



CLASS - VII ENGLISH NOTES SEPTEMBER

6. Pip Meets the Convict

I. ERC:

1. “Keep still, you little devil, or I'll cut your throat!”

a) Who is the speaker of these words?

The fearful man who rose up from among the graves is the speaker of these words.

b) Whom is the speaker threatening?

The speaker is threatening Pip.

c) Where does this scene take place?

This scene takes place in a graveyard.

d) Why is the speaker threatening the other person?

The speaker threatens Pip so that he does not shout and alert others.

2. “You bring 'em both to me.’ He tilted me again. ‘Or I'll have your heart and liver out.”

a) Who is saying this and to whom?

The fearful man from the graveyard is saying this to Pip.

b) What did the speaker mean by 'both'?

By ‘both’, the speaker meant a file and some food.

c) What did the speaker threaten the other person with?

The speaker threatened to take the other person’s heart and liver out.

d) Did the threat have any effect on the other person?

Yes, the threat did have an effect on the other person, forcing him to obey out of fear.

3. “It is in vain for a boy to attempt to hide himself from that young man.”

a) Who is the speaker?

The fearful man from the graveyard is the speaker.

b) What is the speaker trying to do and why?

The speaker is trying to threaten Pip into getting him a file and some food.

c) Where does this take place?

This takes place in the graveyard.

d) Who is the 'young man' referred to in these lines?

The 'young man' referred to in these lines is the supposed companion of the fearful man from the graveyard.

II. Short Answers:

1. Who was Pip? What was his actual name?

Pip was an orphan who lived in the marsh country. His actual name was Philip Pirrip.

2. What happened when Pip started to cry near his parents' tombstones?

When Pip started to cry near his parents' tombstones, he heard a terrible voice telling him to be still, and looked up to see a fearful man.

3. What did the man threaten to do to Pip?

The man threatened to cut Pip's throat.

4. What questions did the man ask Pip?

The man asked Pip his name, where he lived, where his parents were, who he lived with and whether he knew what a file and wittles were.

5. What did the man want Pip to do for him? Why did Pip agree?

The man wanted Pip to get him a file and some food. Pip agreed out of fear because the man threatened to kill him and take out his heart and liver.

III. Long Answers:

1. Describe the convict whom Pip met in the graveyard. What gave away the fact that he was probably an escaped convict?

The convict, whom Pip met in the graveyard, was a fearful man, all in coarse grey, with no hat, broken shoes, an old rag tied round his head and a big iron chain around his leg. He had been soaked in water, smothered in mud, lamed by stones, cut by flints, stung by nettles and torn by briars. He limped, shivered, glared and growled. The fact that he had an iron chain around his leg gave away the fact that he was probably an escaped convict.

2. Read some bits of the conversation that the convict had with Pip:

'...or you go from my words in any partickler,'

'....your heart and your liver shall be tore out, roasted, and ate'

What impression do you form of the man from these words? Was he educated? Give more such examples from the text to prove your point.

From these words, we understand that the man was uneducated. More such examples: 'I find it wery hard to hold that young man off of your inside', 'I am a keeping that young man from harming of you', 'that young man has a secret way pecooliar to himself ' and 'you shall be let to live'.

3. The convict quickly understood from Pip's description of himself that he could be forced to help him escape. Which facts about Pip do you think gave the convict the idea?

The fact that Pip was crying alone in the graveyard and that he was so scared that he immediately pleaded with the fearful man to not cut his throat must have given the impression that he was terribly scared at the moment and he could be forced to help the convict escape.