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Class 10 English (Footprints without Feet) Notes

The Hack Driver



Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Lesson - 8
The Hack Driver by - Sinclair Lewis

Passage - 1

So I rejoiced one day when they sent me out forty miles in the country, to a town called New Mullion, to serve summons on a man called Oliver Lutkins. We needed this man as a witness in a law case, and he had ignored all our letters.

- a. Who refers to 'I' here?
- b. What is the profession of the speaker?
- c. Why did he rejoice when he was sent forty miles in the country.
- d. Who was Oliver Lutkins and why was he needed?
- e. Give the noun form of 'Ignored'.
- f. New Mullion was the town where_____.

Passage- 2

He said, "I don't want to interfere, young fellow, but my guess is that you want to collect some money from Lutkins. He never pays anybody a cent. He still owes me fifty cents on a poker game I was fool enough to play with him. He's not really bad, but it's hard to make him part with his money. If you try to collect from him, in those fancy clothes, he'll be suspicious and get away from you. If you want I'll go into Fritz's and ask for him, and you can keep out of sight behind me."

- a. Who was the young fellow?
- b. Who did not want interfere with him?
- c. Why did the speaker not want the young to go to Lutkins in person himself?
- d. Why according to the speaker, was he foolish enough to play with Lutkins?
- e. Give the noun form of 'Suspicious' and 'interfere'.
- f. Use a word or a phrase from the passage to complete the sentence. Before I could _____ from the place my teacher saw me and asked me to report to him in the library.

Passage - 3

I know that Bill's helpfulness to the Young Fellow from the city was not entirely a matter of brotherly love. I was paying him for his time. In the end I paid him for six hours (including the lunch hour) at what was then a very high price. But he was no more dishonest than I. I charged the whole thing to the firm. But it would have been worth paying him

myself to have his presence. His cheerful country wisdom was very refreshing to a country boy like myself who was sick of the city.

- a. Who was Bill? why he was helping the Young fellow?
- b. Who was the young fellow and why he needed bill's help?
- c. The speaker accepts that he was more dishonest than Bill, why does he think so?
- d. What was the young man sick of?
- e. Give the verb form of the words 'refreshing' and 'presence'.
- f. Give the noun form of the word 'cheerful'.

Passage - 4

"I know Oliver's mother. She's a terror," Bill sighed, "I look a trunk out there for her once, and she almost took my skin off because I didn't treat it like a box of eggs. She's about nine feet tall and four feet thick and quick as a cat, and she sure can talk. I'll bet Oliver heard that somebody's chasing him, and he's gone on there to hide behind his mother's skirts. Well, we'll try her.

- a. Who are the speaker and the listener here?
- b. Who is 'she here?
- c. Is she really a terror, why?
- d. Why had she almost taken Bill's skin off as Bill tells the speaker?
- e. What is the intention of Bill for producing a fearful profile of the lady?
- f. One who unleashes terror is a _____.

Vocabulary test :

Complete the table with the help of the text

Short Questions

1. Why was the young lawyer delighted when he was sent to new mullion to serve the summons to Lutkins?
A. The young lawyer was delighted when he was sent to New Mullion to serve the summons to Lutkins because he was sick of city life. More over he was nostalgic about village life and its simplicity.
2. Who was Lutkins? why did he introduce himself as Bill, the Hack driver?
A. Oliver Lutkins was a Hack Driver. He was wanted as a witness in the court of law. Lutkins did not want to be present in the court. When the young lawyer told him his reason of coming there he immediately took his false identity to avoid to be summoned.
3. Why did Bill take him to various places in New Mullion?
4. Why did the young man feel hurt, what hurt him most?
5. How did Bill introduce his mother to the lawyer? Why did he do so?
6. Let's go to the restaurant, I'll buy your lunch.' How did bill use this opportunity in his own way?
7. Why was the lawyer sent back to the country with a warning?

Lesson -7 Answers Passage - 1

- a. The young lawyer
- b. He is a junior lawyer in a law firm
- c. He was nostalgic to country life.
- d. He was a Hack Driver, he was wanted as a witness in the court of law.
- e. 'ignorance'.
- f. The lawyer goes to serve the summons to Oliver Lutkins

