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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH (2020-21)

WORKSHEET – THE MIDNIGHT VISITOR

Class: X

Sub: ENGLISH

**EXTRACT BASED QUESTIONS:**

**Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Q1. *“Max,” he wheezed, “you gave me quite a start. I thought you were in Berlin. What are you doing here in my room?”*

a) In whose room was Max?

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b) Why was he there?

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c) How has Max got in?

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d) What is meant by ‘wheezed’?

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Q2. *“You are disappointed”, Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder. “You were told that I was a secret agent, a spy, dealing in espionage and danger. You wished to meet me because you are a writer, young and romantic. You envisioned mysterious figures in the night, the crack of pistols, drugs in the wine.”*

(a) Who was disappointed and with whom?

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(b) Why did ‘he’ want to meet Ausable?

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(c) Why was Fowler disappointed?

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(d) How was Ausable different from the other secret agents?

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Q3. *And as the light came on, Fowler had his first authentic thrill of the day. For halfway across the room, a small automatic pistol in his hand stood a man.*

(a) What was the turn of events?

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(b) What did they find?

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(c) Who was the man with a pistol in his hand?

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(d) What was the first authentic thrill of the day?

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**SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:**

**Q1. What was the real story of the balcony below the window of Ausable's room?**

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**Q2. What position did Max take before he jumped out of the window?**

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**Q3. What story did Ausable cook up regarding the arrival of the police? How did it affect Max?**

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**Q4. How did Max react when Ausable told him that the loud knockings at the door were of the police?**

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**Q5. How did clever Ausable outwit and get rid of his rival or enemy secret agent Max?**

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**Q6. Who was actually knocking at the door? Was it pre-planned?**

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**LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:**

**Q1. At the beginning of the story, Fowler felt disappointed with Ausable. Do you think Fowler had the same feeling towards the end of the story? Give reasons for your answer.**

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**Q2. Ausable was a clever secret agent. Do you agree with the statement? Justify your answer.**

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**Q3. A calm mind can help you tackle direct stress. Explain.**

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**Q4. What information did Ausable give about the imaginary balcony? Why did he do so?**

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**MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS:**

1. What was Ausable's profession?  
a. tourist    b. secret agent    c. diplomat    d. soldier
2. Where was Ausable staying?  
a. Inn    b. French hotel    c. Fowler's home    d. American hotel
3. Ausable was brought to Paris twenty years ago from-----  
a. London    b. Moscow    c. Boston    d. Burma
4. Who came to meet Ausable?  
a. Ausable's father    b. Policeman    c. Fowler    Max
5. What was Fowler's profession?  
a. writer    b. actor    c. secret agent    d. policeman
6. Fowler was \_\_\_\_\_ to meet Ausable.  
a. happy    b. excited    c. disappointed    d. unaffected
7. Who is the guest in the story, 'The Midnight Visitor'?  
a. Ausable    b. Max    c. Henry    d. Fowler
8. Who was Max?  
a. Manager of the hotel  
b. Another secret agent  
c. Ausable's friend  
d. Fowler's friend  
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9. Who knocked at Ausable's door?  
a. A policeman  
b. The waiter  
c. Max  
d. Fowler
10. Max entered Ausable's room through the \_\_\_\_\_

a. balcony    b. main door    c. back door    d. roof