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Chapter-3 | The Midnight Visitor

Worksheet-2

Multiple Choice Questions

- Which qualities of Ausable are portrayed in the plot?
 - Patience
 - Being witty
 - Presence of mind
 - All of these
- Why was Fowler disappointed on seeing Ausable's room?
 - The room had a cockroach roaming on its carpet
 - It was dirty
 - It had a foul smell
 - The room was small and had no setting for a romantic adventure
- What was Max holding when Ausable entered the room?
 - A bouquet
 - A briefcase
 - A gun
 - A glass of wine
- How did Ausable describe the balcony outside his window?
 - As a fire escape
 - As non-existent
 - As a dangerous trap
 - As a garden balcony
- What kind of person was Ausable described as?
 - Sharp and athletic
 - Clumsy and overweight
 - Weak and scared
 - Silent and cold-hearted
- What happened to Max at the end of the story?
 - He escaped
 - He was arrested
 - He fell from the balcony
 - He surrendered to the police
- What impression did Fowler initially have about secret agents?
 - That they lived boring lives
 - That they dealt with spies calmly
 - That their lives were adventurous
 - That they were always reading documents
- What is the tone of the story "The Midnight Visitor"?
 - Humorous and suspenseful
 - Sad and tragic
 - Romantic and thrilling
 - Dramatic and poetic

9. **What role did the so-called 'balcony' play in Ausable's plan?**
(a) It distracted Max
(b) It helped Max escape
(c) It was a trap created by Max
(d) It was used to call the waiter
10. **What made Fowler admire Ausable by the end of the story?**
(a) His physical strength
(b) His storytelling and quick thinking
(c) His shooting skills
(d) His luxurious lifestyle

Fill in the blanks :

11. Ausable was staying as _____.
12. _____ was knocking Ausable's door during the encounter.

True / False

13. Max was a secret agent.
14. Ausable's room was located on sixth floor.

Very Short Type Questions

15. Who was Henry? What role did he play in Ausable's plan?
16. Despite his unusual appearance, Ausable's presence of mind helped him get rid of Max.

Short Type Questions

17. Describe Max as a secret agent
18. What were the reactions of Ausable, Max and Fowler when they heard a knock at the door?

Essay Type Questions

19. What information did Ausable give about the imaginary balcony? Why did he do so?
20. Why did Max scream shrilly when he dropped to the balcony?

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A) :** Telling a lie is a sin and killing someone is a crime.
Reason (R) : Why then did Ausable tell lies more than once and killed Max?
- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(c) A is true, but R is false.
(d) A is false, but R is true.

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Answer & Solution



1. (d)
Ausable was a smart secret agent who managed to get rid of a rival agent because of his wits. He cooked up a story with a composed mind and convinced the other agent to jump into a non-existing balcony.
2. (d)
Fowler being a young and romantic writer was looking forward to some thrill in Ausable's company. But his room didn't support it.
3. (c)
Max was armed when Ausable entered the room because he wanted to intimidate Ausable and steal important documents.
4. (a)
Ausable misled Max by referring to a non-existent balcony because it was part of his clever ploy to create panic and distraction.
5. (b)
Ausable did not fit the stereotype of a secret agent because his appearance was deceptive but helped him fool his enemies.
6. (c)
Max jumped out of the window in fear because he believed the police were at the door and the balcony was real.
7. (c)
Fowler was initially disappointed by Ausable's appearance because he expected dramatic action and danger in a spy's life.
8. (a)
The events are tense but handled with wit and irony because Ausable uses humor and intellect instead of violence.
9. (a)
Ausable used the fictional balcony to trick Max because it made Max act irrationally and led to his downfall.
10. (b)
Fowler was impressed by Ausable's handling of the situation because Ausable's intelligence and calm response saved them both.
11. A gloomy French hotel
12. A waiter
13. True
14. True
15. Henry was a waiter. In Ausable's plan, Henry's role was to knock on the door and deliver drinks at the right moment, creating the illusion that the police had arrived. This tricked Max into trying to escape through a nonexistent balcony, leading to his downfall.

16. Despite his unusual appearance, Ausable's quick thinking helped him outsmart Max. He invented a story about a balcony to explain Max's entry. When Henry, the waiter, knocked, Ausable pretended it was the police, causing Max to panic and escape through the nonexistent balcony. Ausable's presence of mind turned a dangerous situation into a clever victory.
17. Max was a secret agent and rival of Ausable. He was the epitome of a suave secret agent, clad in impeccably tailored suits, oozing charisma and confidence. He was slender little less than tall. He appeared crafty and possessed a razor-sharp mind, incredible combat skills, and a knack for extracting vital information covertly, making him an invaluable asset to his agency. There was nothing menacing about him except his pistol.
18. When there was a knock on the door, Fowler and Max were frightened. Fowler jumped after hearing it. Max's face had become red. He was nervous. Ausable showed surprise but used his presence of mind to deceive Max by saying that it might be the police who had come to protect him as he had an important paper with him.
19. Ausable created a detailed description of how his room was part of a bigger apartment and how the next room had a direct connection with a balcony. His statement that somebody else had also broken into his office through that balcony made it a convincing story.
- Ausable did this to fool Max into thinking that a balcony existed just outside the window, as he knew that soon the waiter bringing the drinks he had ordered would be knocking at the door, which may prompt Max to jump into the imaginary balcony to hide.
20. A person screams shrilly when something unexpected happens to him. Here, Max screamed shrilly when he dropped to the 'balcony', because actually there was no balcony at all; it was only a figment of Ausable's imagination. Ausable had described it so vividly, including its history and use, that Max was convinced there was a balcony just outside the window and tried to jump onto it without looking. As the room was on the sixth floor, Max would certainly have been died by falling from such a height.
21. What Ausable did was undoubtedly morally incorrect. But he was in a profession where resorting to such measures is allowed for the security and integrity of a country. He was a secret agent who had greater goals. He was responsible for the safety of his country as a whole, and to achieve this goal killing someone became valid. He never killed Max on personal ground, his actions stand justified as a true soldier who protects his country internally.