

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-11 If I Were You
Test Paper-01

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

1. GERRARD: You seem to have taken a considerable amount of trouble. Since you know so much about me, won't you say something about yourself? You have been so modest.
INTRUDER: I could tell you plenty. You think you're smart, but I'm the top of the class round here. I've got brains and I use them. That's how I've got where I have.
GERRARD: And where precisely have you got? It didn't require a great brain to break into my little cottage.
 - a. Why did Gerrard tell that he had taken a considerable amount of trouble?
 - b. What was the idea of the intruder to say that he's got brains?
 - c. Why did the intruder say, 'That's how I've got where I have'?
 - d. Who said it didn't require a great brain to break into my little cottage and why?
2. GERRARD: Anything you like. I know all the answers. But before we begin I should like to change my position; you may be comfortable, but I am not.
INTRUDER: Sit down there, and no funny business. (Motions to a chair, and seats himself on the divan by the bag.) Now then, we'll have a nice little talk about yourself!
GERRARD: At last a sympathetic audience! I'll tell you the story of my life. How as a child I was stolen by the gypsies, and why at the age of thirty-two, I find myself in my lonely Essex cottage, how ...
INTRUDER: Keep it to yourself, and just answer my questions. You live here alone? Well, do you?
 - a. How did Gerrard know all the answers?
 - b. What nice little talk did the intruder want to have with Gerrard?
 - c. What is the figure of speech used when Gerrard said, 'At last a sympathetic audience!'?
 - d. When Gerrard said, 'How as a child I was stolen by the gypsies' what was he trying to do?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. What was the profession of Gerrard? How did he manage his work?
4. What was Gerrard doing when the intruder entered his cottage?
5. How did Gerrard react on seeing the intruder?
6. What was the intention of the intruder when he trespassed into the cottage?
7. Why did Gerrard tell the intruder 'you will not kill me for a very good reason'?
8. What do you think why did Gerrard say, 'my game is over'?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words

9. The way Gerrard behaved when the intruder entered his cottage presented that he was amused to see him. Do you think that he was really amused, or he was pretending?
10. What was the intention of the intruder when he entered Gerrard's cottage?

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Answers

1.
 - a. Gerrard told the intruder that he had taken a considerable amount of trouble when he told that he had studied a great deal about Gerrard.
 - b. The intruder said that he's got brains because he wanted to act smart and make Gerrard afraid of him.
 - c. The intruder said, 'That's how I've got where I have' to impress Gerrard that he was a very smart and intelligent culprit.
 - d. Gerrard said that it didn't require a great brain to break into his little cottage. He wanted to tell intruder that it was very easy for anyone to come to his cottage as the door was open and there were no guards.
2.
 - a. Gerrard knew all the answers for he was prepared for the intruder's questions.
 - b. The nice little talk the intruder wanted to have with Gerrard was to discuss about the people who visited him and know his daily routine.
 - c. The figure of speech used is irony when Gerrard said, 'At last a sympathetic audience!'. Irony is when we mean just opposite of what we say.
 - d. When Gerrard said, 'How as a child I was stolen by the gypsies' he was trying to befool the intruder to get out of his clutches.
3. Gerrard was a playwright. He managed his work from his cottage and managing the actors at the theaters.
4. Gerrard was packing his bag and was preparing to leave to go out and work on a play when the intruder entered his cottage.
5. Gerrard reacted very calmly on seeing the intruder. He did not express any anxiety or concern or even get afraid of him.
6. The intention of the intruder was to kill Gerrard and take his identity when he trespassed into the cottage.
7. Gerrard told the intruder 'you will not kill me for a very good reason' because he had planned to present himself as a murderer who is wanted by the law.
8. Gerrard said, 'my game is over' because he pretended that he was a murderer and was

wanted by the police, who had already laid trap to catch him.

9. The way Gerrard behaved when the intruder entered his cottage presented that he was amused to see him. No, Gerrard was not really amused but was pretending to be amused. He did not want to give away to the intruder that he was afraid of him. He continued to plan how he would be able to get rid of the intruder. When the intruder threatened to kill him with his pistol, he declared himself a fugitive who was wanted for a murder and the police was on his track and were on their way to arrest him.
10. The intruder had been following Gerrard for over a period. He had seen him in Aylesbury and had listened to the conversation of other two people who were talking about Gerrard. He could gather that he was a queer man. He also found out that Gerrard used to place his orders on phone, disappear suddenly and reappear similarly. He had planned to enter Gerrard's cottage, enter conversation to know how he used to work and adopt his identity after killing him. He was wanted for a murder and was on the run. By taking Gerrard's identity, he wanted to lead a free and fearless life.