Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

Assignment: Pip meets the Convict

1. Describe the morning mentioned in the beginning of the chapter.

It was damp rainy morning and there was a lot of dampness that was found lying outside Pip’s little window. There was mist everywhere.

1. Mention the two examples of personification given in the text.

‘The gates, dykes and banks came bursting at me through the mist’ is one examples of Personification.

The gates, dykes and banks cried.

1. To what is the window compared? Which figure of speech is mentioned?

The window is compared to pocket handkerchief which is used by a certain goblin to wipe his tears. The figure of speech mentioned here is Simile.

1. Where was Pip going? Did he know the way?

Pip was going to the Battery to meet a man. Yes, he did the place as he had been there on a Sunday with Joe, his brother-in law. But due to the confusion of the mist, he lost his way and had to retrace the steps along the river-side.

1. Who was the first man he first came across in the story? Was he the same man he expected?

He first came across a different man in the story. No he was not the same man as he expected. When the man instantly jumped after Pip touched his shoulder, Pip realised that he had mistaken the man to be someone different.

1. What all things were brought by Pip for the right man?

Pip had brought a bottle of Brandy, mincemeat, meatbone, bread, cheese, pork pie to eat and a file to cut the fetter around his leg.

1. What had happened the previous night?

The previous night there was a firing, the convict had heard guns firing, voices of soldiers calling with their coats lighted up by the torches carried afore. He could hear his number called, he was challenged and the rattle of muskets and the orders.

1. How is the other man described in the story?

The other man was dressed in coarse grey, had a great iron on his leg, as cold and tired as the convict that Pip went to meet. But he wore a flat broad brimmed low crowned felt hat and his face was badly bruised.

1. Mention the contrast in the behaviour of the convict and Pip towards each other. What does it show about people’s circumstances and nature?

Pip was very helpful, cordial and also said that he was glad that the convict enjoyed the pork pie. Pip did have a choice of informing the authorities or the Police or even his brother in law Joe. However, Pip maintains the secrecy. It was probably because Pip was an orphan and knew how difficult one’s life is without any support.

On the other hand, the convict had a lot of anger and hatred in him due to the life he had spent with the other convicts. He was bitter, rude and very intimidating to little Pip. Here we come to know about the adverse and grave situations that these criminals face while in the prison and makes them suspicious and even more dangerous criminals.

1. Mention the different emotions that Pip undergoes.

Fear, sympathy, friendliness, helps the convict, content that the convict liked to pork pie.