

**Subject: English Class - IX**

**Competency Based Questions**

**The Snake and the Mirror**

1. This story about a frightening incident is narrated in a humorous way. What makes it humorous?
2. What are the similarities between the behaviour of the doctor and of the snake?

**The Lake Isle of Innisfree**

1. How can we make our lives enjoyable? Discuss with reference to the poem “The Lake Isle of Innisfree”.
2. Suppose you are the poet W.B. Yeats and have reached your dreamland – the Isle of Innisfree. Write a diary entry in about 150 words expressing your real experiences and emotions.

In your diary entry, you should say  
a) how you felt immediately as you landed on the Isle  
b) what sights and sounds you experienced there  
c) what effect they had on you

**Iswaran the Storyteller**

1. Storytelling is an art. Comment with reference to the story `Iswaran the Storyteller’.
2. Even an educated person sometimes realises the existence of a ghost. Illustrate this with reference to Iswaran the Storyteller’.

**In the Kingdom of Fools**

1. Fools cannot continue with their follies for long. How can you justify this statement in relation to the story?
2. Arguing with a fool proves there are two. How does the wise guru find a way out without arguing with the king?

**The Happy Prince**

1. Imagine you are the playwright who received the mystery gift of a sapphire. While passing by the statue you get to unravel the mystery when you overhear the general public and councillors discussing the dull statue of the Happy Prince. Write a diary entry expressing your gratitude to the Happy Prince and expressing your dismay at the council’s decision of pulling down the statue.
2. The town mayor ordered the statue of the Happy Prince to be pulled down. How does this show the bad side of human nature and behaviour?