

CLASS 7 LITERATURE THREE MEN IN A BOAT CHAPTER 6

A. Answer these questions.

1. How did the speaker know that his liver was out of order?

A. The speaker knew that his liver was out of order because he had been reading a patent liver-pill circular, in which were detailed the various symptoms by which a man could tell when his liver was out of order and he thought he had them all.

2. Why did the speaker feel that he was a hospital in himself?

A. He felt that he was a hospital in himself because he remembered going to the British Museum one day and read up the treatment for some ailments and then he got a book and read all that he could read, then he idly turned the pages and began to lazily study the diseases and thought that he had all the diseases in him.

3. Why did the speaker decide to go to the doctor?

A. The speaker decided to go to a doctor so that the doctor could practice on him, then out of the seventeen hundred patients as he thought that he had all the diseases in him.

4. What was the outcome of his meeting with the doctor?

A. The outcome of the meeting with the doctor was, the doctor opened him up and looked down on him, clutched his wrists and then hit him over the chest, then buttered the side of his head and wrote out a prescription.

5. After contemplation, what solution did the friends have for the cause of their illness?

A. After contemplation, the solution was to rest and to have complete change for the cause of their illness as it was brought on them by overwork and stress.

6. Based on the description given by George, what kind of place were they looking for?

A. They were looking for some retired old world spot, far away from the madding crowd, drowsy lanes, half forgotten nook, hidden away by the fairies, out of reach of the noisy world, quaint-perched eyrie on the cliffs of time where surging waves of the nineteenth century would sound far off and faint.

7. What suggestion was finally agreed upon? Why?

A. The suggestion was agreed upon, was to go up the river because of the fresh air, exercise and change of scenery would occupy their minds and the hard work would give them a good appetite and make them sleep well.

B. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

1. I sat for a while, frozen with horror; and then, in the listlessness of despair, I again turned over the pages.

a. Why was the speaker in a state of despair?

A. he thought he had all the disease

b. What pages is he referring to?

A. he was referring to the pages about diseases

c. What were the contents of the pages?

A. premonitory symptoms

2. What it was that was actually the matter with us, we none of us could be sure of but the unanimous opinion was that it—whatever it was—had been brought on by overwork.

a. Whom does 'us' refer to?

A. all three of them

b. What was the unanimous opinion?

A. all agreed

c. What was wrong with them?

A. they were overworked and stressed

3. 'Let's go up the river.'

a. Who is the speaker?

A. George

b. Why did he suggest going up the river?

A. for fresh air, exercise and change of scene

c. Who did not agree with this suggestion? Why?

A. Harris did not agree because he thought George would sleep more

C. Think and answer. (HOMEWORK)

1. Hypochondria is a condition in which a person is unduly worried about a serious illness. Do you think that the speaker was a hypochondriac? Give reasons.

2. The trio felt that the monotony of work without break had led to the present malady. Therefore, they felt that they needed to run far away from the madding crowd'. What could be the other ways of getting rid of boredom and monotony? Elaborate with examples.

3. The speaker imagines all kinds of diseases by reading a medical book. Today we also have the Internet to get a sea of information. Is it good to be your own doctor and self-medicate? What are the dangers involved in this?