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Visit to a Small Planet (Gore Vidal)

Words and Expressions

accent	— a way of pronouncing words; intonation; pronunciation	لہجہ
aide	— military assistant; personal assistant; staffer	معاون
alien	— unfamiliar; unknown; strange	اجنبی
assumption	— notion; idea; supposition	خیال، مفروضہ
blandly	— unremarkably; unemotionally; indifferently	سرسری انداز میں۔ بے اعتنائی سے
brow	— forehead	ماٹھا، پیشانی
cellar	— basement; underground room	تہہ خانہ، زیر زمین کمرہ
censorship	— restriction; control	احتساب، کڑی نظر، قدغن
commentator	— reporter analyzing events; analyst	مبصر
communication	— exchange; interaction; contact	رابطہ، بات چیت
conjecture	— speculation; guesswork; surmise; assumption	قیاس آرائی، اندازہ
crisis	— disaster; emergency	بحران، آفت، ہنگامی حالت
curiosity	— interest; nosiness; inquisitiveness; prying	تجسس، دلچسپی
deliberately	— intentionally; on purpose; purposefully	قصداً، جان بوجھ کرنا
deliriously	— ecstatically; hysterically	بہت زیادہ، بے حد
determine	— resolve; find out; ascertain; establish	عزم کرنا۔ طے کرنا
diameter	— width; breadth	چوڑائی
divine	— heavenly; spiritual; great; delightful; pleasing	بہت خوب، فرحت انگیز، روحانی
dominate	— control; rule; take over	قبضہ کرنا، حکمرانی کرنا
elliptical	— oval; elongated	بیضوی
elude	— evade; escape understanding or grasp	کسی بات کا ذہن سے نکل جانا۔ سمجھ میں نہ آنا
evasively	— elusively	پہلو تہی کرتے ہوئے، ٹالتے ہوئے
exhausting	— tiring; fatiguing	تھکا دینے والا
express	— explicit; exact; definite; precise; specific	واضح، صاف
fascinating	— charming; intriguing; captivating	پرکشش، دلغریب
fidget	— move around nervously; showing restlessness; impatient	کسمانہ، بے چین ہونا

flattering	– pleasing; gratifying	خوشگوار
folks	– everybody; ladies and gentlemen	لوگ، خواتین و حضرات
fragile	– delicate, weak; feeble; frail	نازک، کمزور
gaily	– happily; cheerily	خوشی سے
get-up-and-go	– ambition; energy and enthusiasm; liveliness; vitality	جوش جذبہ
giddy	– dizzy; lightheaded; unsteady; shaky; woozy	چکرایا ہوا
grab	– take hold of; seize; grip; grasp	پکڑنا۔ گرفتار کرنا
heartiness	– cheerfulness; fervour; enthusiasm; buoyancy	جوش، توانائی، خوش دلی
hostile	– very unfriendly; antagonistic; aggressive; adverse	مخالف۔ دشمن
hunch	– idea; sixth sense; intuition; premonition; feeling	خیال، احساس، چھٹی حس
hysteria	– madness; frenzy; panic	پاگل پن، خوف و ہراس
illusion	– daydream; mirage; hallucination	فریب نظر، دھما
imposter	– fraud; sham; pretender; cheater	بناوٹی شخص جو اپنی اصلیت کو چھپائے، مکار، فریبی
impromptu	– unprepared; spontaneous; unplanned	بغیر تیاری کے
impulse	– whim; a sudden urge or desire	بے سوچی سمجھی اضطرابی حرکت، موج، ترنگ
initial	– preliminary; first; primary; original	ابتدائی
intergalactic	– occurring between galaxies; interstellar	کہکشاؤں کے مابین
intoxicate	– make drunk, excited or overjoyed	مخمور کرنا
invasion	– attack; assault; raid; occupation	حملہ
invisible	– imperceptible; hidden; concealed; obscured	نظر نہ آنے والا
involved	– complex; intricate; complicated	پیچیدہ
lively	– buoyant; active; energetic; sprightly; cheerful	خوش و خرم، توانا
luminous	– shining; bright; gleaming; glowing	روشن، چمکدار
lunatic	– mad; insane; crazy	پاگل، احمقانہ
meteor	– shooting star; falling star	شہابِ ثاقب، ٹوٹا ہوا تارہ
monster	– evil person; freak; devil	خوفناک یا بُرا شخص
nearsighted	– shortsighted; myopic	جس کی دور کی نظر کمزور ہو
odds	– probability; likelihood; chances	امکانات

ominously	– threateningly; unpromisingly; grimly	ڈرانی یا خوفزدہ کرنے والا، رعب ڈالنے والا
patronizing	– arrogant; pretentious; snobbish	دوسروں کو حقیر سمجھنے والا
peculiar	– strange; weird; unusual; extraordinary; characteristic	عجیب و غریب
peer	– look closely; gaze; stare	دیکھنا، گھورنا
perverse	– obstinate; stubborn; irrational; abnormal	غیر معقول، گمراہ، آوارہ، ضدی
primitive	– ancient; primeval; original; unsophisticated; uncivilized; primary	قدیم
reconnoiter	– survey; explore to gather information; spy	جاسوسی کرنا
resonant	– deep and rich in sound; ringing; resounding; loud and clear	گونج دار
savage	– wild; fierce; brutal; ruthless; ferocious; severe; harsh	جنگلی، وحشی، بے رحم
seethe	– boil; bubble; froth; churn; violently excited or agitated	اُبلنا، جوش کھانا
snarl	– say something angrily; grumble; growl; make an angry sound	غرا نا، جلے بخنے لےجے میں بولنا
solar	– relating to or originating from the sun	شمسی
sordid	– base; disreputable; disgusting; ignoble; wretched; low	بد دیانت، گھٹیا، کم تر
spy	– secret agent; undercover agent	جاسوس
startle	– astonish; stun; shock; frighten	چونکانا، ڈرانا، حیران کرنا
stunt	– act; show; feat; trick	عام توجہ حاصل کرنے کے لیے کوئی چونکانے والا کام، شعبہ یا چال
trait	– characteristic; quality; peculiarity	انتیازی خصوصیت، عادت، خصلت
troops	– land army; ground forces; soldiers	فوج، سپاہی
unctuous	– excessively ingratiating; sycophantic; flattering	خوشامدانہ، چرب زبان
vigorous	– robust; energetic; strong; immense	توانا، مضبوط
wearily	– tiredly; unenthusiastically; jadedly, exhaustedly	تھکے ہوئے انداز میں
wicked	– bad; morally evil; mischievous; playful (informal) excellent; fantastic; impressive	شریر، بد عمل
wreck	– destroy; ruin; break	تباہ کرنا
endearing	– lovable; adorable; pleasing; appealing	پسندیدہ، خوشگوار، پیارا
handsomely	– attractively; elegantly; gracefully; splendidly	شاندار، پرکشش، قابل ستائش
slip up	– to make a mistake; miscalculate; get something wrong	بھٹک جانا، غلطی کرنا، غلط اندازہ لگانا

awful	- dreadful; shocking; terrible; appalling; horrible	خوفناک، ششدر کر دینے والا
criticize	- disapprove; censure; disparage; find fault with; condemn	تنقید کرنا، کم تر تصور کرنا، مذمت کرنا
go native	(used humorously) to abandon one's own culture, customs, or way of life and adopt those of the country or region one is living in	دوسروں کے انداز میں زندگی بسر کرنا، مقامی لوگوں کے رہن سہن کے مطابق
stock shot	- stock footage/ archive footage/ library pictures/ file footage is a film or video footage that can be used again in other films. Stock footage is beneficial to filmmakers as it saves shooting new material. A single piece of stock footage is called a <i>stock shot</i> or a <i>library shot</i>	پہلے سے فلمایا ہوا مواد جسے کسی اور فلم میں استعمال کیا جاسکتا ہے

Multiple Choice Questions

I. Choose the correct synonym.

- Then slowly a luminous object arcs into view. (Board 2007)
A) dark B) flying
C) bright D) huge
- The room is balanced between the expensively decorated and the homely.
A) incredible B) luxurious
C) flowery D) ordinary
- He is middle-aged, unctuous, resonant. (Lahore 2010)
A) brave B) jolly
C) flattering D) dull
- Roger Spelding is middle-aged, unctuous, resonant.
A) loud and clear B) self-seeking
C) harsh D) inquisitive
- His wife, bored and vague, knits passively while he talks at his desk. (Board 2015)
A) absent-minded B) clever
C) angry D) clear
- Two technicians are on hand, operating the equipment.
A) skillful B) nearby
C) faraway D) at work
- Ellen, a lively girl of twenty, fidgets as she listens.
A) cheerful B) lethargic
C) trustworthy D) inquisitive
- Ellen, a lively girl of twenty, fidgets as she listens.
A) shirks B) moves nervously
C) sits pensively D) scowls
- The flying object has given rise to so much irresponsible conjecture.
A) investigation B) arrangement
C) fears D) speculation
- It is nothing more than a meteor.
A) mass hysteria B) spaceship
C) secret weapon D) shooting star
- It is not a spaceship as certain lunatic elements have suggested.
A) speculative B) mad
C) ill-informed D) clever
- ...which winds up another week of news.
A) precedes B) concludes
C) twists D) unfolds
- Saying good night from my old homestead in Silver Glen.
A) farmhouse B) city
C) office D) company
- ...his mechanical smile and heartiness suddenly gone.
A) frailty B) cheerfulness
C) unctuousness D) concern
- ...his mechanical smile suddenly gone.
A) broad B) lively
C) artificial D) magnetic

16. I wonder what's keeping John
A) avoiding B) stopping
C) permitting D) carrying
17. He has every virtue except the most important one.
A) manner B) quality
C) ambition D) habit
18. He has every virtue except get-up-and-go.
A) imagination B) indifference
C) curiosity D) ambition
19. I stand by the sentiment.
A) statement B) decision
C) feeling D) proposition
20. The horror of it has always eluded me.
A) chilled B) evaded
C) discouraged D) intrigued
21. You marry someone hardworking, ambitious.
A) aimless B) mannerly
C) aspiring D) well off
22. Shouldn't we go down to the cellar?
A) closet B) cabin
C) drawing room D) basement
23. It is an optical illusion, mass hysteria.
A) tough subject
B) general madness
C) luminous object
D) collective wisdom
24. (Ominously) If it's really a man and not a monster.
A) forbiddingly B) confidently
C) sadly D) amazingly
25. This is the wrong costume, (Board 2018)
A) custom B) behaviour
C) dress D) view point
26. Well, it's a trifle old fashioned.
A) absolutely B) much
C) a lot D) a little
27. You are only in the initial stages.
A) preliminary B) last
C) advanced D) critical
28. I do hope, I don't sound patronizing.
A) appreciative B) superior
C) slow D) unctuous
29. That's one of your most endearing primitive traits.
A) strange B) friendly
C) jolly D) loveable
30. That's one of your most endearing primitive traits.
A) ancient B) cultured
C) inferior D) fascinating
31. That's one of your most endearing primitive traits.
A) characteristics B) assumptions
C) exchanges D) attempts
32. General Powers, a vigorous product of National Guard,...
A) self-seeking B) wicked
C) robust D) feeble
33. Roger, who is this joker?
A) lunatic B) clown
C) alien D) robber
34. Poor fragile butterflies, such brief little moments in the sun.
A) delicate B) colourful
C) cute D) fantastic
35. Well, it's elliptical with a fourteen foot diameter. (BISE Lahore 2010 Group-I)
A) round B) square
C) oval D) flat
36. Spelding leads Kreton and Powers into a handsomely furnished study.
A) attractively B) inadequately
C) lavishly D) thinly
37. They must be advanced scientifically.
A) developed B) submissive
C) modest D) inquisitive
38. They are so comforting.
A) soothing B) irritating
C) suffering D) normal
39. If he's not an impostor.
A) a pretender B) an alien
C) a spy D) a jester
40. You're also forbidden to leave this house.
A) ordered B) instructed
C) permitted D) disallowed
41. Isn't it exciting?
A) interesting B) happy
C) strange D) risky
42. Are you deliberately trying to confuse me?
A) intentionally B) playfully
C) really D) dilatorily

43. In another dimension. I think that's the word you use.
A) way B) pain
C) area D) road
44. You have come here as a tourist.
A) visitor B) hobbyist
C) spy D) fieldworker
45. It is my job to guard the security of this country.
A) enhance B) relieve
C) protect D) plan
46. You are a spy, sent here by an alien race.
A) a hobbyist B) an alien
C) a secret agent D) an imposter
47. You are a spy, sent here by an alien race preparatory to invasion.
A) prior to B) to keep off
C) related to D) interested in
48. You have been sent for the express purpose of reconnoitering prior to invasion.
A) assessment B) liberation
C) investigation D) occupation
49. My people wouldn't dream of invading you.
A) attacking B) deceiving
C) destroying D) understanding
50. I love to gad about.
A) wander B) perceive
C) feast D) escape
51. We are seldom noticed on our trips.
A) invisibly B) often
C) constantly D) rarely
52. I slipped up, coming in the way.
A) decided on B) stayed up
C) strayed away D) scrambled up
53. This visit was all rather impromptu.
A) unplanned B) perverse
C) unlikely D) disinterested
54. I am a creature of impulse.
A) whim B) dissent
C) hobby D) illusion
55. I'll hold him here.
A) rebuke B) interrogate
C) detain D) observe
56. Your language is still not familiar to me.
A) challenging B) enjoyable
C) unknown D) comprehensible
57. There is some kind of wall around it, an invisible wall.
A) hidden B) fanciful
C) huge D) corporeal
58. I don't mind curiosity.
A) interest B) doubt
C) interference D) clarity
59. I can't permit them to wreck my poor ship.
A) rob B) take away
C) destroy D) search
60. I'm sure you'll get tired of having a visitor under foot all the time.
A) nearby B) under observation
C) under control D) under occupation
61. And daddy will be deliriously happy.
A) hysterically B) certainly
C) strangely D) unexpectedly
62. Trying to blow up my little force field...
A) penetrate B) destroy
C) offend D) mend
63. You'll just plough up Mrs. Spelding's garden.
A) cultivate B) damage
C) encroach D) pluck
64. Power snarls and goes into study.
A) snores (Board 2007)
B) makes an angry sound
C) talks persuasively
D) sneezes
65. It makes me a bit giddy.
A) depressed B) dizzy
C) lazy D) steady
66. How awful, you can tell everything we think.
A) meaningful B) hysterical
C) shocking D) clever
67. The wonderful rawness of your emotions.
A) reversal B) variety
C) intensity D) immaturity
68. I've never felt so sordid.
A) materialistic B) serious
C) wretched D) jubilant
69. This is unsupportable.
A) helpless B) unbearable
C) undisputed D) unexpected

70. My people are not remotely hostile.
A) shockingly B) exceptionally
C) slightly D) greatly
71. My people are not remotely hostile.
A) aggressive B) unruly
C) immoral D) impatient
72. My friends think me perverse.
A) depressed B) abnormal
C) primitive D) helpless
73. You have been sent for the express purpose of reconnoitering prior to invasion.
A) surveying B) gadding
C) dominating D) deceiving
74. You have been sent for the express purpose of reconnoitering prior to invasion.
A) remote B) undefined
C) hostile D) specific
75. You deny your people intend to make trouble for us?
A) detest B) plan
C) refuse D) expect
76. That is something peculiar to your social level.
A) characteristic of B) prior to
C) contrary to D) negligent of
77. I approve of everything you do.
A) appreciate B) condemn
C) analyze D) refute
78. That is peculiar only to your social level. Which I am not criticizing.
A) exaggerating B) disapproving
C) thinking D) exempting
79. This is ridiculous.
A) controversial B) unremarkable
C) absurd D) repetitious
80. (Gaily) wait and see. 11617080
A) happily B) amazingly
C) reluctantly D) sadly
81. Powers asked AIDE to grab him.
A) search B) spank
C) arrest D) evade
82. Such savage thoughts. My head is vibrating like a drum.
A) serious B) stupid
C) wild D) unexpected
83. And now, good night, dear, wicked children.
A) reckless B) primitive
C) mischievous D) nervous
84. Well, trying to dominate the earth.
A) antagonize B) investigate
C) devastate D) control
85. Mr. Spelling nods wearily.
(Board 2015)
A) angrily B) exhaustedly
C) hastily D) excitedly
86. I merely reason in my simple way.
(Board 2018)
A) tease B) excuse
C) argue D) vanish

Answers

1. C	12. B	23. B	34. A	45. C	56. D	67. D	78. B
2. D	13. A	24. A	35. C	46. C	57. A	68. C	79. C
3. C	14. B	25. C	36. A	47. A	58. A	69. B	80. A
4. A	15. C	26. D	37. A	48. D	59. C	70. C	81. C
5. A	16. B	27. A	38. A	49. A	60. A	71. A	82. C
6. B	17. B	28. B	39. A	50. A	61. A	72. B	83. C
7. A	18. D	29. D	40. D	51. D	62. B	73. A	84. D
8. B	19. C	30. A	41. A	52. C	63. B	74. D	85. B
9. D	20. B	31. A	42. A	53. A	64. B	75. B	86. C
10. D	21. C	32. C	43. C	54. A	65. B	76. A	
11. B	22. D	33. B	44. A	55. C	66. C	77. A	

II. Choose the correct answer.

1. Who is Roger Spelding?
A) a general B) a soldier
C) a newscaster D) a technician
2. John is a _____.
A) merchant B) farm owner
C) pilot D) professor
3. Where did the spaceship land?
A) on the roof (Board 2007)
B) in the fields
C) on a hill D) in the rose garden
4. Ellen listened to the broadcast of _____.
A) her daddy B) her fiancé
C) her mothers D) Mr. Kreton
5. The visitor was dressed in the fashion of _____.
A) 1960 B) 1860
C) 1850 D) 1900
6. What is the impression of Kreton on seeing the inside of the house?
A) disgusted B) delighted
C) callous D) sorrowful
7. "I do hope I don't sound patronizing" means I am _____.
A) not praising B) encouraging
C) discouraging D) not appreciating
8. How many years are required to tell the story of Kreton's travel?
A) one thousand B) two hundred
C) five hundred D) seven hundred
9. The house of the Speldings comes under _____.
A) civil law B) criminal law
C) company law D) martial law
10. General Powers was thinking about _____.
A) his promotion
B) security of the country
C) arrest of Kreton
D) murder of the visitor
11. John grows _____.
A) French walnuts B) French peanuts
C) English walnuts D) German Peanuts
12. General Powers believes the falling object is nothing but a _____.
A) spaceship B) meteor
C) bomb D) threat
13. Mr. Spelding lives in _____.
A) Silver Glen, Maryland
B) Silver Glen, Miami
C) Silver Glen, New York
D) Silver Glen, Texas
14. Mr. Spelding thinks John has every virtue except _____.
A) get-up-and-go B) etiquette
C) sense of humour D) respect
15. Spelding believes there is nothing wrong with marrying a _____.
A) healthy man B) businessman
C) wealthy man D) faithful man
16. Kreton says that Englishmen have a bad _____.
A) reputation B) taste for food
C) accent D) hobby
17. Ellen asks Kreton if he has come from _____.
A) Jupiter B) Venus
C) Mars D) Earth
18. Kreton's dress looks quite handsome to _____.
A) Mr. Spelding B) Mrs. Spelding
C) Ellen D) John
19. Mr. Spelding's house is surrounded by _____.
A) television crew B) troops
C) police D) aliens
20. Spelding and General Powers think the man from outer space is a _____.
A) demon B) monster
C) ghost D) friend
21. Men used to wear metal uniforms in the wars some _____.
A) two hundred years ago
B) three hundred years ago
C) four hundred years ago
D) five hundred years ago
22. The shape of Kreton's ship is _____.
A) rectangular B) square
C) triangular D) elliptical
23. Powers thinks Kreton is a _____.
A) spy
B) hostile alien
C) hobbyist
D) spy or a hostile alien

24. Mrs. Spelding is worried about the damage to her _____.
A) closet B) rose garden
C) house D) cellar
25. Mrs. Spelding says Kreton's whiskers are so very _____.
A) graceful B) well-bred
C) comforting D) frightening
26. Ellen hopes Kreton will give them a _____.
A) spaceship B) space car
C) ride D) surprise
27. Kreton wants to go up to his room for a little _____.
A) fun B) reconnoitering
C) publicity stunt D) lie-down
28. Powers alleges that Kreton has come to study them prior to _____.
A) reconnoitering B) invasion
C) observation D) warning
29. Kreton can tell what is inside one's _____.
A) civilization B) force field
C) mind D) country
30. Mr. Kreton does not read minds but _____.
A) searches them B) checks them
C) watches them D) hears them
31. Kreton has come to intoxicate himself with their _____ minds.
A) primitive B) suspicious
C) hostile D) self-seeking
32. Spelding wants to be the first journalist to interview _____.
A) General Powers
B) the President of the U.S.A.
C) Kreton
D) the Chief of Staff
33. Human beings live under the primitive assumption that all strangers are _____.
A) spies B) hostile
C) friends D) mannerly
34. Powers asks Kreton if his people are interested in establishing _____ with Earth people.
A) relationship B) government
C) communication D) guideline
35. How does Kreton feel when he reads human brain? (Board 2010)
A) interested B) giddy
C) bored D) happy

Answers

1. C	6. B	11. C	16. C	21. D	26. C	31. A
2. B	7. C	12. B	17. C	22. D	27. D	32. C
3. D	8. C	13. A	18. B	23. D	28. B	33. B
4. A	9. D	14. A	19. B	24. B	29. C	34. C
5. B	10. A	15. C	20. B	25. C	30. D	35. B

Questions from Textbook

Q.1 How does Kreton prove his extraordinary powers? Write five sentences. (Board 2010,15)

Ans. Kreton erects an invisible wall around his spaceship. He remains calm even in the most provoking circumstances. He can read and hear people's minds. He tells what different people think or plan to do about him. He can also speak all languages of the Earth people.

Q.2 What is the purpose of Kreton's visit?

(Board 2008,15,16,18)

Ans. Kreton says that he loves to gad about and that his visit was rather impromptu. He is interested in the present stage of the civilization of the Earth. He does not tell any specific purpose of his visit. However, at the end of the play, he reveals that he has come to take charge of the planet.

Q.3 How much more advanced is the civilization of Kreton than that of the Earth people?

(Board 2007)

Ans. Kreton's civilization is highly advanced, scientifically and technologically, as compared to the civilization of the Earth people. His spaceship is just an example. His people have reached the apex of civilization and are free from greed, pride, selfishness, and violence.

Q.4 Can the people of the earth compete with the people of Kreton? (Board 2008,17)

Ans. Kreton's people are highly advanced in science and technology. They are free from greed, pride, selfishness, and violence. The Earth people, on the other hand, are still suffering from these primitive vices. They cannot compete with Kreton's people.

Q.5 How much damaging is violence in life? Write five sentences. (Board 2016,18)

Ans. Violence disrupts the social fabric. It is disastrous for peace and harmony. It leads to chaos and anarchy. It breeds unrest and anxiety and thus hinders the progress of society. It can terribly disappoint and demoralize the masses.

Q.6 What type of life do you foresee in the year 5000? (Board 2010,15,16)

Ans. The Earth people will be technologically much advanced in the year 5000. Life would be full of luxuries and amenities. People would have access to other planets like the Moon and Mars. They would be more tolerant and peaceful.

Q.7 How much impressive are the morals of Kreton? OR Write down a character-sketch of Kreton. (Board 2007)

Ans. Kreton possesses high morals. He is free from hatred, jealousy, violence and pride. He is well-mannered and well-behaved, having right word for everyone. He keeps his calm even in the most provoking circumstances. He represents real civilization in the play.

Q.8 What is the role of General Powers in the play? OR Who is General Powers? (Board 2015,16,18,22)

Ans. General Powers, an army commander, is the central figure in the play. He has been assigned the task of investigation. His fears and apprehensions about Kreton give the play a different perspective and thus introduce conflict in the play. He is full of suspicion, hatred and violence.

Q.9 What is the theme of the study of Kreton? (Board 2007, 08)

Ans. Kreton's study centers around the planet Earth, its inhabitants and their civilization. He finds that the people of this planet are in the beginning of their civilization. They have not yet overcome their primitive traits like pride, suspicion and violence.

Q.10 How does Kreton impress General Powers? (Board 2008, 15)

Ans. General Powers is overawed by Kreton's extraordinary abilities. He is stunned when Kreton tells him about his thoughts. He is absolutely startled when Kreton raises an invisible wall around himself and his spaceship. The General could not believe his eyes.

Additional Questions

Q.11 What was the impression of Kreton on seeing the inside of the Spelding house? (Board 2008)

Ans. He was impressed and delighted to see the inside of the Spelding house. He said that it was better than his expectations.

Q.12 How does General Powers accuse Kreton? (Board 2008)

Ans. General Powers suspects that Kreton might have nefarious designs on the planet Earth. He alleges that Kreton is a hostile alien who has come to study the Earth people preparatory to invasion.

Q.13 Why was Mrs. Spelding worried about her rose garden?

Ans. She was worried about her rose garden because Kreton's spaceship had landed right in her rose garden. She wanted him to move his spaceship from there.

Q.14 Draw a character sketch of Mr. Spelding.

Ans. Roger Spelding is a self-seeking and worldly-wise television commentator. Instead of coming up with the truth, he serves those in power. He is constantly thinking about his own potential fame and the possible ratings his television show will receive when he breaks the story of Kreton's visit.

Q.15 Draw a character sketch of Mrs. Spelding.

Ans. Unlike her husband, Mrs. Spelding is mild, uncritical and unselfish. She is worried only about her rose garden. She appears to be a perfect housewife, a domestic-minded woman obsessed with presenting a perfect image of her house. She is a source of humour in the play.

Q.16 Draw a character sketch of John.

Ans. John is a farm owner. He is Ellen's fiancé. He is the first one to meet Kreton. He is brave and dauntless and has no hesitation in meeting an alien. He represents the new generation free from hatred and suspicion.

Q.17 Compare the characters of General Powers and Kreton. (Board 2014)

Ans. General Powers and Kreton stand in utter contrast to each other. Kreton possesses high morals. He is free from hatred, jealousy, greed and pride. He keeps his calm even in the most provoking circumstances. General Powers, on the other hand, is full of suspicion, greed, hatred, and violence.

Q.18. What does Kreton say about Powers, thinking for the second time? (Board 2017) 11617139

Ans. For the second time, Kreton says to Powers that he is making a picture, wearing three silver stars on his shoulder instead of the two he now wears and that if he could do anything to expedite the process of Powers' promotion.

Q.19. What were the rumours regarding the luminous object seen at night?

Ans. There were various conjectures about the luminous object. Some people believed that it was a spaceship, while others believed it to be a secret weapon of the country. Some said it was a meteor and still others presumed that it was a weather balloon.

Q.20. Who is Ellen? (Lahore Board 2019)

Ans. Ellen is the daughter of Mr. Spelding. She is a lively girl of twenty. She feels excited about the alien's visit when others are worried and agitated. She wants to marry John, a farm boy, although her father does not approve of her decision.

Q.21. Why does Spelding hate John? OR (Lahore Board 2019)

What is Mr. Spelding's advice to his daughter about marriage? (Board 2022)

Ans. Mr. Spelding is not happy with Ellen's choice of the life partner. He does not like John. He is of the view that John has no will to work and progress. He has no get-up-and-go. He likes for Ellen to marry an ambitious, hardworking man.

Q.22. How did Kreton secure his spaceship? (Lahore Board 2019)

Ans. Kreton possessed extraordinary powers. When the troops tried to destroy his flying machine, he created a force field, an invisible wall, around it disabling others to touch it and thus he secured his spaceship.

Q.23. Write a short note on Ellen? (Lahore Board 2019)

Ans. Ellen is a young girl of twenty. She is lively and passionate. She is not very ambitious and is satisfied with her decision of marrying a farm boy. She is loving and loyal. She also has an adventurous spirit and wishes to travel in space.

Q.24. Where did the spaceship land? (Board 2022)

Ans. The spaceship landed in Roger Spelding's house – right in Mrs. Spelding's rose garden. She is worried and fears that it might spoil her garden.

Q.25. What are Kreton's views about earth people? (Board 2022)

Ans. He says that the earth civilization is just beginning and that the present human race is still in the initial stages of development, scientifically and technologically. He further says that the earth people have not yet overcome their primitive traits like hatred, suspicion and hostility. The earth people are mortal; they are fragile butterflies.

Q.26. Who is Kreton? (Board 2022)

Ans. Kreton is a visitor from outer space. He is an alien who comes to Earth from a distant planet in another dimension. He arrives at Mr. Spelding's house in a spaceship. Kreton belongs to some highly advanced world. He possesses some extraordinary powers.