

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-5 The Snake and the Mirror
Test Paper-02

1. God appreciated that. The snake turned its head. It looked into the mirror and saw its reflection. I do not claim that it was the first snake that had ever looked into a mirror. But it was certain that the snake was looking into the mirror. Was it admiring its own beauty?
 - a. Did the snake follow the doctor?
 - b. Why did the doctor say, 'God willed otherwise'?
 - c. Who was a reedy person with the gift of a sprinter?
 - d. Where was the doctor and what he was doing?
2. 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 ... surely nothing to worry about. Even so I thought I would turn around and take a look.
 - a. In which thoughts was the doctor busy?
 - b. What was the dull thud sound of?
 - c. What did the doctor think it was?
 - d. What was the rubber tube like thing that had fallen to the ground?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. Where was the doctor when something fell on the floor? What was it?
4. What kind of companion did the doctor he wants?
5. Why did the doctor turn into a stone?
6. What was it that the doctor wanted to write in front of his heart?
7. "Death lurked four inches away". Why did the doctor say so?
8. What was the occasion when the doctor narrated his story?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. Where did the snake land? What did it do? how did the doctor get rid of the snake?
10. What was the financial condition of the doctor. How he wanted to get out of this situation?

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Answers

1.
 - a. The snake didn't follow the doctor as it was busy admiring its beauty in the mirror.
 - b. The doctor said, 'God willed otherwise', because the snake uncoiled itself and slithered itself away and climbed the table in front of the mirror.
 - c. A reedy person with the gift of a sprinter was doctor's wife.
 - d. The doctor was sitting in front of a table with a mirror. He was reading a book called
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 - a. The doctor busy reading a book 'Material Medica'.
 - b. The dull thud sound was the sound of falling of the snake on the floor.
 - c. It was just a normal sound for the doctor as he was living with an army of rats.
 - d. The rubber tube like thing that had fallen to the ground was cobra snake.
3. The doctor was sitting on a chair in front of the mirror and reading a book 'Material Medica' when something fell on the ground. The thing that fell on the ground was a cobra snake.
4. The doctor said that he wanted to have a companion who was really fat because he felt that she will not be able to run after him and catch, in case he made some mistake.
5. The doctor said that he turned into a stone when the cobra coiled itself on his arm, after climbing the chair. He was so afraid of the snake that he didn't jump or tremble or even cry.
6. The doctor, in his imagination, wanted to write 'O God' in front of his heart. He was afraid of the cobra which had coiled itself on his arm and its head was near his face.
7. The snake had slithered over his back and climbed on his shoulder. It had coiled itself on his arm above the elbow and his head was just four inches away from his face. That's why the doctor said death lurked just four inches away.
8. The doctor narrated this story when he was sitting with some of his friends and they were discussing about the snakes.
9. The snake landed on the floor after falling from the beam. It climbed the chair and slithered on the doctor's back and landed on his shoulder. It then coiled itself on his arm above the elbow. Its face was just about four inches away from his face. The doctor did

not jump or move or even cry. He remembered God. The snake saw its reflection in the mirror and was attracted by it. It then moved away from the doctor to sit in front of the mirror to admire itself.

10. The doctor was financially poor. He had just completed his education and started his practice. He had only sixty rupees in his suitcase, a bed, a black coat, a white shirt and a not so white shirt. He decided to get out of this situation by marrying a rich girl who was a doctor too. He wanted his companion to be a fat lady, so that he could save himself from her in case of a mistake as she wouldn't be able to run after him.