

The Great Stone Face 1 NCERT Solutions for Class 8 English Honeydew Chapter 9

The Great Stone Face 1 NCERT Text Book Questions and Answers

The Great Stone Face 1 Comprehension check (Page - 129)

Write 'true' or 'false' against each of the following statements:

1. The Great Stone Face stood near where Ernest and his mother lived.
2. One would clearly distinguish the features of the Stone Face only from a distance.
3. Ernest loved his mother and helped her in her work.
4. Though not very rich, Gathergold was a skilful merchant.
5. Gathergold died in poverty and neglect.
6. The Great Stone Face seemed to suggest that Ernest should not fear the general.

Answer:

1. False 2. True 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. True.

The Great Stone Face 1 Comprehension check (Page 130)

Answer the following questions:

Question 1.

(i) What was the Great Stone Face ?

Answer:

It was a rocky hillside that seemed like a human face.

(ii) What did young Ernest wish when he gazed at it ?

Answer:

He wished that Stone Face could speak as it appeared so kindly.

Question 2.

What was the story attributed to the Stone Face ?

Answer:

A child would be born in future whose face would resemble the Great Stone Face. Moreover, the child in manhood would become the noblest and greatest.

Question 3.

What gave the people of the valley the idea that the prophecy was about to come true for the first time?

Answer:

A rumour was heard in the valley that the great man, who seemed to look like the Great Stone Face had appeared at last.

Question 4.

(i) Did Ernest see in Gathergold the likeness of the Stone Face ?

Answer:

No, he could not see any likeness between Gathergold and the Stone Face.

(ii) Who did he confide in and how was he proved right?

Answer:

He confided in his own heart. The General was not the right person whom he was waiting. His heart told him to keep his hope alive that the greatest and noblest person of his time would come sooner.

Question 5.

(i) What made people believe General Blood-and-Thunder was their man?

Answer:

The friends of General made them believe that he had always looked like the Stone Face. So they believed that he was the only person who had their own interests.

(ii) Ernest compared the man's face with the Stone Face. What did he conclude ?

Answer:

He saw no similarity. He made a conclusion that the Stone Man would surely come some day, and he should have patience about him.

The Great Stone Face 1 Working With Language (Page - 130)

Question 1.

Look at the following words.

like - likeness .

punctual - punctuality

The words on the left are adjectives and those on the right are their noun forms.

Write the noun forms of the following words by adding -ness or -ity to them appropriately. Check the spelling of the new words.

(i) lofty

(ii) able

(iii) happy

(iv) near

(v) noble

(vi) enormous

(vii) pleasant

(viii) dense

(ix) great

(x) stable

Answer:

(i) loftiness

(ii) ability

(iii) happiness

(iv) nearness

- (v) nobility
- (vi) enormity
- (vii) pleasantness
- (viii) density
- (ix) greatness
- (x) stability.

Question 2.

Add -ly to each of the following adjectives, then use them to fill in the blanks.

perfect	near	kind	pleasant	eager
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- (i) Why didn't you turn up at the meeting? We all were..... waiting for you.
- (ii)write your name and address in capital letters.
- (iii) I was surprised to see him at the railway station. I thought he was not coming.
- (iv) It is believable that I am not responsible for this mess.
- (v) He fell over the step andbroke his arm.

Answer:

- (i) Why didn't you turn up at the meeting? We all were eagerly waiting for you.
- (ii) Kindly write your name and address in capital letters.
- (iii) I was pleasantly surprised to see him at the railway station. I thought he was not coming
- (iv) It is perfectly believable that I am not responsible for this mess.
- (v) He fell over the step and nearly broke his arm.

Question 3.

Complete each sentence below using the appropriate forms of the verbs in brackets.

- (i) I..... (phone) you when I (get) home from school.
- (ii) Hurry up! Madam (be) annoyed if we (be) late.
- (iii) If it (rain) today, we (not) go to the play.
- (iv) When you (see) Mandal again, you.....(not/recognise) him. He is growing a beard.
- (v) We are off today. We (write) to you after we (be) back.

Answer:

- (i) I phoned you when I got home from school.
- (ii) Hurry up! Madam will be annoyed if we are late.
- (iii) If it rains today, we will not go to the play.
- (iv) When you see Mandal again, you will not recognise him. He is growing a beard.
- (v) We are off today. We will write to you after we are back.

The Great Stone Face 1 Speaking and Writing (Page - 131)

Question 1.

Imagine you are Ernest. Narrate the story that his mother told him. Begin like this: My mother and I were sitting at the door of our cottage. We were looking at the Great Stone Face. I asked her if she had ever seen any one who looked like the Stone Face.

Then she told me this story.

Answer:

A child in future should be born. He was destined to become the wisest, greatest and noblest person of his time. In manhood, his face would resemble to the Great Stone Face. The inhabitants of our valley still had faith in the prophecy. A few learned men in the valley ignored it as an idle talk. But majority of the people were waiting for that greatest, noblest and wisest person to come.

Question 2.

Imagine you are Gathergold. Write briefly the incident of your return to the valley. Begin like this: My name is Gathergold. I left the valley of the Great Stone Face fifty years ago. I am now going back home. Will the people of the valley welcome me? Do they know that I am very rich ?

Answer:

When I arrived at the valley, I found them shouting: "The Great man has returned! They considered me as the Great Stone Face. A rumour was on the trail in the valley that I had the resemblance to the Stone Face. I was very much excited. They welcomed me. All of them wanted to speak to me. Their eyes had astonishment. I enjoyed their company and felt elated. After a few day I was told that the old prophecy was going to be true.