

## **UNIT- 7**

### **GOGOL'S FIRST DAY**

#### **A. Answer these questions.**

- 1. "He is afraid to be Nikhil, someone who doesn't know him." shows us that in Gogol's mind a new name is a new person.**
- 2. Gogol's parents tell him that to have a new name is a part of growing up. They teach him to write his new name so that he gets used to it . They promise him that they will always call him Gogol at home.**
- 3.The principal, Mrs. Lapidus ,bends down so that her face is level with Gogol's. She does this to assure him that he need not to be afraid.**
- 4.Ashoke speaks to Gogol in English asking him to respond to Mrs. Lapidus. When he does so, he addresses him as Gogol and Mrs. Lapidus hears the name for the first time.**
- 5.Gogol speaks to Mrs. Lapidus only after his father leaves. He is nervous as his father insists him on being called Nikhil. Gogol however wants to be known by the name he is used to.**
- 6.Yes, the arts class is Gogol's favourite hour at school.**

#### **B. THINK AND ANSWER.**

- 1. a) She accepts that Ashoke wants him to be known as Nikhil.**  
**b) She wants to know the reason why the parents want him to be known as Nikhil at school.**  
**c) Ashoke struggles to explain why he wants his son to be known by a different name at school and a different one at home. He says**

that Gogol will eventually get used to it. Mrs. Lapidus neither convinced nor does she approve.

2. b is the correct answer. (She decides to find out what name himself wishes to have.)

#### **EXTRA QUESTION**

**Q. Why does Gogol sign his work as “Gogol G” in the lower right hand corner in his creation?**

**Ans. Gogol signs his work as “Gogol G” , as if there were a need to show that he is different from any other Gogol in the school.**