

## English Literature

### STD-VI

#### The listeners

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Traveller knock at the door?

Ans:- The traveller knocked at the door for he wanted to meet somebody there, whom he seemed to have promised to come however a long gap of time had elapsed.

2. Did anyone answer his knock?

Ans:- No, his knock was not answered by anyone. There was only an eerie silence. When the traveller knocked on the door of the house, he didn't get any response. He knocked yet again to know if anyone was inside but he did not get any answer even after repeated knocking.

He notices a strange silence around the house and it certainly had a haunted feel .

3. What does the poet mean to as "the voice from the world of men?"

Ans:- By this phrase, the poet meant the ghosts which were living in that abandoned castle. The traveller's voice was from the world of men as the traveller was the only person alive at that place.

4. Explain the phrase 'perplexed and still'.

Ans:- The phrase perplexed and still means to remain in a state of confusion or to be puzzled over something that is not understood.

The traveller was 'perplexed and still' because he was expecting an answer from the people of the house but despite repeated knocks, there was no response.

5. What time of the day is described in the poem? Pick out the words that suggest this?

Ans:- It is night.

\*"stood listening in the quite of the moonlight"\*

This stanza shows that it was night time.

Another stanza uses the words,

\*" Neath the starred and leafy sky"\*

Here starry night that too depicts that the traveller visited this house in the night .

6. Describe the castle.

Ans. The castle was an old and abandoned manor house with ferns and mosses growing on the stonework.

The lawn had not been mowed and the entire scene had an eerie and haunted feel to it.

7. What kind of picture is created by their words?

Ans:- A mysterious and nostalgic picture of a place is created by these words around which everything is silent and still.

"Leaf fringed sill"

"Host of phantoms"

"The dark turf"

" silence surged"

8. Give two examples of alliteration.

Ans. " silence surged"

Forest's ferny floor"