

Iswaran, the Storyteller

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Module 3

Worksheet

I) Fill in the blanks using the most appropriate option from those given below:-

1. Iswaran said that the factory area was once a burial ground. He based this view on _____.

- a) A human skull lying in the path
- b) A number of human skulls found in the area
- c) The appearance of the ghost of a woman at night
- d) The appearance of a skeleton holding a foetus in its arms

2. Mahendra asked Iswaran to get his digestive system, as well as head examined, because _____.

- a) Mahendra did not believe in ghosts or spirits
- b) Mahendra thought that Iswaran was talking nonsense
- c) Iswaran was ill and needed medical treatment immediately
- d) Iswaran was behaving in an odd way and this disturbed Mahendra

3. After hearing Iswaran's story, Mahendra avoided looking out of his window at night because _____.

- a) he was afraid that Iswaran would be standing outside, ready to tell another story
- b) he had lost interest in the beauty of the new moon
- c) he was afraid that he would see ghosts
- d) the story had frightened him

4. Mahendra decided to quit his job after _____.

- a) he saw a dark cloudy form clutching a bundle outside his window at night
- b) he broke into a cold sweat and fell back on the pillow, panting
- c) he learnt that Iswaran had seen him the previous night sighting the 'ghost'
- d) he realized that he was actually camping in a haunted place

5. It is probable that Iswaran himself had appeared as the ghost. If so, he would have done it in order _____.

- a) to frighten his master and take pleasure in it
- b) to teach his master a lesson for calling him crazy and for not believing his story
- c) to ensure that they would leave the campsite and move to a better place
- d) to satisfy his desire for drama and suspense

II) Answer the following:-

6) Why did Mahendra shiver when he was listening to Iswaran's words?

7) What did Mahendra see when he looked out of the window?

8) If you were Iswaran, what would have been your response to the lady ghost? Explain.
