



Class: VIII

QUESTIONS 2020-21
Topic: The Black Spot

Sub: ENGLISH

Answer these questions:

1. Why did the narrator scarcely get time to think of the captain?
2. How would the captain spend his time after the stroke?
3. What did the blind beggar say he would do to the narrator if the latter didn't take him to the captain?
4. What was drawn and written on the card? How did the captain react upon reading the card?
5. It was the second death I had known, and the sorrow of the first was still fresh in my heart. Whose deaths is the narrator talking about? Why was the sorrow of the first death still fresh in the narrator's heart?

Reference to the context:

1. He got downstairs next morning and had his meals as usual, though he ate little.
 - a. Who is the speaker?
 - b. Who is 'he' mentioned in the above sentence?
 - c. Why did 'he' eat little? What had happened to him?

2. I was standing at the door for a moment, full of sad thoughts about my father when I saw someone drawing slowly near along the road.
 - a. Why was the speaker full of sad thoughts about his father?
 - b. Where was the speaker when the above incident occurred?
 - c. Describe the person who was drawing slowly near along the road.

3. Lead me straight up to him, and when I'm in view, cry out,' 'Here's a friend for you, Bill.'
 - a. Who said these words and to whom?
 - b. Who was 'Bill'?
 - c. What would the speaker have done if he were not taken to bill?

Think and answer:

1. Why do you think all colour went out of the captain's face the moment he saw the blind beggar?
2. Why do you think the narrator burst into a flood of tears when the captain died?
3. Do you think the story would have been different had it been narrated by the captain? What would the captain have talked about more?