

The Noble Bishop

Important extract questions and answers for class 9

Read each of the following extracts and answer the questions given below:

1. “Friend, sit down and warm yourself. You may be tired”

a) Who is the speaker?

Answer: Bishop

b) Who is ‘friend’ referred here?

Answer: Jean Valjean

c) Why was he tired?

Answer: Because he had walked for miles and had not eaten anything.

2. “You must be a great soul”

a) Who said this?

Answer: Jean Valjean

b) Who is ‘you’ referred here?

Answer: Bishop

c) What made him to say so?

Answer: Hungry and rejected Valjean finds a friend in Bishop's kindness, making him see the Bishop as a great soul.

3. “I am a convict.”

a) Who said this?

Answer: Jean Valjean

b) To whom it was said?

Answer: Bishop

c) Why did he become a convict?

Answer: Because had no food and work. So he stole some bread.

4. “Bring the silver candlesticks and light them.”

a) Who is the speaker?

Answer: Bishop

b) To whom it was said?

Answer: Baptistin

c) Why did he say this?

Answer: He saw the lamps, which were giving a very poor light.

5. "Will you fulfil this promise?"

a) Who asked this?

Answer: Bishop

b) Who does 'you' refer?

Answer: Jean Valjean

c) What was the 'Promise'?

Answer: Promise to become an honest man.

6. "You must have suffered a lot."

a) Who said this?

Answer: Bishop

b) Whom does 'You' refer to?

Answer: Jean Valjean

c) Why did he say this?

Answer: Tired and hungry, the convict asks the Bishop for help. After a hearty meal, the Bishop realizes the extent of the man's suffering.

7. "Good heavens! The silver is stolen."

a) Who said this?

Answer: Baptistine

b) Who had stolen the silverware?

Answer: Jean Valjean

c) How had he stolen the silverware?

He went past the bed, straight to the cupboard. He saw the silverware, took it, and crossed the room.

8. "I was a man once, I'm a beast now."

a) Who is the speaker?

Answer: Jean Valjean

b) Who does 'I' refer to?

Answer: Jean Valjean

c) Why had he become a beast?

Answer: Valjean got a 19-year sentence in the galleys, losing his name and soul. In exchange, he became a beast with a devil inside.

9. "I fed on filth for nineteen years, nineteen years!"

a) Who is the speaker?

Answer: Jean Valjean

b) Whom does 'I' refer to?

Answer: Jean Valjean

c) Why was he fed on filth?

Answer: Valjean got a nineteen-year galley sentence, where he was chained like a wild animal and treated harshly, like a hound.

10. "They chained me up like a wild animal."

a) Who said this?

Answer: Jean Valjean

b) Whom does 'Me' refer to?

Answer: convict

c) Why he was chain up like a wild animal?

Answer: Because he had stolen some bread.