

Class 7 (English)
5. Laughing Matters
Sec. 3 The People Upstairs

1. Word meanings:-

1. bowling alley – a place where people go bowling
2. pogo sticks – vertical sticks to hop around on
3. abates – becomes less

2. Tick the correct options:-

1. The people living upstairs
 - a. learn and practice ballet. ✓
 - b. take people on conducted tours. ✓
 - c. hop around on pogo sticks. ✓
 - d. make a lot of noise. ✓
 - e. do none of the above.
2. The poet dislikes the people upstairs because.
 - a. they have too many parties and guests. ✓
 - b. they play their television loudly.
 - c. they use roller skates in the bathroom. ✓
 - d. their bathroom floor leaks on his ceiling.
 - e. they live right above his house. ✓

3. Answer the following questions:-

Q.1 *They try to get their parties to mix*

a. Who was trying to get the parties to mix?

Ans. The people upstairs were trying to get the parties to mix.

b. How did they achieve this?

Ans. They achieved it by celebrating weekends and supplying their guests with pogo sticks.

Q.2 *If only they lived on another floor.*

a. What did the poet think would happen if they lived on another floor?

Ans. The poet thought that he would not be disturbed by anyone if they lived on another floor.

b. What does the poet want to say about the people upstairs?

Ans. The poet wants to say that he would love the people upstairs more if they lived on another floor.
