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Founder, MISSION GYAN**Chapter-5 | The Snake
and the Mirror****Worksheet-1****Multiple Choice Questions**

1. **"I was no mere image cut in granite. I was suddenly a man of flesh and blood."**
What do these lines mean?
(a) The narrator caught himself admiring the beauty of the snake.
(b) The narrator was injured by the actions of the snake.
(c) The narrator found himself able to move again.
(d) The narrator felt all of his terror at once.
2. **The Doctor said, "the thief had left behind one thing as a final insult!" What was that thing?**
(a) His coat
(b) His dirty vest
(c) His book
(d) His money
3. **The snake and the mirror were initially written in which language?**
(a) Hindi
(b) English
(c) Tamil
(d) Malayalam
4. **Why did the doctor want to marry a fat girl?**
(a) If he had some mistake she could not chase him
(b) He had already a fat girl friend
(c) Because no-one wanted to marry with fat girls
(d) Because he liked fat girls
5. **What was the first decision made by the doctor?**
(a) To grow a thin mustache
(b) To grow a thick mustache
(c) To be clean shave
(d) To grow thick beard
6. **What is the main idea of the second paragraph of the chapter?**
(a) The narrator's financial situation was not great.
(b) The narrator was leading a very simple life.
(c) The narrator needed a better place to live
(d) The narrator was an inexperienced doctor.
7. **What among the following is the author of The snake and the mirror?**
(a) Vaikom Muhammad Basheer
(b) William Butler Yeats
(c) V. Abodulla
(d) Subramania Bharati

8. Which of the following options better explain the term meagre?

- (a) Scanty
- (b) Abundant
- (c) Copious
- (d) Plentiful

9. How did the doctor save himself from the snake?

- (a) He escaped when the snake was busy with the mirror
- (b) He threw the snake away
- (c) He killed the snake
- (d) The snake went outside the room

10. Who had translated The snake and the mirror into English?

- (a) Issac Asimov
- (b) V. Abdulla
- (c) Vaikom Muhammad Basheer
- (d) Edward Lear

Fill in the blanks :

- 11. The doctor was an admirer of _____.
- 12. The snake and the mirror seem to be _____ story.

True / False

- 13. "Has a snake ever coiled itself round any part of your body? A full-blooded cobra?"
The doctor asked these questions to suggest that he was braver than the others.
- 14. A snake coiled around the doctor's left arm.

Very Short Type Questions

- 15. How did the doctor react to the snake's presence?
- 16. Why does the narrator say that leaving the vest behind was an insult?

Short Type Questions

- 17. What did the doctor do when the snake landed on his shoulder?
- 18. What was the doctor thinking while he was seated before the mirror?

Essay Type Questions

- 19. How did the author get rid of the snake and where did he go after his escape from the snake's clutches and what did he do?
- 20. Justify the title of the story The Snake and the Mirror.

21. **Assertion (A)** : The doctor did not move when the snake coiled around his arm.

Reason (R) : The doctor was paralyzed by fear and knew that sudden movement might provoke the snake to bite.

(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



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1. (c)
The narrator found himself able to move again.
2. (b)
Thief left only his dirty vest as a final insult.
3. (d)
It was written in Malayalam.
4. (a)
He thought that if he made any mistake, he could run easily and his fat wife could not chase him.
5. (a)
After looking into the mirror he decided to grow a thin mustache to look more handsome.
6. (a)
The narrator's financial situation was not great.
7. (a)
Vaikom Muhammad Basheer wrote this story in Malayalam language.
8. (a)
Meagre means in small quantity.
9. (a)
The snake looked its reflection into the mirror and slightly release the doctor's arm and shifted its body on the table. When it was engaged with the mirror, the doctor ran away.
10. (b)
The snake and the mirror were translated from the Malayalam by V. Abdulla.
11. Beauty
12. Humorous
13. False
14. True
15. The doctor became motionless. The doctor did not jump or cry out when the snake came so close to him. He sat on the chair holding his breath. Keeping his cool, he remembered God and actively thought about the medicine he would require in case the snake bit him.
16.
 - The thief thought the vest wasn't good enough for him.
 - The thief thought it was too dirty for him.
17. When the snake landed on him, he did not jump or cry. Keeping his cool, he remembered God and thought about the medicine he might need in case the snake bit him.

18. The doctor was in the middle of something when he was assaulted by a snake that fell on him. He thought of various medicines he had and if any medicine was good enough to save him if the snake did bite him. He was startled, but the snake instantly recognised itself in a mirror and moved towards it. The doctor's mirror piqued the snake's curiosity more than the doctor himself. He also realised that perhaps God had punished him for being so proud and arrogant.
19. The snake coiled around the author's left arm and its head was hardly three or four inches from his face. He remembered and prayed to God for his well being. The doctor made no movements to get rid of the snake. The snake turned its head and looked into the mirror. It appeared to like its own image. Then the snake unwound itself from the doctor's arm and fell into his lap. From there the snake crept onto the table. It moved towards the mirror. Perhaps it wanted to see its image closely. Now the doctor acted quickly and went out through the door into the verandah. He ran and reached a friend's house. He smeared oil all over himself and took a bath. He changed into fresh clothes. The next morning at about eight thirty he took his friend and one or two others to his room to move his things from there. But to his surprise, he did not find anything there because most of the things had been stolen away by a thief.
20. The story revolved around the narrator, the snake, and the mirror. The narrator heard some familiar sounds - a dull thud and a snake landed on his shoulder. The doctor was terrified and sat there like a stone. He suddenly felt the presence of the creator of the world and the presence of death just four inches away. He forgot his vanity and smiled feebly. The snake looked into the mirror and moved towards it as it wanted to enjoy a close reflection in the mirror. Thus, the title is justified as the story highlighted the significance of the mirror and how it eventually helped in saving the narrator's life. The snake was mesmerized by looking at his own reflection and forgot the actual purpose of its visit.
21. (a)
When the snake coiled itself around the doctor's arm and positioned its hood just inches from his face, he remained completely still out of fear. He knew that any sudden movement could provoke the snake, so he stayed motionless. His fear and presence of mind made him cautious.