

## CHAPTER-5 | The Snake And The Music

## QUIZ-01

1. What was the doctor's financial condition when the story took place?
- He was wealthy and well-established.
  - He was struggling with meager earnings.
  - He had inherited a fortune.
  - He was moderately successful. (D)

**Explanation:** The doctor had only sixty rupees and a small rented room without electricity, indicating his modest beginnings.

2. Why did the doctor adjust his hair while looking into the mirror?
- To check for lice.
  - To make himself look more handsome.
  - To remove dirt from his face.
  - To experiment with a new hairstyle. (B)

**Explanation:** The doctor admired his beauty and wanted to appear handsome, as he believed it was necessary for his unmarried and professional status.

3. What were the two "earth-shaking" decisions the doctor made while looking in the mirror?
- To wear a white coat and stay celibate.
  - To grow a moustache and always smile attractively.
  - To change his medical practice and move to a city.
  - To become a teacher and remain single. (B)

**Explanation:** The doctor thought these decisions would enhance his charm and appearance as a bachelor and a doctor.

4. Why did the doctor want to marry a fat woman?
- He preferred her appearance.
  - He believed she would not catch him if he needed to flee.
  - She could help in his medical practice.
  - He was advised by his friends to do so. (B)

**Explanation:** The doctor humorously thought a fat wife would be unable to chase him if he ever had to escape from a mistake.

5. What was the doctor's immediate reaction when the snake coiled around his arm?
- He screamed loudly.
  - He remained still and turned to stone.
  - He fainted on the chair.
  - He ran out of the room. (B)

**Explanation:** The doctor was paralyzed by fear but maintained composure, knowing any sudden movement could provoke the snake.

6. What did the snake do after coiling around the doctor's arm?
- It bit him.
  - It slithered away into the yard.
  - It admired its reflection in the mirror.
  - It hid under the table. (C)

**Explanation:** The snake turned its attention to the mirror, seemingly captivated by its own reflection, giving the doctor a chance to escape.

7. How did the doctor escape the room after encountering the snake?
- By distracting the snake with food.
  - By slowly moving to the veranda and running away.
  - By shouting for help.
  - By pushing the snake off with a stick. (B)

**Explanation:** Once the snake moved to the table, the doctor carefully exited the room and ran to safety.

8. What insult did the thief leave behind after stealing from the doctor's room?
- A broken mirror.
  - The doctor's dirty vest.
  - A note mocking the doctor.
  - The doctor's old shoes. (B)

**Explanation:** The thief took most items but left behind the dirty vest, amusing the doctor with its implied irony of cleanliness.

9. Why is the story narrated humorously despite its frightening premise?
- To highlight the doctor's vanity and unrealistic dreams.
  - To teach readers about snakes.
  - To exaggerate the doctor's bravery.
  - To glorify rural life. (A)

**Explanation:** The humor comes from contrasts between the doctor's self-perception, his decisions, and the life-threatening situation he faced.

10. What does the story suggest about the doctor's character through his reactions?
- He is fearless and rational.
  - He is introspective and humorous.
  - He is impatient and reckless.
  - He is cunning and manipulative. (B)

**Explanation:** The doctor's reflections on his vanity, decisions, and the absurdity of the situation reveal his humorous self-awareness and introspection.