

## Class 7 (English)

### 3. Trips to Remember

#### Sec. 2 The Bet

#### Summary:-

In scene 1 we come across a man named Phileas Fogg who spends every day exactly the same way doing things exactly at the fixed time. He never likes to be late for anything. He dismissed his assistant just for a silly mistake that he had brought the shaving water that was two degrees colder than it should have been. A man named Passepartout (pronounced passpatoo) has been appointed as his new personal assistant. Mr Fogg describes him about his invariable routine and expects him not to make any changes or delays in anything.

In scene 2, Mr Fogg's friends are discussing a news report according to which a thief had stolen fifty-five thousand pounds from a bank and had fled away in the guise of an English gentleman. A debate among the friends begins when Mr Fogg says that in present day it's possible to go around the world in eighty days. His friends oppose him on this and then Mr Fogg places a bet on 20,000 pounds with them that he would make the tour of the world in eighty days or less. They all accept. Mr Fogg sets off for the trip on 2 October and wishes to return on 21 December exactly after 80 days.

In scene 3, Mr Fogg and Passepartout have packed their bags and left for the journey. But a detective called Mr Fix from London is following Mr Fogg without his knowledge. Mr Fix mistakes Mr Fogg as the robber who had robbed a bank and had been roaming around in the guise of an English gentleman.

In scene 4, Mr Fogg along with Passepartout have travelled to a few places and they have now reached Allahabad in India. There they rescue a woman named Aouda from some men who were going to kill her. Aouda accompanies them on the rest of the journey. After experiencing many adventures throughout their journey, they (Mr Fogg, Passepartout and Aouda) have now reached Liverpool, England on

21 December. They are only six hours away from London when unfortunately Mr Fogg is arrested and put into jail by Mr Fix. Soon it is clear that Mr Fogg is not the proclaimed thief and he is released.

In scene 5, Mr Fogg has lost the hope of winning the bet. Since he was arrested in Liverpool, he believes that he is too late to reach the club in time. But then Passepartout arrives and tell him that it was a Saturday and not Sunday. So they still have time to win the bet. They both rush towards the club.

In scene 6, four gentlemen who had made the bet with Mr Fogg are waiting at the Reform club. All of them are assuming that Mr Fogg has lost the bet because there was no news of him arriving from Liverpool. Last sixty are left when all of a sudden there is a roar of hurrahs from the crowd outside. Mr Fogg arrives at the fifty-seventh second and finally wins the bet.

But how could Mr Fogg have mistaken the day as Saturday. This is because during his journey he had been travelling eastward. In journeying eastward he had gone towards the sun and therefore gained twenty-four hours that is one full day extra. And this is how Mr Fogg went around the world in just eighty days and won the bet of 20,000 pounds.

### **1. Word meanings:-**

1. invariable routine- unchanging schedule
2. pantry- a small room near a kitchen
3. Scotland Yard- headquarters of the police force of London
4. ready cash- money in the form of coins and notes
5. hearse- a vehicle used to carry a coffin to a funeral
6. brewer- someone who makes a drink from barley
7. eccentric- strange
8. telegraph lines- wires set up to carry messages as electrical signals

9. rubber- a card game

## 2. Circle the appropriate options:-

1. Mr Fogg was a man with an orderly mind and regular habits.
2. On 2 October 1872, Mr Fogg placed a bet that he could travel around the world in eighty days.
3. Mr Fix followed Mr Fogg throughout the entire journey because he thought that Mr Fogg was the bank thief disguised as a rich gentleman.
4. Mr Fix arrested and jailed Mr Fogg in Liverpool.
5. Mr Fogg thought he had arrived on 21 December but he had actually arrived on the 20<sup>th</sup> because he had travelled from West to East around the world.

## 3. Answer the following questions:-

Q.1 *"This is my invariable routine every day."*

a. Who said this and to whom?

**Ans.** Phileas Fogg said this to Passepartout.

b. Summarize the speaker's daily routine.

**Ans.** Fogg wakes up at 8 a.m. He has tea and toast at 8:23 a.m. He needs shaving water at 84°F at 9:37 a.m. He has a bath and dresses at 9:40 a.m. He leaves his house at 11:30 a.m. to go to the Reform Club. He has his meals at the club and returns home at midnight.

Q.2 *"The world is large enough for the man to disappear."*

a. Why did the speaker say this?

**Ans.** The speaker, Mr Stuart, said this after the friends heard about a bank robber who fled in disguise after stealing fifty-five thousand pounds.

b. Where was this said?

**Ans.** He said this in the Card Room at the Reform Club.

**Q.3** *"Saturday? Impossible!"*

a. Who said this?

**Ans.** Phileas Fogg said this to Passepartout.

b. According to the speaker, what was impossible and why?

**Ans.** According to Fogg, it was impossible that they had arrived in London on Saturday because according to his calculations, he had lost the chance to reach London on Saturday since he had been put in the jail by Mr Fix.

**Q.4** *"Sixty seconds to win!"*

a. Who would win and why?

**Ans.** Fogg's five friends would win the bet if he did not reach the Reform Club by 8:45 p.m. on 21 December.

b. What would the winner get?

**Ans.** The winner would get 20,000 pounds.

#### 4. Write your answers.

1. Was Mr Fogg like a machine? Which events in the play make you think otherwise?

**Ans.** At the beginning of the play, we get the feeling that Mr Fogg went about his life like a machine. But when he placed a bet and actually undertook the journey around the world showed that he was not set in his ways but enjoyed a good adventure now and then.

2. What kind of a man was Passepartout?

**Ans.** Passepartout seems to be a sensible and helpful man who is dedicated to his employer. He is adaptable because he quickly joins Mr Fogg on his crazy adventure without a complaint.

#### 5. Match the columns correctly.

1. I will say there is a remote – possibility that Virat Kohli will visit us.
2. When the shop doors open, there will be a headlong – rush towards the sale counter.
3. I will give you clear – instructions on how to get to the house.
4. He was not a person who made – friends easily or quickly.
5. She is going to open – an account with the bank.
6. She is taking – her driving test tomorrow.

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