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CBSE Class 10 · English

Footprints without Feet

10 most probable questions for Boards 2027

Q1. 1 mark · Multiple choice

Which description best shows Griffin's lawless behaviour? (1 mark)
(A) He attacks the theatrical shopkeeper and robs him.
(B) He asks the innkeeper for a quiet room.
(C) He uses his scientific knowledge to help the villagers.
(D) He leaves the London store without taking anything.

Answer

(A) He attacks the theatrical shopkeeper and robs him — Griffin callously struck the shopkeeper from behind and stole all the money he could find.

Q2. 2 marks · Short answer

How did Griffin become a fully dressed and visible person after being invisible?

Answer

After the London store closed, Griffin took warm clothes from the boxes and wrappers. He put on shoes, an overcoat and a wide-brimmed hat, becoming fully dressed and visible.

Q3. 5 marks · Multiple choice

Which statement correctly describes Griffin's discovery? (5 marks)
(A) He swallowed rare drugs that made his body transparent but still solid.
(B) He drank a potion that made his body disappear permanently.
(C) He wore a special suit that made his body transparent and weightless.
(D) He used a machine that turned his body into smoke.

Answer

(A) He swallowed rare drugs that made his body transparent but still solid — the drugs made Griffin's body transparent as a sheet of glass while it remained as solid as glass.

Q4. 6 marks · Very long answer

Assess Griffin as a scientist. In about 100–120 words, distinguish his scientific brilliance from his failure to use science responsibly.

Answer

1. Scientific achievement — Griffin carried out experiment after experiment and discovered how to make the human body transparent by swallowing certain rare drugs. Ethical failure — He used this remarkable discovery for personal escape and advantage rather than for a responsible purpose.
2. Understanding of invisibility — Griffin's body became transparent while remaining as solid as glass, demonstrating an extraordinary scientific breakthrough. Misuse of knowledge — He exploited invisibility to avoid being seen while fleeing, stealing and escaping arrest.

3. Practical resourcefulness — Griffin adapted quickly, finding clothes and food in a London store and disguises in a theatrical shop. Lack of moral restraint — He took these goods without permission, attacked the shopkeeper and robbed him of his money.
4. Scientific potential — Griffin's achievement showed the immense possibilities of scientific investigation. Personal character — His lawless choices turned that achievement into a source of danger and fear: his actions disturbed the people at the inn, and the constable was injured while trying to arrest him. Griffin was therefore a brilliant but irresponsible scientist.

Q5. 1 mark · Multiple choice

Which statement best describes Griffin's use of his scientific discovery? (A) He used it to serve society. (B) He used it mainly to pursue his own ends, often unlawfully. (C) He shared it openly with other scientists. (D) He abandoned science to become a law officer.

Answer

(B) He used it mainly to pursue his own ends, often unlawfully — Griffin used invisibility to escape, steal, attack the shopkeeper and evade arrest.

Q6. 2 marks · Short answer

How did Griffin leave footprints even though he was invisible?

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Q7. 5 marks · Multiple choice

Why did Griffin become a homeless wanderer? (5 marks)
(A) He set fire to his landlord's house in revenge and had to escape without clothes.
(B) He lost his rooms at the inn after refusing to pay for them.
(C) He left home to study in London and ran out of money.
(D) His landlord stole his clothes and forced him onto the streets.

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Q8. 6 marks · Very long answer

Why does Griffin's scientific genius lead him towards a destructive life? Explain how his choices affect both himself and the people around him.

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Q9. 2 marks · Short answer

"Griffin was rather a lawless person." Comment on this statement with reference to his actions in the story.

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Q10. 5 marks · Multiple choice

Which set of items does Griffin use to disguise his invisible appearance at the theatrical shop? (5 marks)
(A) Bandages, dark glasses, a false nose, whiskers and a large hat.
(B) A mask, a helmet, a scarf, gloves and a cloak.

(C) A wig, a uniform, a veil, a coat and a walking stick.
(D) A hood, goggles, a false beard, a cape and a pair of boots.

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