself'?
- d. What is a greengrocer?

2. GERRARD: (pleasantly) Why, this is a surprise, Mr.— er—

INTRUDER: I'm glad you're pleased to see me. I don't think you'll be pleased for long. Put those paws up!

GERRARD: This is all very melodramatic, not very original, perhaps, but...

INTRUDER: Trying to be calm and — er— GERRARD: 'Nonchalant' is your word, I think.

INTRUDER: Thanks a lot. You'll soon stop being smart. I'll make you crawl. I want to know a few things, see.

- a. Explain 'put those paws up'.
- b. What is the meaning of 'melodramatic'?
- c. Define 'Nonchalant'.
- d. Why did intruder say, 'You'll soon stop being smart'?

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

3. The speaker said, 'you were luckier than most melodramatic villains'. To whom did he say it and why?
4. Why did intruder want to be Mr. Vincent Charles Gerrard?
5. 'Why add murder to your other crimes'? who is the speaker and to whom did he say so?
6. What line of crime did the intruder deal in?
7. Why did the intruder ask Gerrard if he was staying there alone?

8. Why did Gerrard say that he at last had a sympathetic listener?

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

9. How can the character of the intruder be explained in reference to the context?

10. How did the intruder plot to save himself from his crime and stay free without being bothered by the cops?

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**Answers**

1.
  - a. When Gerrard accepted that he had a car and that was parked in the garage the intruder said, 'That's better'.
  - b. Gerrard said few people take the trouble to visit him because he was a playwright and was mostly remained out of the house as such not many people came to meet him.
  - c. Gerrard told the intruder that he was visited only by people like baker, greengrocer and a smart milkman but he was not so interesting as yourself meaning that he wasn't as intelligent and smart as the intruder.
  - d. A greengrocer is a vendor who is retailer of fruits and vegetables.
2.
  - a. 'Put those paws up' means raise your hands. The intruder was trying to belittle Gerrard by calling him an animal who was about to be butchered.
  - b. 'Melodramatic' means exaggerated or overdramatic.
  - c. 'Nonchalant' can be defined as an expression of appearing casually calm and relaxed; not showing anxiety, interest or enthusiasm.
  - d. The intruder said, 'You'll soon stop being smart' because he knew that he would hold Gerrard at gun point and shoot him to take his identity.
3. 'You were luckier than most melodramatic villains', the speaker said it to the intruder. He wanted the intruder to know that he was not as lucky as other such villains.
4. The intruder wanted to be Mr. Vincent Charles Gerrard so that he could hide his original identity and free himself from the cops who were looking for him on the charge of murder.
5. 'Why add murder to your other crimes' the speaker is Gerrard and he was addressing the intruder, who wanted to kill him.
6. The intruder dealt in jewelry robbery and wanted to take on the speaker's identity to expand his business.
7. The intruder asked Gerrard if he was staying there alone because he wanted to know his activities and style and way of dealing with people to take on his identity.
8. Gerrard said that he at last had a sympathetic listener for he wanted to trap the intruder

into his sweet talk and help save his own life.

9. In reference to the context, initially, the intruder appeared to be very smart and witty. He got to know about Gerrard when he saw him in Aylesbury and found him to be his identical. Then he heard people talking about him and worked on his plan to take Gerrard's identity. He found out his details and his regular routine. He also worked on his accent and engaged Gerrard in conversation to know his attitude and the way he dealt with other people. However, in the later half of the play, he looked quite stupid as he fell into the trap laid by Gerrard. He was taken into custody by Gerrard who handed him over to the cops.
10. The intruder found out about Gerrard and his style of living. Since they both were identical, he wanted to take on his identity to save himself from his crimes like robbery and murder and stay free without being bothered by the cops. The intruder was a jewel thief and was wanted for murder of one of his colleagues. The cops were after him and he kept dodging them. He wanted to live a free and trouble-free life after killing Gerrard and taking his identity. He was not particularly decorative and was careless the way he dressed. This he wanted to mend by using Gerrard's clothes and put on spectacles.