

FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET—H.G. Wells

SUBJECT ASSESSMENT

WORKSHEET-154

Name Footprints without feet | Class 8 | Roll No. | Time 40 Min. | Max. Marks 20 | Marks Obtained

1. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.

1 × 4 = 4

Griffin, the scientist, had carried out experiment after experiment to prove that the human body could become invisible. Finally he swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became as transparent as a sheet of glass — though it also remained as solid as glass.

(a) Who was Griffin?

Ans. Griffin was a scientist with flawed brilliance.

(b) Why had Griffin carried out so many experiments?

Ans. He had carried out so many experiments in order to prove that the human body could become invisible.

(c) What did he do to become transparent?

Ans. He swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became transparent.

(d) Which word in the above lines means the same as 'unusual'?

Ans. Rare

2. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

2 × 4 = 8

(a) Which remarkable sight caught the attention of the two boys?

Ans. Two boys in London were surprised to see the fresh muddy impressions of a pair of bare feet.

(b) What was the mystery behind the footprints without feet?

Ans. The mystery was Griffin's experiment. He applied certain chemicals on his body and became invisible. When his feet stick to the mud then it leaves muddy footprints which seems mysterious to the 2 boys.

(c) How did Griffin become invisible?

Ans. Griffin had carried out many experiments but finally he swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became invisible.

(d) Why did Griffin go to Drury Lane?

Ans. Griffin knew that Drury Lane is the centre of the theatre world. So he decided to buy the stock of a theatrical company. He went into a suitable shop and dressed himself in a fantastic manner.

3. Answer the following question in about 100-150 words.

Describe Griffin's adventure at a store in London.

Ans. Invisible, naked, cold and hungry, Griffin went into a London store for warmth. When the store closed, Griffin found clothes to keep him warm. With shoes, overcoat and a hat, he went to the kitchen of the restaurant and had stuffed himself with meat, coffee, sweet and wine. Then he settled down to sleep on a pile of quilts. The next morning, he did not wake up on time and the assistants had already arrived when he woke up. They saw him and chased him. He had no choice but to undress, become invisible and run out. Once again he was homeless and cold.