Class 9 English chapter: The snake and the Mirror

<u>About the author</u>: <u>Vaikom Muhammad Basheer</u> was a Malayalam fiction writer from the state of Kerala..He was a humanist, freedom fighter, novelist and short story writer. He is regarded as a one of the most successful and outstanding writers of India..He was awarded the <u>Padma shri in1982</u>. Basheer is fondly known as the <u>'Bey Pore sultan'</u>. Though his works have been translated in to English and the eighteen other Indian Languages, the peculiarity of the language he uses makes the translation lose a lot of sheer.

Answer the following questions:

- 1. What can you say about the noise repeatedly made in the narrators' room?
- A. It was a hot summer night. It was about ten o'clock. The narrator the doctor had his meal at the restaurant and returned to his room. He heard a noise from above lighted the kerosene lamp on the table. Later he found that it was a snake which was making the noise.
- 2. What toe w important and earth shaking decisions did the doctor take while he was looking into the mirror?
- A. The doctor took two important decisions while he was looking on to the mirror. First, he would shave daily and grow thin moustache to look more handsome .Second, he would always keep a attractive smile on his face.
- 3. What happened to the doctor when he was sitting in his chair?
- A. As the doctor resumed his seat in the chair, suddenly there came a dull thud as if a rubber tube had fallen on the ground. He turned around to take a look. No sooner had he turned then a fat snake

- wriggled over the back of the chair and landed on the doctor's shoulder.
- 4. What did the doctor do when the snake jumped on to the table and moved towards the mirror?
- A. The doctor got up from his chair and quietly went out through the door. He reached the verandah, jumped in to the yard and ran as fast as he could. He kept on running till he reached a friend's house. There he smeared oil all over himself and took a bath. He changed in to fresh clothes
- 5. How did the snake look into the mirror?
- A. The snake turned his head towards mirror .It looked in to the mirror and saw its reflection .Perhaps it was admiring its beauty. Perhaps it was going to make some important decision. It wanted to enjoy its reflection at close quarters.