

Class 8

Chapter 9

The speckles Band

A- Answer the following questions.

1- who woke up Dr. Watson? Why?

Ans- Mr. Sherlock Holmes woke up Dr. Watson. He woke up Dr Watson because a young lady was waiting for them in the sitting room in an agitated state.

2-Describe the physical appearance and emotional state of Miss Helen Stoner.

Ans- The lady in the sitting room was dressed in black and a heavy veil covered her face. The lady was shivering and looked agitated. She looked about thirty years old and had grey hairs.

3- Why did Dr. Roylott become a doctor?

Ans- Dr. Roylott belonged to a rich family but all their wealth was lost. To earn a living, he became a doctor.

4-Why did Dr Roylott leave India? Who left India with him?

Ans- Dr Roylott lived in Calcutta. One day he killed the butter in anger. He was imprisoned fir a long time and then he had to return to England with his two children.

5-What were the conditions of the will made by Helen Stoner's mother?

Ans-Accordinh to Helen's mother, her money was with Dr Roylott. She had fixed a generous amount for Julia and Helen after their marriage.

6-What all did Sherlock Holmes inspect in stoke Moran?

Ans-Sherlock Holmes inspected the wall out side Miss stoner's room, the windows of her sister's room and Julia's old room. He also brought to the notice of everyone the bell rope.

B- Answer the following questions with reference to the context.

1-After London, we all moved to Dr Roylott's ancestral house at stoke moran.

a- Who moved from London with the doctor? After what event?

Ans-Helen and Julia moved to London with the doctor. It was after their mother had died.

b-What was Dr Roylott like once they moved?

Ans-After they had moved to stoke Morran, Dr Roylott obviously left his practice and became angry and bitter.

c-Were the inhabitants of stoke Moran happy there? Why/why not?

Answer Roylott kept himself confined in one room. However, others were not happy with him because he fought with everyone for trivial reasons.

2- Sherlock encouraged her to be precise with details.

That's isn't difficult, 'replied Miss stoner, 'That terrible night has been burned into my memory's.

a- What night is Miss Stoner referring to? How long ago did it happen?

Ans-Miss stoner is referring to the night when her sister Julia died. It happened two years ago.

b-What details did she give about bedrooms?

Ans-The manor was quite old. There were three bedrooms occupied by Julia, Helen and Dr Roylott. There were no doors that connected the bedrooms internally. The doors opened out the corridor and windows overlooked the lawn.

c-Describe the events after Julia left Miss stoner's room.

Ans-That night when Julia left Helen's room, she could not sleep. There was a terrible storm. Late in the night, Miss stoner heard Julia scream. As she opened her door, she heard a low whistle and then a clanging sound. She ran to Julia's room. The room was open. Helen saw Julia standing near the door, extremely frightened.

3-Violence truly has a way of lashing back at the violent. The schemer falls into the trap he set for another!

a- What do you understand from the lines given above?

Ans-The above lines signify that the person who practises violence is the one who falls prey to it. It is a common saying, a person digging a grave for somebody, falls in it instead.

b-Who is the violent schemer? How did his plans lash back at him?

Ans-The violent schemer is Dr Roylott. He had made plans to kill Helen as he killed Julia. However, his plans backfired and his per ended up killing him.

c-What was he scheming all the time? why?

Ans- He was scheming all the time to get rid of his two step daughters because he was left with less money and had to give them a fixed amount after their marriage.

C- Think, discuss and then answer the following questions.

1-Judging by story why do you think Sherlock Holmes has become a detective? What are these views on logic? Support your answer with examples from the text.

Ans- judging by the story, Sherlock Holmes become a detective because he genuinely wanted to solve other's problem rationally using scientific measures. he saw every detail minutely .he made quick deductions which were apparently guesses. however, he was always logical. his eagerness to know more and to go deep into a matter urged him to become a detective. little things attracted his eyes. for example ,the ventilator ,the strange loop in the whip ,the bell rope ,the saucer of milk on the safe and so on .every little detail was examined with considerate detail.

2- what details you think helped Sherlock Holmes come to his conclusion about the speckled band?

And - According to holmes, there were three things that were most suspicious. they were the ventilator the bell rope and the bed.after inspecting all these things he came to the conclusion that a snake was involved in all this. when Sherlock Holmes was in the room where Helen was to be, he heard the hissing sound and hit it with the web and sent it through the ventilator.

3-" I cannot say that his death will weigh very heavily upon my conscience". who does Sherlock Holmes say this about ?why does he feel this way?

Ans- Sherlock Holmes says this about the doctor Dr Roylott, the stepfather of the stoner siblings, planned to kill the sisters for money and property . he was successful in killing Julia .while solving julia's murder mystery Sherlock Holmes had to take a drastic step .He understood that a snake was used to kill. therefore to save Mr stoner he attacked the snake and drove it back through the ventilator.

Word web

- 1- to be hooked on -addicted or enthusiastic of something
- 2- to be in -to be at home
- 3- Epic fail -embarrassing mistake
- 4- feeling blue -feeling unwell
- 5 -wheels -automobile
- 6- snap your cap-don't get angry

Grammar

A-1 Samson broke the jar.

2- Mary enjoys reading.

3- the fire destroyed the town.

4- John will clean the room every Saturday.

5- Sara ate cheese.

B- 1- the window was broken by James.

2- the answer is known by me

3- the invitation was not accepted by her

4- their house has been sold by them.

5- this science of ship building was known by ancient Indians.