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Class: X

Subject: English

Topic: Footprints Without Feet

Answer the following questions:

Q1. Q1. Griffin was rather a lawless person." Comment.

Ans. Griffin was not bothered if he had harmed anybody in the fulfilment of what he wanted. He set his landlord's house on fire because the landlord tried to make him leave. Then, his robberies at shops and later in the village indicate that he was a lawless person. When he encountered the landlady of the inn, he threw a chair at her and her husband. Lawless persons like Griffin never think about the safety and well-being of others. They are only concerned about themselves.

Q2. Why were the two boys surprised when they saw the imprints of a pair of bare feet?

Ans. The two boys could see muddy footprints on the steps of a house in Central London, descending towards the street. It was surprising to see the footprints without seeing anybody making them.

Q3. Scientists contribute to make the world a better place. Griffin is an antithesis to this statement. Justify.

Ans. Griffin as a scientist, degenerated himself into a lawless person. He discovered that the human body could become transparent and invisible. But he misused his great discovery. He did not use the power of invisibility for the welfare of society and humanity at large. He misused it to trouble innocent people.

Q4. Why was the arrival of the stranger in a village is an unusual event? Give two reasons.

Ans. Griffin was a scientist. He reached the village inn in winter. He was a stranger in that village. It was not a proper time to visit the village. People did not come here in winter. So, the event was unusual. Secondly, Griffin looked very strange. He was wearing dark glasses, a false nose and a big hat. His forehead was covered with bandages. He did not talk to anyone in the village. He said that he wanted to live alone. He asked Mrs Hall not to disturb him. The people of the village were attracted towards his strange appearance and habits. Thus, his coming to the village was an unusual event.

Q5. Why does Mrs Hall find the scientist eccentric?

Ans. Mrs Hall found the scientist eccentric because of his strange appearance and also, when she tried to be friendly with him, he rebuffed her by saying that he has come there for solitude and did not wish to be disturbed in his work.

Q6. What other extraordinary things happen at the inn?

Ans. At the inn, Mrs Hall and her husband went into the scientist's room on finding its door open. However, he was not seen in the room, but Mrs Hall heard a sniff and the hat on the bedpost leapt up and dashed into her face. Then, the bedroom chair sprang into the air and pushed them both out of the room. This made Mrs Hall think that her furniture was haunted.



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