

Std – 7th BCD
Subject – English
Lesson no.2.6 Chasing the Sea Monster

Q.I. Meanings:-

1. frigate – small, speedy ship used in war.
2. luminous – bright, full of light
3. crew – people working on the ship
4. profound- deep
5. blunderbusses – a short, large bored gun firing metal balls, slugs or nails
6. duck guns – large shot guns used for hunting ducks in large number
7. cetaceans – marine animals like a whale
8. armour -protective metal covering
9. cannoneer – an artillery man who uses cannon
10. hideous – dreadful, horrid

Q.II. Answer the following:-

1. What is the name of the narrator?

Ans: The name of the narrator is Professor Aronnax.

2. What is the name of the ship?

Ans: The name of the ship is 'Abraham Lincoln'.

3. At what time is this event taking place?

Ans: This event is taking place sometime near midnight.

4. Why did the Abraham Lincoln slow down?

Ans: The Abraham Lincoln slowed down because it was unable to compete with the monster's speed.

5. What is the monster compared to when it disappeared?

Ans: The monster is compared to a huge glow-worm when it disappeared.

6. What did the deafening hiss resemble?

Ans: The deafening hiss resembled the sound made by a water spout expelled with tremendous intensity.

7. Who would get \$500?

Ans: The man who would pierce the infernal beast would get \$500.

8. Describe the gunner who accepted the challenge.

Ans: The gunner who accepted the challenge was a calm, cool, old and gray bearded man.

9. What can the blunderbusses do?

Ans: The blunderbusses can launch harpoons as far as a mile.

Q.II.B. Fill in the blanks:-

1. Let's wait for daylight and then we'll play a different role.

2. Unable to compete with the monster's speed, our frigate, the Abraham Lincoln slowed down.

3. Ned Land stayed at his post, harpoon in hand.

4. The animal is faster than the Abraham Lincoln.

5. A long blackish body emerged a metre above the waves.

6. That monster must be covered with six-inch armour plate.

Q.III. Vocabulary:-

1. Give two words or phrases used to describe monster in this passage.

Ans: fearsome creature, cetacean

2. Pick out the words from the lesson that mean the following:-

a) person who fires the cannon

Ans: Cannoneer

b) moved faster

Ans: gathered speed

Q.IV. Grammar:-

1. No one thought of sleeping. (Make it affirmative)

Ans: Everyone remained awake.

2. The animal mimicked the frigate. (Change into interrogative)

Ans: Didn't the animal mimic the frigate?

3. Pick out two abstract nouns from the lesson.

Ans: Disappointment, anger.

4. Barely twenty feet separated him from the motionless animal. (Pick out the adjectives from the sentence)

Ans: Twenty, motionless

5. The electric light suddenly went out. (Identify the part of speech of the underlined word)

Ans: Suddenly – adverb