Class 8 English Literature

Grandfather and the Python (chapter 5)

1. a) Where did the Grandfather find the python? What did he do with it?

Ans: Grandfather found the python with a snake charmer in the bazaar.

He bought the python for six rupees then put it around his neck and took him to his home from the bazaar.

b) What was Grandmother's reaction on seeing the python?

Ans: Grandmother nearly fainted at the sight of the python curled around Grandfather's neck . She immediately asked him to get rid of the python and had no intentions of getting used to it.

C) Who arrived at the narrator's grandparent's home, shortly?

Ans: Aunt Mabel arrived at their home the next day for a three week visit.

d) Where did the guest first see the python?

Ans: Aunt Mabel first saw the giant snake on the guava tree in the garden when she was reaching out to take a guava. She screamed at its sight and came running through the steps from the verandah.

REFERENCE TO CONTEXT:

2. A) The reference is made for the python in these lines.

   b) He went away from the bathroom. The windows of the bathroom were open so he must have e gone out from there.

   c) The narrator responded by saying that he hopes the python wasn't too hungry. The narrator was afraid that if the python was too hungry, he would have eaten or harmed someone.

3. A) After Aunt Mabel saw the python on the guava tree it started making regular appearances.

 b) Some unexpected places were under a cushion, on the dressing table.

c) Aunt Mabel was most affected by the python's visits. She packed her bags and left the house when the python started making several appearances.

4. a) Grandfather started to make this cage for the python.

   b) This cage was being prepared to trap the python and to leave it in to jungle.

c) The Grandfather discovered the python's weakness that it likes to see its reflection in the mirror so he prepared a cage with a mirror at one end; he left a juicy chicken and various other delicacies.

It says that the python liked admiring himself in the mirror. He had fallen in love with his own reflection and is proud to see himself so here we see that Ruskin Bond has given the python man like qualities.