

11. A REMARKABLE ROCKET

CONSOLIDATE -

Read and Answer -

A1. Choose the correct option.

- 01. a. A year
- 02. c. Six
- 03. d. Violet
- 04. b. Five hours

A2. Answer These Questions.

- 01. She was a Russian princess who was as pale as a white rose. She reached the castle by driving all the way from Finland in a sledge drawn by six reindeers.
- 02. The three stages of wedding ceremony were a state banquet, a ball and fireworks.
- 03. The Remarkable Rocket thought the prince was getting married on a very day he was to be let off. That's why he said the King's son was fortunate. But the little squib did not agree with him and said that they were lucky to be let off in the prince's honour.
- 04. His mother was the most celebrated Catharine wheel of her day, and was renowned for her graceful dancing. She spun around nineteen time before she went out. His father was a rocket of French extraction.
- 05. When fireworks began, Remarkable Rocket continued to cry, but other fireworks were let off one by one to a remarkable display. Everyone was a great success except the Remarkable Rocket as he was so damp to get off.
- 06. When the Remarkable Rocket finally took off in the middle of the day, nobody saw him, not even the boys who put him on fire as they were fast asleep.

A3. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

- 1. 'What are fireworks like?'
 - a. The princess said these words to the prince.
 - b. The princess got the answer that they were like 'Aurora Borealis'.
 - c. The different types of fireworks mentioned by the narrator are Rocket, Squib, Catharine Wheel, Roman Candle, Bengal Light and Fire-balloon.
- 2. 'If you want to give pleasure to others, you had better keep yourself dry.'

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- a. Roman Candle said these words to the Remarkable Rocket.
- b. No, the listener didn't pay heed to his advice.
- c. The listener burst into real tears which flowed down the stick like raindrops.

3. 'BAD rocket? BAD rocket?'

- a. Remarkable Rocket said these words to himself as he whirled through the air.
- b. The workman called the rocket 'BAD' because it was wet and damp.
- c. The workman threw the rocket in the ditch.

A4. Think and Answer.

1. The writer, Oscar Wilde is trying to convey a message through the story that one should not keep ego and should not behave as supercilious. We all should be what we are exactly, the Remarkable Rocket, who has been set up to honour a Royal wedding, believe himself to be the most important person, but fails to entertain while the other crackers did magnificent display.
2. The Remarkable Rocket was arrogant, naughty and supercilious. He believes that he is destined for greatness.

No, the rocket was not truly remarkable. He claims to be born from remarkable parents and he believes himself to be the paragon of high society. As he says his father was a Rocket of French extraction and mother was the most celebrated Catharine Wheel of her day.

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