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# <mark>BOOK – HONEYDEW</mark>

#### Ch 9- THE GREAT STONE FACE – 1 – NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

#### New Words

- 1. Brightening
- 2. Spectator
- 3. Beaming
- 4. Pleasant
- 5. Resemblance
- 6. Affectionate
- 7. Rumour
- 8. Puzzled
- 9. Pardonable
- 10. Marvellous
- 11. Battlefield

# Word Meanings

- 1. Perpendicular Rising Very Steeply
- 2. Immense Huge
- 3. Enormous Very Big
- 4. Gigantic Immense
- 5. Clustering Gathering
- 6. Benign Kind, Gentle
- 7. Prophecy Statement That Tells What Will Happen In The Future
- 8. Pensive Thoughtful
- 9. Stirred Moved
- 10. Labour Work
- 11. Beheld Saw
- 12. Renowned Famous
- 13. Proclaimed (Here) Said Loudly, Announced

# **\*** ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

## Q 1: What was the Great Stone Face?

**Ans:** The Great Stone Face was a work of nature. It was formed on the side of a mountain by some huge rocks.

## Q 2 What did young Ernest wish when he gazed at it?

Ans - Ernest wished that it could speak because it looked very kindly. He thought its voice must be pleasant.

# Q 3: What was the story attributed to the Stone Face?

According to an old prophecy, it was believed that in some future time a man would be born, who looked exactly like the Great Stone Face.

## Q 4. Did Ernest see in Gathergold the likeness of the Stone Face?

Ans: No, Ernest did not see the likeness of the Great Stone Face in Gathergold.

## Q 5. What was the manner in which Ernest spent his childhood?

**Ans** - Ernest spent his entire childhood in the log cottage where he was born, helping and assisting his mother.

# \* ANSWER IN DETAIL -

# Q 1 - What was the story attributed to the Stone Face?

**Ans** The story that was attributed to the Stone Face was that at some future day, a child would be born near there, and he would be destined to become the greatest and noblest person of his time. His face, in manhood, would bear an exact resemblance to the Great Stone Face.

# Q 2 - Who did he confide in and how was he proved right?

**Ans** - Ernest confided in his own heart that the Gathergold was not the right person he was waiting for. He was proved right because Gathergold died after sometime. He was then a poor man. All the people, then, said that he had no likeness with the stone face.



# <u>WRITING SKILL</u> POSTER WRITING

Posters Writing- A Poster conveys a message for the general public or a specific group through a creative combination of language and visuals.

#### USES -

A Poster is used -

- 1. to convey a message which is of social or political importance.
- 2. To capture the attention of a large number of people about something specific.
- 3. To carry out a particular campaign.

#### **FORMAT**

**Issuing Authority:** Here you have to write the name of the organising body of the particular event.

**Title:** This is the point where you can make the deal. Make a catchy title which is basically the gist of your announcement or issue.

A sketch: After the title, you have a draw a picture depicting your issue. For instance; 4 ways to save water.

**Date, Time and Venue:** Here you have to mention the date and time of the event which has to take place. Do not forget to mention the venue of the event.

**Contact Information:** This is an important part of your poster. Remember to add the details of the concerned authorities as the people reading the poster must have contact numbers of the event co-ordinator in case any query arises on the day of the event.

a) On the occasion of "ENVIRONMENT DAY" your school has planned to launch a campaign to "SAVE TREES". Make a poster in order to promote planting of trees and save them from being cut down for urbanization.



b) Prepare a poster on "Blood donation" in school.



# <u>BOOK – IT SO HAPPENED</u>

# <u>Ch- 9 THE COMET- 1- JAYANT NARLIKAR</u>

#### **\*** NEW WORDS

- 1. Adjoining
- 2. Precautions
- 3. Pullover
- 4. Huddled
- 5. Star-gazing
- 6. Amateur
- 7. Nebulous
- 8. Communicated
- 9. Muttered
- 10. Scientifically
- 11. Outstretched

# **\* WORD MEANINGS**

- 1. Hobnob Have Friendly Talk/Spend Time Together
- 2. Oblivious Forgetful
- 3. Tete-A-Tete Private Meeting/Talk Between Two Persons
- 4. Acquired (Here) Bought
- 5. Recedes Goes Back
- 6. Nebulous Hazy
- 7. Meticulous Careful And Exact
- 8. Optimistic Hopeful
- 9. Disgust Strong Dislike Or Disapproval
- 10. Calamities Disasters/Misfortunes
- 11. Deferentially Respectfully
- 12. Manuscript Paper Or Book Not
- 13. Aspersions Harsh Remarks
- 14. Restraint Control/Check

# **ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

#### Q 1- What was Duttada's secret ambition?

Ans - Duttada's secret ambition was to discover a new comet one day.



# Q 2: What is the important point the paper makes?

Ans: The important point that the paper made was that Comet Dutta would collide with the earth.

# Q 3: How did Sir John get hold of James' original manuscript?

Ans - James' original manuscript was to be published in 'Nature'. Sir John got hold of it as the editor of 'Nature' was his friend.

# Q 4 -Why is his wife unhappy about the discovery?

Ans - His wife was unhappy about the discovery because she believed that comets brought ill-luck, and she wished a good man like Duttada was not associated with such a discovery.

# Q5 -Why does Indrani Debi dislike Duttada's 'hobnobbing' with Dibya?

Ans - Indrani Debi disliked Duttada's 'hobnobbing' with Dibya because he spent most of his time with his telescope.

# ✤ ANSWER IN DETAIL -

# Q1 - Why was Duttada hopeful that he would discover a new comet soon?

Ans - Duttada was hopeful that he would discover a new comet soon because he knew that the professionals with their pre-assigned programmes would be looking at faint stars and hazy galaxies. Amateurs had often discovered new comets, which the professionals had missed.

# Q 2 - Why does Sir John say that James' paper should not be published?

Ans - Sir John said that the paper should not be published because if the news of the inevitable collision became known to the world, it would result in panic.

# <u>WRITING SKILLL</u> E- MAIL WRITING

E Mail writing – It is used for correspondence. It is cheaper, quicker and doesn't need any address of correspondence.

Steps –

- 1. Heading Email ID of Sender, Email ID of Receiver, Date, CC
- 2. Subject Purpose of mail
- 3. Salutation Dear Sir/ Madam ; Dear Mother/Father / Sister/ Brother/ Uncle
- Body Divide the mail into paragraphs. First paragraph states the purpose, Second paragraph states the details and the concluding paragraph ends the subject.
- 5. End/ Close Yours faithfully/ lovingly/ sincerely/ truly/ obediently
- 6. Signatory's name Sender name with position/ designation
- 7. Enclosures may or may not be there.

#### **FORMAT**

From: Sender's email id

To: Recipient's email id

Cc: Other individuals receiving the same mail with visible ids

Bcc: Other individuals receiving the same mail with invisible ids

Subject: Title or the reason of writing mail

Salutation: Words like Dear, Respected, Hi etc.

Main body: the main content of the email

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Matter in detail
- 3. Conclusion

Closing: Ending Statement

Attachments: Attached Files with emails

Signature Line: Sender's name, signature, and other details of contact

a) Write an e-mail to your friend describing your preparation for the final examination.

# From: xyz@gmail.com

To:<u>abc@gmail.com</u>

Date:

Subject : Final exam preparations

Dear Pawan,

I hope my mail finds you in good health. I am busy here with my preparations for the Final Exams. Yesterday, my father's friend visited us from Mumbai and gave me some tips to prepare for exams. According to that I have made a proper time table so that I would not lose out on precious time and give all subjects equal justice. I know, now there is little time left for exams. But, you can still plan out a good start. Wish you all the best.

Love XYZ

b) Write an e-mail to your brother asking him to get you a gift of bicycle on your birthday.

From: xyz@gmail.com

To:<u>abc@gmail.com</u>

Date:

Subject : gift of bicycle

Dear Brother,

I hope my mail finds you in good health. I hope you must be doing well in your job. Bhaiya, I wanted to know about your plan of coming at home in Diwali holidays. You must be happy to know that I got good marks in my periodic test. I wanted to remind you of your promise of gifting bicycle for me. If possible, book it through online or whenever you will come please buy it. Mummy and Papa are giving blessings to you and Didi is saying love to you. Take care of yourself.

Your loving brother / sister ABC