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**Class:X**

**Sub:English**

**Topic:L-3- The Midnight Visitor**

Q1. How is Ausable different from other secret agents?

Ausable was different from other secret agents in more ways than one. He had a small room in a musty corridor of a gloomy French hotel. It was on the sixth and top floor, and it was scarcely the setting for a romantic adventure. He was extremely fat. In spite of living in Paris for over twenty years, he spoke French and German only passably and had an American accent. Instead of getting messages slipped into his hands by dark eyed beauties, he got only a telephone call making an appointment. In these ways, he was different from the conventional notion of a secret agent.

Q2. How did Max go out of Ausable's room to save himself from the police?

Ans. Max was very nervous when he was told that the police were knocking at the door. He went out of the window saying that he would wait in the balcony. He warned Ausable to send them away or he would shoot him. Max did not exercise any caution when he puts his foot out into the darkness outside of the window.

Q3. How did Ausable kill Max without using a weapon?

Ans. Ausable was an intelligent spy. When he found Max waiting for him in his room, he made up a story of a balcony under his window. He convinced Max about the balcony. When someone knocked at the door, Max fearing it to be the police, jumped out of the window and died.

Q4. Ausable was always one step ahead of everyone. Highlight any two instances from "The Midnight Visitor" when this holds true.

Ans. Ausable fabricated a story about the balcony in no time, to which Max got trapped and killed himself. He then made up the story of police knocking at the door, which led Max to run towards the window, in order to hide in the non-existent balcony.

Q5. Describe the incident leading to the death of Max. Ans.

Ans. Ausable was a secret agent. He was living in a French hotel. His room was on the sixth and top floor of the hotel. One evening, a young writer named Fowler came to meet him. When they entered the room and switched on the light, they found a man standing in the centre of the room.

He had a pistol in his hand. His name was Max. He came there to grab an important report from Ausable. Seeing Max, Ausable remained cool and silent. But he seemed to be angry with the management of the hotel. He said that because of the balcony, just below his window, anyone could enter the room.

When there was a sudden knock at the door, Ausable said that it might be the police. He said that he himself had called the police. Max jumped through the window to the balcony. But in reality, there was no balcony. So, Max fell down to the ground from the sixth floor and was killed.