

**ASSIGNMENT – 2**

**ENGLISH**

**STD : VII**

**I Prose Questions :**

1. What was the advice that the narrator's mother often gave him?
2. How did the narrator and his family own a Buick?
3. Who was Jim Kendrick? How did he win the lottery?
4. Why did the narrator's father decide to return the Buick to Jim Kendrick?
5. If you were Jim Kendrick, would you have accepted the Buick?

**II Prose Extract :**

1. "We were poor. My father's salary as clerk would have been enough had he not given half of it to support his ill and poor relatives. Even our house was mortgaged.
  - a) Who was poor?
  - b) How do you know that the father was generous?
  - c) What was mortgaged?
  - d) Why was it mortgaged?
2. "Don't be upset," she said. "Your father is struggling with an ethical problem."
  - a) Whom does the word 'she' refer to?
  - b) Who was upset?
  - c) What was an ethical problem?
  - d) Why was the father struggling with an ethical problem?

**III Composition:**

How do you think the narrator feels when his father decides to give the Buick away to Kendrick? How does he feel the next morning when the Buick is driven away in front of his eyes by Kendrick's drivers? Put yourself in the narrator's shoes and write a diary entry in order to express his thoughts and feelings.

## I Poetry Questions:

1. Why did the man decide to stay alone in the haunted house?
2. How did the friends react to the man's readiness to stay alone in the haunted house?
3. How does the hunchback-moon add to the eeriness of the situation? What else adds fear to the situation?
4. How did the ghost make its entry?
5. Do you think that the ghost in the poem is real? Why do you think so?

## II Poetry Extracts:

1. The stroke of twelve — but there's no clock!  
He shuts the door and turns the lock  
(of course he knows that no-one's there,  
but no harm's done by taking care!);  
*someone's* outside — the silly joker,  
(he may as well pick up the poker!)
  - a) What was peculiar/remarkable about the clock's sound?
  - b) With what excuse did the brave boy shut the doors?
  - c) Why does the poet think that the man might pick up the poker?
  - d) What is the tone of the poet? Why?
2. That noise again! He checks the doors,  
shutters the windows, makes a pause  
to seek the safest place to hide —  
(the cupboard's strong — he creeps inside).
  - a) What was the noise about?
  - b) What did the man do when he heard the noise again?
  - c) Why does the man try to seek the safest place to hide?
  - d) Where does the man hide?

## III Composition:

Write a letter to your friend thanking him/her for sending you a nice birthday present.

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