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Questions and answers from the back of the chapter

Ch-11 ROBINSON CRUSOE

I. Answer the following questions:- (page no. 107)

Q1. How many times did Crusoe's ship wreck before he was marooned?

Ans. Crusoe's ship wrecked twice before he was marooned.

Q2. What happened when he sailed to Brazil?

Ans. In Brazil he became a farmer and made a lot of money which he re-invested in other business. He struck a business deal with some merchants who invited him to join them on their voyage to Africa.

Q3. What did he find on reaching the top of the hill?

Ans. Robinson Crusoe found that he was marooned on a lonely, barren and uninhabited island.

Q4. What did he do onshore, and why?

Ans. Crusoe erected a cross onshore that he inscribed with the date of his arrival September 1, 1659 and made a notch every day in order to keep the track of time.

Q5. Why did he keep a journal?

Ans. Crusoe kept a journal of his house hold activities, noting his attempts to make candles, his lucky discovery of sprouting grains and his construction of a cellar, among other events.

Q6. What skills did Crusoe develop on the island?

Ans. Crusoe developed skills in basket weaving, bread making and pottery. He cut down an enormous cedar tree and built a huge canoe.

Q7. What name did Crusoe give to the prisoner, and why?

Ans. Crusoe named the prisoner as 'Friday' as it was the day his life was saved.

Q8. For how many years did Crusoe live on the island? When and where did he go from there?

Ans. Robinson Crusoe lived on the island for twenty eight years. He reached England on eleventh of June, 1687.

II. Reference to the context:- (page no. 108)

Q1. *“It took a lot of effort and time.”*

a. What took a lot of effort and time?

Ans. Crusoe made a survey of the area and found a pleasant valley abounding in grapes, where he built a shady retreat for himself. It took a lot of effort and time.

b. Why does Crusoe describe himself as its ‘king’?

Ans. Crusoe described himself as the ‘king’ of the island as he felt more optimistic and thought that he was the only human being ruling the island.

c. What food did Crusoe survive on?

Ans. Crusoe survived on rice, barley, meat and milk of the wild goats. He made butter and cheese from the milk.

Q2. *“Is it a savage or a cannibal?”*

a. Give the meaning of ‘savage’ and ‘cannibal’.

Ans. savage – wild man

cannibal – somebody who eats human flesh.

b. By whom were these words spoken and why?

Ans. Robinson Crusoe spoke these words as he was shocked to find out some footprints on the beach.

c. What was his reaction, and why did he act in that way?

Ans. Crusoe was shocked and scared as he had been living alone all those years and till then he had not even met with a shadow.

Q3. *“I must be looking quite awesome in this costume. But there is none to see me.”*

a. Describe the costume.

Ans. Crusoe wore a high, shapeless cap, made of goat’s skin with a flap hanging down behind, to protect him from the sun and the rain. He wore a jacket, made of the same material and a pair of kneed breeches. He even made something to be used as shoes.

b. Why was there no one to see him?

Ans. There was no one to see him as he was living in a lonely and uninhabited island.