

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL,DHURWA
CHAPTER - 7 THE REMARKABLE ROCKET
BOOK - NEW ASTER ADVANCED (7)
SESSION (2021-22)

Comprehension

A. Answer these questions.

1. Describe the princess. How did she reach the castle?

*** She was a Russian Princess who was pale and looked like a white rose. She reached the castle by driving all the way from Finland in a sledge drawn by six reindeers.**

2. What was the difference in opinion between the rocket and the squib?

*** The difference in opinion between the rocket and the squib was, the rocket's opinion was that the king's son was fortunate that he was getting married on the very day the rocket was being let off and the squib's opinion was that they were being let off in the Prince's honour.**

3. What was the rocket's opinion about itself? How does it describe its ancestry?

*** The rocket's opinion about itself was that he was a remarkable rocket and came from remarkable parents. His mother was the most celebrated Catharine Wheel of her day, and was renowned for her graceful dancing. She spun around nineteen times before she went out. His father was of French extraction. He flew very high that people were afraid that he would never come down again.**

4. Why did the rocket feel that its companions were hollow and empty?

*** The Rocket felt that its companions were hollow and empty because they did have a petty view of life.**

5. What did the two little boys say to the rocket? Why?

*** The two little boys said to the rocket that it was like an old stick and wondered how it came there. They thought to put it into the fire as it would help boil the kettle.**

6. Why wasn't the eventual launch of the rocket remarkable?

*** The eventual launch of the rocket wasn't remarkable because it went up straight into the air during the day and there was nobody who saw it. Even the boys failed to see it as they were fast asleep.**

B) Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1) I prefer them to stars myself, as you always know when they are going to appear, and they are as delightful as my own flute-Playing.

a) Who is 'I' in this context ?

*** The king is 'I' in this context.**

b) What does he prefer?

*** He prefers the fireworks.**

c) Why does he prefer them?

*** He preferred them because he knew when they were going to appear and they were as delightful as his own flute playing.**

2) Let the fireworks begin.

a) Who is the speaker?

*** The king is the speaker.**

b) What happened after he said this?

*** The royal pyrotechnician with his six attendants marched down to the end of the garden carrying a lighted torch at the end of a long pole.**

c) Describe the fireworks.

*** It was a magnificent display of fireworks which lit up the sky. The Catherine Wheel spun round and round. The Roman Candle went with a boom. The squibs danced all over the place and the Bengal Lights made everything look scarlet. The crackers enjoyed themselves with a bang and the Fire -balloon soared away dropping tiny blue sparks.**

3) 'Delightful!' he cried, 'I shall go on like this for ever. What a success I am!'

a) Who is the speaker?

*** The rocket is the speaker.**

b) What was the speaker's opinion about himself?

*** He thought highly about himself.**

c) Was he really successful? Why/why not?

*** No he was not successful as when he went up into the air there was nobody to watch him.**

C. Think and answer.

1) What are the characteristics of the remarkable rocket? Do you think these characteristics help one grow in life? Give reasons for your answer.

*** The rocket was proud and could not accept his failure. These characteristics do not help one to grow in life as one must be humble and accept one's failure.**