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NOTES

Class:VIII

Subject - English

Topic: The Eyes Have It

Q1. RTC-

1.

a) The narrator said this to the girl.

b) The narrator said this in response to the girl saying that she loved the hills in Mussoorie, especially in October

c) October is the best time to visit Mussoorie. The hills are covered with wild dahlias, the sun is delicious, and one can sit in front of a log fire and drink a little brandy. Most of the tourists have gone and the roads are quiet and almost deserted.

2.

a) 'Her' refers to the girl travelling in the same train compartment as the narrator.

b) The narrator had doubts whether the girl had noticed that he was blind or not.

c) Her question, "Why don't you look out of the window?", removed his doubts that she had noticed he was blind. She had clearly not noticed his impairment and asked him to look out of the window and see the weather for himself.

Q2. Answer the following questions briefly -

1. The girl's parents seemed very anxious about her comfort and the woman gave the girl detailed instructions as to where to keep her things, when not to lean out of the windows, and how to avoid speaking to strangers.

2. She was startled when the narrator spoke because she had not realized that there was anyone else in the compartment other than her.

3. When the train entered the Saharanpur station, the narrator heard the shouting of porters and vendors and a high-pitched female voice near the carriage door-most probably belonging to the girl's aunt.

4. The narrator remained silent when the next fellow traveller came into the compartment as he found the window and sat in front of it after the train left Saharanpur. He figured that since so many things were happening outside the window, it could be a fascinating game guessing what went on out there.

5. The new passenger assumed from the narrator's silence that he was disappointed that the new passenger was not as attractive a travelling companion as the girl who had just left

6. The second man had noticed the girl's beautiful eyes, which were of no use to her as she was completely blind.

7. The second man was puzzled when the narrator asked if the girl's hair was long or short because he had not yet figured out that the narrator was blind as well and had not been able to see the girl.