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Class -X

Subject - English.

Topic- Reading Skills

Worksheet No-9

Read the following passage.

1. Dirshti was young woman who had always been fascinated by the supernatural. She had read countless books and watched numerous documentaries about ghosts and otherworldly beings. So, when she heard about an abandoned hotel on the outskirts of town that was said to be haunted, she knew she had to investigate.
2. One night, Dirshti decided to sneak into the dilapidated hotel with a few of her friends. As they made their way through the dark, eerie corridors, they heard strange noises and felt cold spots. They were convinced that they were not alone.
3. Suddenly, they came across a room that was different from the rest. It was filled with old cooking equipment and strange symbols etched into the walls. Dirshti felt a chill run down her spine as she entered the room. She knew that this was where the most paranormal activity occurred. As they were examining the room, they heard a loud bang coming from the hallway. They froze in fear, not knowing what was coming their way. They could hear footsteps approaching, and they knew they had to hide.
4. They quickly ducked behind some old shelves as the footsteps grew louder. The sound of breathing was getting closer and closer until finally, they saw a figure appear in the doorway. It was a man wearing a chef's hat, with a face that was twisted in a sinister smile. Dirshti and her friends felt their blood run cold as the man approached them. They could feel his cold breath on their faces as he leaned in, whispering in a deep voice, "You shouldn't be here."
5. Dirshti and her friends were frozen with fear as they stared into the chef's eyes. But suddenly, the lights flickered on and the figure disappeared. They looked around the room, and everything seemed normal. They had been so scared that they hadn't realized they were in a room with faulty wiring.
- 6 Disappointed, they realized that their ghost hunt had been a bust. They left the hotel feeling deflated and let down. They had hoped for an exciting, spine-tingling adventure, but all they got was a scary moment caused by faulty wiring. As they drove home, they couldn't help but feel foolish for getting so worked up over nothing. They had been so convinced that they would find evidence of the paranormal that they had overlooked the simple explanation for the noises they had heard.
7. Dirshti learned an important lesson that night. Sometimes, the scariest things are the ones that we create in our own minds. She realized that she didn't need to chase after the supernatural to experience thrills and excitement. The world around her was full of mystery and wonder, and she was content to experience it without the need for ghosts and ghouls.



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Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

(a) How does the setting contribute to the overall mood and atmosphere of the story?

- (i) It creates a sense of nostalgia.
- (ii) It provides a sense of false security.
- (iii) It adds to the suspense in the story.
- (iv) It presents a contrast with the real world.

(b) What is the main flaw in Drishti's approach to investigating the haunted hotel?

- (i) She was too focused on finding evidence of the paranormal.
- (ii) She was too skeptical and refused to believe the possibility of ghosts.
- (iii) She relied too heavily on other people's accounts of the supernatural.
- (iv) She didn't take enough precautions to ensure her safety.

(c) Complete the following suitably:

One night when Drishti, along with her friends, made her way through the dark eerie corridors
_____.

(d) Rectify the given false statement:

Drishti felt a chill run down her skin as she entered the forest.

(e) What is the most significant lesson that Drishti learns from her experience in the haunted hotel?

(f) Why did Drishti and her friends leave the hotel feeling deflated and let down?

(g) Describe any two elements that classify the story as scary.

(h) What did Drishti and her friends see, hear and feel in a room they entered in the hotel?

(i) Why did Drishti decide to investigate the abandoned hotel?

