

CHAPTER-5 | The Snake and the Mirror

QUIZ
PART-01

1. Who is the author of The Snake and the Mirror?

- A. R.K. Narayan
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Vaikom Muhammad Basheer
- D. Rabindranath Tagore (C)

Explanation: The story was written by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, a noted Malayalam writer.

2. Whose real-life experience is narrated in the story?

- A. A young boy
- B. A homeopathic doctor
- C. A villager
- D. A school teacher (B)

Explanation: The story is based on the humorous real-life experience of a homeopathic doctor.

3. What kind of house did the doctor live in?

- A. A beautiful house
- B. A mansion
- C. An unelectrified rented room
- D. A flat (C)

Explanation: The doctor lived in a small rented house without electricity.

4. How much money did the doctor have in his suitcase?

- A. Thirty rupees
- B. Forty rupees
- C. Fifty rupees
- D. Sixty rupees (D)

Explanation: He had meagre earnings and kept about sixty rupees in his suitcase.

5. What clothing did the doctor own besides shirts and dhotis?

- A. A black vest
- B. A white kurta
- C. A solitary black coat
- D. A woolen shawl (C)

Explanation: Apart from some shirts and dhotis, the doctor possessed only one black coat, which he was wearing.

6. What was the doctor doing before the snake appeared?

- A. Reading the Materia Medica
- B. Sleeping on the bed
- C. Talking to a friend
- D. Eating food (A)

Explanation: Before the snake appeared, the doctor had been reading Materia Medica at his table.

7. What did the doctor decide to do daily to look more handsome?

- A. Apply powder
- B. Shave daily and grow a thin moustache
- C. Wear his black coat
- D. Cut his hair short (B)

Explanation: The doctor resolved to shave daily and grow a thin moustache to appear more handsome.

8. What was the second "earth-shaking" decision the doctor made about his appearance?

- A. Always keep a smile on his face
- B. Stop wearing glasses
- C. Wear only white clothes
- D. Grow a beard (A)

Explanation: The doctor decided he would always keep an attractive smile on his face.

9. What kind of wife did the doctor dream of marrying?

- A. A poor but kind woman
- B. A teacher with patience
- C. A woman doctor with money and fat body
- D. A nurse with a good heart (C)

Explanation: He wished to marry a woman doctor with plenty of money and who was fat, so she could not catch him if he ran after making a mistake.

10. What happened just before the snake landed on the doctor?

- A. The lamp blew out
- B. A dull thud like a rubber tube falling was heard
- C. The mirror broke
- D. The rats fell from the beam (B)

Explanation: The doctor heard a dull thud as if a rubber tube had fallen, and immediately after, the snake landed on his shoulder.