

CHAPTER-5 | The Snake and the Mirror

QUIZ
PART-02

1. How did the doctor react when the snake coiled around his arm?

- A. He screamed loudly
- B. He jumped and ran
- C. He sat still like stone, holding his breath
- D. He fainted (C)

Explanation: The doctor did not jump, tremble, or cry out; instead, he sat still like a stone image, holding his breath.

2. What thought came to the doctor's mind while the snake was on his arm?

- A. That he should call for help
- B. That God was present and watching him
- C. That he could use medicine to save himself
- D. That he should fight the snake (B)

Explanation: He felt the great presence of God, imagining writing "O God" across his heart.

3. Why did the doctor smile feebly at himself?

- A. For looking handsome
- B. For his helplessness and foolishness
- C. For remembering his wife
- D. For finding a way to escape (B)

Explanation: The doctor realized he was a poor, foolish, and stupid doctor with no medicine to save himself, which made him smile weakly.

4. What distracted the snake from the doctor?

- A. The sound of rats
- B. Its reflection in the mirror
- C. The lamp blowing out
- D. A knock at the door (B)

Explanation: The snake turned its head and became absorbed in looking at its reflection in the mirror.

5. What humorous thought did the doctor imagine about the snake at the mirror?

- A. That it wanted to wear spectacles
- B. That it was deciding about a moustache or using makeup
- C. That it wanted to learn to smile
- D. That it wanted to dance (B)

Explanation: The doctor joked that the snake might be deciding about growing a moustache or using eye shadow.

6. How did the doctor finally escape from the snake?

- A. He killed it with a stick
- B. He pushed it away
- C. He quietly got up and ran out
- D. He called for help (C)

Explanation: When the snake slithered into his lap and towards the mirror, he quietly got up, slipped outside, and ran away.

7. What did the doctor do after reaching his friend's house?

- A. He cried in relief
- B. He fainted
- C. He smeared oil, bathed, and changed into fresh clothes
- D. He went back immediately (C)

Explanation: The doctor smeared oil all over, took a bath, and changed into fresh clothes.

8. What did the doctor and his friends find when they returned to his room the next morning?

- A. The snake was still there
- B. Everything was as before
- C. A thief had stolen most of his belongings
- D. His house had caught fire (C)

Explanation: They discovered that a thief had removed most of his belongings, leaving behind only his dirty vest.

9. What single thing did the thief leave behind in the doctor's room?

- A. His black coat
- B. His dirty vest
- C. His stethoscope
- D. His money (B)

Explanation: As a final insult, the thief left behind the doctor's dirty vest, mocking cleanliness.

10. How did the doctor humorously describe his wife?

- A. Fat and slow
- B. Thin, reedy, and gifted like a sprinter
- C. Beautiful and tall
- D. Strong and brave (B)

Explanation: He said God willed otherwise, and his life companion was thin, reedy, and fast like a sprinter.