

FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET

QUESTION BANK (EXTRACT BASED - 12 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS; 2 MARKS QUESTIONS- 4 NOS; 3 MARKS QUESTIONS – 5 NOS ; 5 MARKS QUESTIONS – 4 NOS)

Question 1.

Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus, it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible – until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked!

- (a) How can you say that Griffin was a brilliant scientist ?
- (b) How did he reach to that position ?
- (c) Which word in the above extract means the same as ‘a being who roams around aimlessly’ ?
- (d) Who disliked Griffin ? **(1×4=4)**

Question 2.

Eager to get away from crowded London he took a train to the village of Iping, where he booked two rooms at the local inn. The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter was in any case an unusual event. A stranger of such uncommon appearance set all tongues wagging, Mrs. Hall, the landlord’s wife, made every effort to be friendly.

- (a) After escaping from London, where did Griffin go ?
- (b) What did he experience there ?
- (c) Which phrase in the above extract means the same as ‘everybody started talking about him’ ?
- (d) How did the landlord’s wife behave ? **(1×4=4)**

Question 3.

Mrs. Hall almost fell down the stairs in hysterics. She was convinced that the room was haunted by spirits, and that the stranger had somehow caused these to enter into her furniture.

- (a) Why did Mrs. Hall think that the room was haunted by spirits ?
- (b) Who had caused this to happen ?
- (c) Which word in the extract means the same as ‘fits of crying’?
- (d) Who is the author of the story ? **(1×4=4)**

Short Answer Type Questions (30-40 words & 2 marks each)

Question 1.

What did Griffin, the scientist, do to escape after setting the fire to the house of his landlord ?

Answer: HINTS

Griffin, the scientist removed his clothes, became invisible and got away without being seen. He became homeless wanderer....

Question 2.

What did Griffin decide to try the second time ? What did he hope to find ?

Answer:

Griffin decided to try the stock of theatrical company. He hoped to find clothes that would hide the empty space above his shoulders.

Question 3.

Give a character sketch of Griffin the invisible scientist ?

Answer:

The invisible scientist was a brilliant scientist who misused his scientific discovery and became a lawless person. He started enjoying harming people. When his landlord tried to catch him, in revenge, Griffin set fire to the house.

Question 4.

How did Griffin enjoy himself inside a big London store ?

Answer:

Griffin slipped into a big London store to save himself from the unbearable cold. He drank and wore warm clothes. He found cold meat, coffee and sweets there. At last he slept on a pile of quilts.

3 MARKS QUESTIONS

Question 1.

What did Griffin finally do when people held him responsible for all the strange occurrences ?

Answer: HINTS

Griffin became furious.... He started taking off his bandages, whiskers, spectacles and even false nose.... The space above his shoulders became empty. Then, he started to remove his clothes and became absolutely invisible..... He was invisible.

Question 2.

Describe Jaffer's fight with Griffin at the village of Iping.

Answer: HINTS

Griffin entered the clergyman's house with an intention to steal money. He opened the desk and stole the money....

Question 3.

Name three extraordinary things that took place in the room where Griffin was staying.

Answer: Hints : The first extraordinary thing that took place was that there was no one in the room yet Mrs. Hall heard a sniff close to her ear. The hat that was kept on the bedpost, went up and dashed into her face. After that, suddenly the chair rose up in the air and pushed both Mrs. Hall and her husband out of the room.

Question 4.

Why were the landlord and his wife surprised to see the scientist's door wide open ? What did they decide ?

Answer: hints

One day the landlord and his wife found the scientist's door wide open. The scientist's door usually, remained shut and locked.....

Question 5.

Griffin is a talented scientist but he misused his invention. The lesson we learn from his example is that the misuse of a scientific discovery can play havoc with humanity. Explain.

Answer: HINTS

A true scientist works for the good of humanity. He wants to make man's life easier, more comfortable and

enjoyable. He doesn't misuse his discoveries for personal gains or selfish ends. But Griffin, though a brilliant scientist, misuses his discovery.

VALUE BASED QUESTIONS – 5 MARKS

QUESTION 1

Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was a lawless person. Does this statement approve the apprehension that science in wrong hands is Devil's Pandora Box?

Answer: HINTS

Griffin was a brilliant scientist. He had discovered a rare drug that could make a human body invisible. This made Griffin an arrogant lawless person. He broke the law more than once but never for a good reason. He could dedicate his discovery to his country but he didn't do that. His lawlessness made the law helpless. All his actions prove that science in devil's hand is disastrous.

Question 2.

'Griffin could use his discovery for welfare of the people but misuses it to take revenge.' Discuss with reference with the story Footprints without Feet.

OR

Do you think Griffin misused a scientific discovery or he took advantages of his discovery?

OR

Griffin misused his invention, instead of using it for the betterment of the society. Do you think moral values are important along with intellectual abilities? Discuss.

Answer: HINTS

Griffin was a scientist who had made a discovery due to which he could be invisible. But he was rather a lawless scientist, who misused a scientific discovery for his petty, selfish gains. He set his landlord's house on fire, when he asked him to vacate it. He entered the store invisible, stole clothes and food.

Question 3.

The modern world has created great scientific inventions. But very often these inventions are more misused than used for the benefit of man. Griffin had made wonderful discovery; but he used it for unlawful means. Write a paragraph on "Science is being more misused than used".

Answer: HINTS

Science is being more misused than used. The present time is highly dependent on science and technology. In the 21st century, survival without gadgets and electronics is unimaginable. But there are various instances where science is being misused to create panic and terror in the society.

Question 4.

"Scientific discoveries have made life easier but insecure." Explain with reference to the story 'Footprints without Feet' written by H.G. Wells.

Answer: HINTS

There is no doubt that scientific discoveries have made life easier. Take any sphere of human activity, electricity, telecommunications, electronics, computer, etc, these have totally changed man's life. We can interact and walk on moon. Trip to Mars is next on our agenda. We can fly like birds. Supersonic planes fly at more than the speed of sound. Wonderful drugs can overcome deadly diseases. Surgery can replace defective limbs.

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Short questions (2 MARKS EACH)

1. How do you assess Griffin as a SCIENTIST?

Ans: a. He wanted to prove that that human body could become invisible

2. What curious episodes occurs in the study?

Ans: a. Clergy man incident

3. Why do you think Mrs. Hall found the scientist eccentric?

a. He was not cordial to the land lord.

Short questions (3 marks)

1. How did the visible man become invisible? What did he do then?

Ans: a. The fight with Mrs. Hall.

2. What was the explanation of "MYSTERY"

Ans: a. The muddy foot print followed by kids

LONG QUESTIONS: (5 marks)

1. What impression do you form of Griffin after reading the lesson, "Footprint, without Feet"?

Ans:

- a. A brilliant scientist
- b. Discovered how to be invisible
- c. A lawless person