



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

Class: VIII	Department: ENGLISH	November 2022
WORKSHEET NO: 18	Topic: The Open Window (MCB) QUESTION BANK	Note: To be written in notebook

I. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Why had Mr. Nuttel come down to the 'rural retreat'?

Ans: Mr. Nuttel had come to the rural retreat for a nerve cure.

2. What help did his sister extend to him?

Ans: His sister helped by giving him letters of introduction to all the people she knew there so that he would not mope and thus prevent his nerves from getting worse.

3. According to Vera, what tragedy had befallen Mrs. Sappleton three years ago?

Ans: The tragedy that had befallen Mrs. Sappleton three years ago was that her husband and two brothers had disappeared in a bog in the mist while out on a hunting expedition.

4. What explanation did Mrs. Sappleton offer for the open window when she met Mr. Nuttel?

Ans: Mrs. Sappleton's explanation for the open window was that her husband and brothers would return home from shooting, and they would come in through the window so as not to make a mess of her carpet since they would have been in the marsh.

5. What topic did Mr. Nuttel's conversation center on?

Ans: Mr. Nuttel's conversation centered on his health and his ailments.

6. What did Mr. Nuttel see when he looked out of the open window? What do you think he felt and how did he react?

Ans: Mr. Nuttel saw three figures carrying guns, walking towards the open window. They had a dog at their heels. He felt terrified on seeing them and picked up his things and ran out of the house as fast as he could.

7. 'Romance at short notice was her specialty'. Justify this observation about Vera.

Ans: This observation about Vera sums her up since she had clearly made up the entire story of the three men and the dog drowning in the bog.

II. Answer these questions with reference to the context:

1. *“I almost get a creepy feeling that they will all walk in through that window....”*

a. Who is the speaker here?

The speaker is Vera, Mrs. Sappleton’s niece.

b. Whom is the speaker addressing? Who is being referred to here?

The speaker is addressing Mr. Nuttel who is visiting her aunt. She is referring to Mrs. Sappleton’s husband, brothers, and their dog.

c. When is this statement made?

This statement is made while Mr. Nuttel is waiting for Mrs. Sappleton to come down to her house.

2. *“One would think he had seen a ghost.”*

a. Who makes this statement and to whom?

Mrs. Sappleton makes this statement about Mr. Nuttel to her husband.

b. Why does the speaker say this?

The speaker says this because Mr. Nuttel rushed out of the window with great speed when he saw Mr. Sappleton and the two boys returning.

c. Who is ‘he’? Had he really seen a ghost?

‘He’ is Mr. Nuttel. He didn’t really see a ghost.

3. *“Enough to make anyone lose their nerve.”*

a. Who is the speaker here?

The speaker is Vera.

b. Whom is the speaker speaking to and about who?

The speaker is speaking to Mrs. Sappleton about Mr. Nuttel.

c. Why does the speaker say this?

The speaker says this because she has just made up a story about how Mr. Nuttel spent a night in a freshly dug grave on the banks of the Ganges with pariah dogs snarling above him.

d. What does this tell us about the speaker?

This tells us that the speaker is in the habit of making up gruesome stories about people in a short time.

III. Choose the correct answer from the given options:

1. Who gave the letters of introduction?
 - A. Aunt
 - B. Sister
 - C. Uncle
 - D. Mother
2. When did the tragedy happen?
 - A. Five years ago
 - B. One year ago
 - C. Three years ago
 - D. Ten years ago
3. A large French window opened on to a _____
 - A. Lawn
 - B. Balcony
 - C. Room
 - D. Hall
4. They all carried _____ under their arms.
 - A. Spades
 - B. Arrows
 - C. Bottles
 - D. Guns
5. Mr. Nuttel always talk about _____
 - A. Scarcity of birds
 - B. Treacherous piece of bog
 - C. Doctors
 - D. Illness
6. The colour of the spaniel was _____
 - A. Brown
 - B. Black
 - C. White
 - D. Red

ANSWERS: 1B, 2C, 3A, 4D, 5D, 6A